

Monsignor Slade Catholic School

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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.

Weekly Update

May 6, 2016

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, 5/09/16
 - SCHOOL CLOSED; Professional Day for Teachers
- Tuesday, 5/10/16
 - School open; Regular school day
- Wednesday, 5/11-16
 - Eighth grade to Toby's Dinner Theater
 - Grades K, 1 & 2 to Bowie Baysox STEM Day
 - Athletic Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 5/12/16
 - Winter Sports Assembly, 12:50 p.m.
 - School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Friday, 5/13/16
 - In-school Mass
 - All library books are due today
 - 8th Grade T-Shirt Day
 - 8th Grade vs. Faculty Basketball Game, 7 p.m., Archbishop Spalding High School
- Saturday, 5/14/16
 - H.A.S.A. Sports Cards & Collectibles Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Accolades and Achievements:

- **Super Slade winners** for the week of May 2nd:
 - Gwen Macola – Responsibility
 - Grace Eberling – Responsibility
 - Austin Wisniewski – Hard Work
- Congratulations to **Reagan Jaikeran** for participating in the Archdiocese of Baltimore Dept. of Catholic Schools and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt School Publishers **Annual Spelling Bee** held on May 4, 2016, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ellicott City. The contest consisted of 37 spelling champs in grades 4-6 from across the Archdiocese, and Reagan came in **4th place** overall! Way to go, Reagan! We are so proud of you!
- Once again, Slade students Rise Above -- High Above!!! This year's **graduating class of 8th graders** has received an unprecedented number of scholarship awards from area private high schools totaling over 3/4 of a million dollars!

"We set the bar very high for our students here at Slade," Principal Alexa Cox commented, "and they consistently exceed every expectation. We are so proud of this class of 2016 - their hard work, commitment to goals, and willingness to rise above, have clearly paid off in terms of the number of scholarship awards received. We celebrate their achievements and send them off from Slade fully confident that they are prepared for their futures."

Important News and Notes:

- Slade's 2nd Annual **8th Grade Students vs. Faculty Basketball game** will be held on Friday, May 13th, at Archbishop Spalding High School. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the game will start at 7:00 p.m. **FREE**

Admission to the game! The profit from concession sales and the 50/50 raffle will go to the Slade Tuition Assistance Fund to support families in need. Don't miss it!

- **Introduction to Robotics** Summer Camp is full. Registrations are no longer being accepted.
- **Uniform reminder:** When shopping for items at the Used Uniform Exchange coming up on June 7th, please be mindful that there is only **one more year in which students may wear uniforms with the old logo**. If you have any questions about the used uniform exchange, please feel free to contact Kerry McDaniel, Chairperson, at 410-850-4632.
- Know anyone looking for kindergarten? Slade is holding a **Kindergarten Information Night, Thursday evening, May 19th, at 6:30 p.m.** This will be a Q&A session for interested parents on kindergarten readiness and will highlight the exciting days in the lives of Slade kindergartners. Please tell your friends in the community about this information session, and thanks for helping us share the spirit of Slade!

Grade Level Reminders:

- **Seventh Grade** – All students entering 7th grade must have one additional Tdap and one meningococcal vaccination when they begin school in the fall. Notification was sent in February to give sufficient time to contact your child's doctor and schedule these immunizations. This is just a reminder of these additional immunization requirements. Once your child has received the additional vaccinations, please provide proof to the school no later than August 15th, 2016.

If you have any other questions about required immunizations for school, please contact the school nurse, Mrs. Susan McDonald, R.N., by email – s.mcdonald@msladeschool.com, or by phone – 410-766-7130, ext. 102.

- **Eighth Grade** – As indicated in the graduation packet sent home in early March, the graduation fee and the high school acceptance form were due to the school office by May 2nd. Also, anyone interested in ordering the graduation video or individual and family portraits should have sent them in by May 2nd as well. In addition, there are still quite a few students that have not turned the Archdiocesan release of records Authorization Form. If you have any of these items to turn in, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Graduation tickets will be distributed later this month. As a reminder, each graduate will receive five assigned seats for the auditorium. If your family needs more than the five allotted seats, please send a request for additional tickets to Mrs. Cox as soon as possible. If you will not be using all of your assigned five seats, please advise Mrs. Cox of this as well, so that the unused tickets can be added to the extra ticket lottery.

