

WEEKLY UPDATE



Summer Office Hours—
Our summer office hours begin Monday, June 15, 2020, and conclude on Thursday, August 27, 2020. We will be open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Our next regular weekly update concerning packet sales and other important information will be emailed to you on July 17, 2020.

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Important News and Notes:

From the School Board - Attached you will find a letter from our school board regarding our beliefs and mission as a Catholic community with regard to the safety and belonging of all our students, as well as those of the greater Slade community.

Well Wishes - As we conclude the 2019-2020 school year, we want to recognize the following staff members who will be retiring this year: Mrs. Pat Brett, Mrs. Barb Bryant, Mrs. Darlene Coughlin, and Mrs. Mary Ward. Each has been a blessing to the Slade staff and community for many years! We wish them well in their retirements and hope that they will visit us often! Congratulations!!

Class of 2020 Gift - We'd like to sincerely thank the 8th grade families for their generous contributions towards the purchase of the Class Gift, a picnic table for use by the faculty and staff at the front of the school. The donations collected surpassed their goal to purchase the picnic table and the remaining amount will be donated to the emergency fund for tuition assistance. This gift will be enjoyed for many years to come by our faculty and staff.



Fall 2020 School Opening - At this time, the Archdiocese is planning for what school will look like next year for all of us. Because the pandemic is such a fluid situation, there is no set plan yet. Once we are given direction from the AOB, we will certainly be in contact so that we may share that information with you. In the meantime, please pray, as we do everyday, that we will return as a school community in the fall.

Honor Roll -

The following students earned Principal's Honor Roll for the 3rd trimester:

7th - Isabella Adams, Alex Alarcon, Ella Barlieb, Andrew Bowman, Ian Burall, Gabrielle Daramola, Joshua Driver, David Fritz, Claire Haase, Jeremy Marsh, Kendall McDaniel, Allison Mehta, Blake Messick, Cara Milligan, Emily Muir, Johan Patilano, Alex Pfeiffenberger, Christina Pierce, Adam Rogers, Isabelle Salazar, Madaline Scanlon, Amaya Stewart, Lydia Trankle, Brianna Wells, Jordan Wise

6th - Quinn Allison, Emily Bartz, Haylie Bond, Genevieve Bryson, Mia Cronk, Abigail DelValle, Broderick Durm, Margaret Fritz, Liam Holstege, Jonathan Kandrac, Gabrielle Kelch, Audrey Kregelka, Piper Lagoey, Kaitlin Moon, Nissa Rab, Sarah Safatli, Sarah Stielper, Molly Toth, Genna Wagner

The following students earned Second Honors for the 3rd trimester:

7th - Georgette Dickson, Zoe Germershausen, Ryan Hudson, Nicholas Killway, John McNally, Bruce Parsons, Aidan Pelura, Adam Rebetsky, Lauren Sidlowski, Eve Stauder, Cooper Uleckas, Rachel Wilson, Christopher Zaugg



MSCS Yearbook for 2019-2020

There are still yearbooks available for the 2019-2020 school year. Don't miss out!! If you are interested in purchasing a copy, you can stop by the front office anytime during summer office hours to pick one up. The cost is \$24; please bring either cash or a check made payable to MSCS.

6th - ZaChely Arrey-Mbeng, Lana Basham, Jordan Bennett, Dane Dutchover, Gavin Foley, Leah Keller, Brooke Maenner, Brody McKenna, Kyle Olsen, Sofia Petro, Michaela Shunk, London Smith, Nate Stauder, Seneca Sunderland, Elijah Wilkins, Ryan Willman, Tyler Wisniewski

The following students earned the Academic Commitment Award for the 3rd trimester:

7th - Blake Messick, Emily Muir

6th - Jonathan Kandrak, Seneca Sunderland

All honor roll certificates can be picked up at school during our summer office hours of Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., beginning Wednesday, June 17th, or, if you prefer, we will send them home with the students when school resumes in the fall.

From Mrs. Abbott, Music Teacher:

Dear Slade Community,

I am overwhelmed at the generosity that was shown through your donations to Slade Musical Theater. After having to cancel our beloved production of *Aladdin Jr.*, there were such feelings of remorse, sadness, anger, confusion and simply grief. The students' hard work has not been done in vain. Over \$4000 of donations have been collected by donating back your ticket costs. Your donations support our students' educational needs as they learn the art of theater through realized productions. Investing in the students' education and their quality productions helps us move toward our common goal of successful, creative students who are confident communicators. Your generosity is humbling in this very trying time, and we thank you. We cannot wait to share the tradition of amazing Slade theater with our community again soon!



