

WEEKLY UPDATE



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Next week's calendar:

The Archdiocese will conform to the State's guidance and continue the closure of our school through Friday, April 24, 2020. Our spring break, which is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 6, and run through Wednesday, April 15, will continue as planned.



Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the pandemic :

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.

Dear Parents,

I hope this update finds your family well and enjoying the time you have together. During this holiest season of the Church, which is coinciding with a time of great uncertainty, it's particularly important for all of us to keep the lines of communication open, pray together, share our successes and, whenever possible, reach out to help the greater community.

As you may know, Monsignor Slade is part of a 3D-printing initiative, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Baltimore and Open Works, to provide much needed face shields for masks to healthcare workers in Baltimore and surrounding hospitals. <https://www.archbalt.org/baltimore-archdiocese-schools-families-using-3d-printers-to-help-produce-face-shields/>

In addition to this initiative, Catholic Charities has an urgent call for in-kind needs to support several of their programs, including Sarah's House, My Brother's Keeper, My Sister's Place and Our Daily Bread, to name a few. The needs include homemade and store-bought food items, personal hygiene products, baby formula, cleaning products and much more. If you are interested in helping or donating to any of these worthy causes, please click on the following link for more information about the items needed and how you can help. Thank you in advance for any support you can offer. The Catholic Charities link for in-kind donations is: <https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/covid19/in-kind-needs-for-programs-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

As we continue to push out the Archdiocesan curriculum, the teachers are engaging in live instructional sessions as well as live office hours. To clarify, the live instructional sessions are used by teachers to actually teach concepts to the children. We certainly encourage as many students as possible to join the live sessions so that they can learn from their teachers and have the opportunity to ask questions. The live office hours are times when students and parents can pop in to ask questions about the content of work that students are being assigned. Both the instructional sessions and the office hours are optional for students and parents.

While we would hope students would be able to log in to each session, we understand that there are challenges with the technology, bandwidth, sharing of devices, relocations of some families, etc. Please understand that we will continue to push out the curriculum, but if a student is unable to attend sessions or complete all work during this extended closure, we will help in any way possible to ensure that that child gets what he/she needs to ensure continued learning.

We have received suggestions from our faculty, students, and parents regarding the live instructional sessions and office hours. In order to accommodate the needs of both teachers and families, we are making some adjustments to the times when teachers are live. Once the adjustments are made, the teachers will let you know via their homework websites.

Mrs. Mondor is going to be offering live hours beginning after the Easter holiday. In addition, our social studies, science, and religion teachers will be recording lessons and posting them to their homework sites. This will give greater flexibility for students as they will be able to log into those lessons when they have time. Should they have questions about any of the content, students can reach out to the teachers during their office hours.

Teachers will continue to be available by email as well; parents and students should feel free to reach out at any time.

On a related note, students will need to use their school assigned emails when accessing any Google Meet sessions. We are being very careful to only allow students access to the classrooms. If a student is not at home or is using a relative's device, the students must log in only with their school account or they will be denied access. It is imperative that we continue to keep our virtual classrooms safe and secure, especially with the increase in hacker-related instances such as those reported in the news.

As we head into Easter break, here are a few additional things to note:

- The Maryland State Department of Education has extended the deadline for the Broadening Options and Opportunities Today (BOOST) Scholarship Program until June 1, 2020. All students who are financially eligible should apply at: www.marylandpublicschools.org/boost
- Yearbooks are still available for purchase. Please use this link to place your order: <https://forms.gle/qjTqYztwSE8HDLbU8>. The charge will not be placed on your FACTS account until May 1, 2020.
- The 65th anniversary celebration, scheduled for April 24-26, 2020, has been cancelled. If we are able to obtain a date, the celebration Mass and birthday with the children will be rescheduled.
- The cruise raffle is still going to be held. We are working with the cruise line in an attempt to extend the booking and travel dates. More information will follow about the potential for extended booking dates.
- Our next weekly update will be sent home on April 17th.

We hope that you and your family find peace during this holiest season. Though our Easter celebrations may be different than in years past, let us still rejoice. Since our Morning Messages will not resume until April 17th, scroll down to read prayers that you may want to share with your family during Holy Week. Additionally, you should have received a video message from the MSCS Faculty and Staff. If you did not receive the email, you may view the video by clicking here: <https://youtu.be/SfwvnUdCFY>.

Be safe, healthy, stay home, and keep washing your hands!

Have a blessed Easter!

Alexa L. Cox
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Mission Statement

The mission of Monsignor Slade Catholic School is to promote Catholic faith and intellectual development in our students. We do this by teaching about and modeling the precepts of the Catholic faith, as well as challenging our students with a rigorous course of study. We do this so that they will use their faith, knowledge, and skills to shape their futures positively and work for the benefit of the whole society.



Holy Week Prayers

Palm Sunday

Gracious God, you have heard the cries of your suffering people. You have sent Jesus to us to be our Redeemer and brother. Open our eyes to see the immensity of your love for us and the wonder of what you have done for us. Give us the courage to be your hands and heart for those who are in pain. Give us the wisdom to speak out for justice and righteousness. May your will be done in us today and always. Amen.

Holy Thursday

Faithful God, Jesus gave us the gift of his own Body and Blood that we might have food to sustain us. As we share the Eucharist of Jesus Christ, let us become Eucharist for one another. May our lives be blessed, broken and given that your people may live. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our living Bread. Amen.

Good Friday

Christ Jesus, your love is made visible through the mystery of your death and resurrection. Make us one in you. Transform us into people of mercy who reach out to embrace you in the suffering ones in our midst. We ask this, as a people reconciled to God through the blood of your cross. Amen.

Holy Saturday

Saving God, all creation waits with groaning and longing for the salvation promised to our ancestors and revealed in the resurrection of your Son Jesus. Teach us how to wait for the bursting forth of your saving power when all will be reconciled to you in Christ Jesus. We wait in hope, O God. We wait in the company of all the angels and saints of heaven. Through their intercession may we have the power to say: Holy, Holy, Holy is our God. Amen.




Easter Sunday

Jesus, we stand in awe at the mystery of your death and resurrection. We wonder at the depths of your love for us. May all peoples of the earth receive the good news of your gospel. As your people we ask this day for the power to live in the joy of your rising. May we sing with all creation: Hail, O Light of Christ! Welcome, Risen Lord. Amen.

<https://www.sistersofmercy.org/resources/holy-week-prayers/>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 	6	7	8	9 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	10 <i>Good Friday</i> 	11
	Easter Break NO SCHOOL					
12  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	13	14	15	16 Remote-learning Classes resume	17	18
	Easter Break NO SCHOOL					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		