Sports Section:

- **Slade 2016 Fall Soccer** - Soccer registration for the fall 2016 season will run through June 5, 2016. Our soccer program is for boys and girls from Pre-K4 to 8th grade and is open to both Slade and non-Slade students. To begin the registration process, go to www.sladesports.com and click on the 'Registration' tab. If you have any questions, please visit our soccer website or contact Slade's Soccer Commissioner, Alan Pfeifferberger, at msladesoccer@gmail.com.
- **Slade Field Hockey** - Sign-Ups for the fall 2016 season will run through June 5, 2016. Field hockey is open to all girls in grades K through 8th in Fall, 2016. REGISTER starting April 11 at www.sladesports.com and click on Registration. If you have friends that attend other area schools, please spread the word. Non-Slade girls are welcome, too! For more information, visit our website or contact Susan Scanlon, Slade's Field Hockey Commissioner at sladefieldhockey@gmail.com.

Attachments included:

- Archbishop Spalding Summer Engineering Camp for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students
- MSCS Aluminum Can Recycling Project

God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.
~Rudyard Kipling

Archbishop Spalding Summer Engineering Camp 2016

Designed for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students

About the Camp

How can you launch a rocket with a chemical reaction? How can you build, and program, a robot to follow instructions? How does your hand provide valuable security information? All these questions and more will be answered at Archbishop Spalding's *Cavalier Engineering Camp*.

Designed for rising 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, the *Cavalier Engineering Camp* explores a variety of engineering concepts and careers through hands-on projects and experiential learning. The camp introduces participants to engineering in a fun and exciting environment. Participation takes place under the guidance of Archbishop Spalding High School *Project Lead the Way*™ engineering students and faculty, serving as camp counselors.

The *Cavalier Engineering Camp* operates in our state of the art engineering lab featuring 3D printer and software, *VEX Robotics* kits (with computer programming interfaces and software), and specialized project build and test areas. Each day of camp is divided into a morning and an afternoon session featuring a particular engineering career field including a hands-on project.



Schedule

Day 1: Morning - *Engineering: The Design Process*
Afternoon - *3D Modeling and Printing*

Day 2: Morning - *Civil Engineering*
Afternoon - *Mechanical Engineering*

Day 3: Morning - *Computer Engineering*
Afternoon - *Electrical Engineering*

Day 4: Morning - *Biomedical Engineering*
Afternoon - *Environmental Engineering*

Day 5: Morning - *Aerospace Engineering*
Afternoon - *Chemical Engineering*

Dates for Summer 2015

Session 1: July 13th - July 17th

Session 2: July 20th - July 24th



Registration

Each session is limited to 20 participants and runs Monday through Friday from 9:00am - 3:00pm. The cost is \$200 which includes all supplies and a pizza lunch on Friday. Campers must bring their lunch the rest of the week. Closed toe shoes are required due to the nature of the equipment and tools involved. Other protective gear will be provided. Register online at:

<http://www.archbishopspalding.org/camps>

Camp Director

Mrs. Amy Brunner is the Director of Archbishop Spalding High School's Engineering Department which features the *Project Lead the Way*™ curriculum. A former software engineer, Mrs. Brunner brings her years of real-world experience in both the private sector and public service area to her position at Spalding.

In her 8th year at Archbishop Spalding, Mrs. Brunner has taught computer science and engineering courses including: *AP Computer Science*, *Advanced Programming*, *Introduction to Engineering Design* and *Principles of Engineering*. Amy is passionate about engineering education and ignites that same passion in young people. Amy coaches the award-winning *FIRST Robotics* team - 4541. Mrs. Brunner is one of the reasons Spalding has been recognized by the *A. James Clark School of Engineering* at the *University of Maryland* as a *Top 25 Engineering Source School*.

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Send In Your Cans!

Monsignor Slade Catholic School is participating in a state-wide recycling challenge.

We will begin collecting used aluminum cans immediately and turning them into dollars. We will continue this practice into the new year.

Used cans can be placed into the receptacle near the front entrance of the school, and will be taken to the recycling center on a weekly basis.

Thank you for doing your part to help the environment, as well as our school.

RECYCLE

> **Starts next**
> **week 5/9/16**

*Send cans in
plastic bags