With Joy and Song,
Mrs. Abbott

Advancement Announcements:

Enjoy the summer! If your family has concerns regarding admissions or enrollment, Mrs. Hilmer and Mrs. Buchanan are available to assist you. We are also happy to welcome any of your referrals to experience Monsignor Slade via virtual tour or ZOOM conference.

Celebrating the Class of 2020! Please send a photo of your graduate in his/her gown and holding the diploma to Mrs. Hilmer at c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com. Families who have special celebrations planned for their Monsignor Slade graduates in the coming months, please consider sharing photos and brief explanations with Mrs. Hilmer as well.

June Photo Challenge! Let's keep our community connected and have fun over the summer! Please submit photos of your family or Monsignor Slade student(s) to Mrs. Hilmer via email (c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com) or social media. We miss you all very much!

Financial Aid! BOOST Application Deadline Extended! The Maryland State Department of Education offers the BOOST Awards for families who wish to send their children to private school. All families who have received BOOST funding in the past MUST reapply each year to continue to receive that award. The new application **deadline is now July 15, 2020, until midnight (12:00 a.m.)**. For more information, visit: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/application.aspx>

To share this information with other families, please see the flyer at the end of the update.



AmazonSmile customers can now support Monsignor Slade Catholic School in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
 2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
- Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

Advancement Announcements (continued):

2020 - 2021 Enrollment: If FACTS accounts are not activated within the next week, families may experience a compressed payment schedule. Since the deadline for completion of enrollment agreements and activation of 2020 - 2021 FACTS accounts was June 1, 2020, we have been sensitive to the economic impact COVID-19 may have had on our Slade families. If you have concerns about enrollment, financial aid, or tuition payment plans, please contact Mrs. Buchanan or Mrs. Hilmer. Using the enrollment checklist, please note which forms need to be completed for your student(s). The MSDE Emergency form will be provided to you in hard copy; it must be returned on or prior to August 31, 2020. [https:// msladeschool.schooladminonline.com/portal](https://msladeschool.schooladminonline.com/portal)

Close of the Annual Fund Year: The 2020 Monsignor Slade Annual Fund year comes to a close on June 30, 2020. As a result of COVID-19 and the potential economic impact, the school refrained from holding its annual spring pledge and donation drive geared toward students and families. If it is within your means, and you would like to support Monsignor Slade's 2020 Annual Fund, please contribute via bit.ly/SupportSlade.

Spirit of Slade Referral Program: There are still seats available for the 2020-2021 school year. Remember Monsignor Slade families are able to receive a \$500 referral credit after that new student has been enrolled for a full year, if that applicant indicates their family name or their student's name on the application. Think of friends and neighbors who might be seeking a new educational experience and share the great news about Monsignor Slade!

HASA Happenings:

The Home and School Association at Monsignor Slade Catholic School needs your help! We have one more position available for the Home and School Association's Executive Board for next school year. Please consider running for office to serve on the Board as Vice-President. The job description is listed below for the 2020-2021 school year.

The **Vice-President**, in the absence of the President, shall perform all of the duties of the President and such duties as are assigned to this officer. The Vice-President is responsible for the recruiting and appointing of chairpersons for fund-raising events.

If interested, please contact both Kerry McDaniel, Home and School Association President, at kmkld5@yahoo.com and Mrs. Cox at a.cox@msladeschool.com, with your qualifications and reasons of interest.

Sports Section:

Just an update from your Slade Soccer Commissioner about the upcoming 2020 Fall Soccer Season. We are still waiting on word from the county about the status of fall sports. Normally registration is open but this is an unprecedented situation. Right now, *I am going to tentatively open registration on or about June 15, 2020*, in anticipation of the fall season. I have updated the Slade Soccer website with information. It's under the soccer tab on www.sladesports.com. Please check the site regularly. Once we get the go ahead for the fall season, the website will be updated and an email will be sent out as well to all of last year's participants. Any questions, please email msladesoccer@gmail.com. Thank you! Alan Pfeifferberger, Soccer Commissioner



We hope that you all have a wonderful summer filled with joy and relaxation. We look forward to seeing all of you again soon!

Sports Section (continued):

The Athletic Council needs your help to fill our last two positions for next year. Please consider joining the Sports team!!! We need to fill a Co-commissioner position for Soccer and for Lacrosse. All interested parties please email sladeacpresident@gmail.com by June 30th for more information on how to apply.

Co-Commissioner Duties

Earns all 12 required service hours each year.

The Duties of the Co-Commissioner:

- Administer all aspects of the sports program to ensure its effective and efficient management while adhering to the Slade Athletic Policy, Slade Values Code, Archdiocesan policy, and school policy.
- Provide for consistency in operation among the individual lacrosse teams where applicable.
- Participate in Athletic Council meetings.
- Cast a vote as an active member of the Council.
- Manage all aspects of the Sports program budget, including the submission of annual budgets to the school administration.
- While in season, prepare and submit monthly reports regarding the Sports program to the Athletic Council.
- Work with the current Sports Commissioner on program scheduling and fields



*O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank You for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities,
joys and sorrows.
The days have passed quickly, O Lord.
The weeks, the months, the seasons,
the holidays and holy days,
The exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,
All have come forth from Your hand.
While we trust that Your purposes
have always been at work each day,
Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate
Just what You have been up to in our school.
Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to Your will,
With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
And guide each day as You have done this past year.
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.
May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.
Amen.*



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.



June 12, 2020

Dear Slade Families,

We hope you are enjoying the first days of summer, and want to thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we navigate these unprecedented times. Our mission at Monsignor Slade Catholic School, one which we recite as a community at the beginning of every school day, states that our primary objective is to promote the Catholic faith and intellectual development of our students. We *“do this by teaching about and modeling the precepts of the Catholic faith [...] so that [students] will use their faith, knowledge, and skills to shape their futures positively and work for the benefit of the whole society.”* As the School Board Chair, Pastoral Representative, and administration of Monsignor Slade Catholic School, we would like to, unequivocally, express what we believe to be central to our school’s mission as well as the heart of our Catholic, Christo-centric faith: We believe in the dignity of the human person, regardless of race, and we will continue to work tirelessly on supporting all of our students to be beacons of light in a world that is often clouded with darkness.

We stand with our Black and Brown students, their families, and the larger community as we work to build a more just, equal, and safe world. As a school community, we recognize that a tremendous amount of continued work, both in our hearts and in our classrooms, needs to take place. However, we firmly believe, as we remain rooted in our Catholic faith, that, through prayer and action, we can and will provide a learning environment where our students not only make tremendous strides intellectually but, more importantly, continue to become instruments of peace in the world.

Both Archbishop Lori and Pope Francis have shared some profound words that we would like to extend to each of you. Archbishop Lori, in a statement condemning the tragic and senseless death of George Floyd said, “All who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ are obligated to work relentlessly to defeat the painful and persistent reality of racism in every instance and wherever it is manifested.” Pope Francis affirmed, “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.” It is with these guiding principles that we will continue to strive to protect the dignity, unique culture, and sacredness of each member of our community.

Our young people inspire and challenge us to recommit to the hard but necessary work of equity and inclusion. In the coming months, we will explore and communicate with our families regarding the inclusion, diversity, and equity initiatives we undertake as educators in order to continue to be a leader in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

As always, we send our prayers to each family, faculty, and staff member of Monsignor Slade Catholic School.

Jennifer Ewing
School Board Chair

Father Austin Murphy
Pastoral Representative

Alexa Cox
Principal

Prayer for Our Time

God of justice, In your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception. Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family. Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech that demeans others. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination and their passionate appeals for change. Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history. And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities.

We pray together...Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be a world without end, Amen.

-Adapted from the Archbishop Spalding Campus Ministry Department

Want to choose private school for your child but need financial assistance?

Have you already chosen a private school for your child but need assistance?

The State of Maryland can help!



Apply for a BOOST scholarship!

The State of Maryland is now accepting applications for the fifth year of its BOOST scholarship program! BOOST scholarships are given to income-eligible K-12 students to be used for attendance at an eligible nonpublic school of their parent's choice.

This year, we hope to see millions of scholarship dollars given by the state of Maryland, so please apply!

To apply for a BOOST Scholarship to a nonpublic school, visit: marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST

Questions? Call Maryland's BOOST Scholarship Coalition at 443-510-4501.

BOOST is a State of Maryland Program. Since 2016, more than \$24 million in BOOST scholarship awards have been provided to students to help them choose the K-12 education option best suited for them.



¿Desea elegir una escuela
privada para su hijo pero
necesita ayuda financiera?

¿Ya ha elegido una
escuela privada para su
hijo pero necesita ayuda?

**El Estado de Maryland
le puede ayudar!**



¡Aplique para una beca **BOOST!**

El Estado de Maryland ahora está aceptando solicitudes para el tercer año de su programa de beca BOOST. Las becas BOOST se proporcionan a estudiantes de K-12 que califican por el ingreso de sus familias para asistir a una escuela no pública que elijan sus padres.

Visite www.educationmaryland.org/BOOST para aprender más sobre BOOST, para averiguar si su estudiante califica por una beca y para conectar la aplicación oficial a través del Estado de Maryland.

¿Preguntas? Llame a la Coalición de la Beca BOOST, una organización sin fines de lucro de Maryland al **443-510-4501**.



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para Estudiantes Hoy