



WEEKLY UPDATE

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MSCS is listed under the "Non-Public Schools with Approved Safety Plans" as of 8-17-2020 by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health.

Important News and Notes:

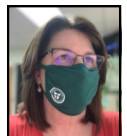
Reopening Plan: The following link will take you to the Monsignor Slade Catholic School Reopening Plan 2020-2021: <https://sites.google.com/msladeschool.com/mscs/home>. This site will be updated as often as needed with new information, so please check it regularly.

Emergency Card: Each student school supply packet that parents picked up this week contains a pink emergency card inside. For students who are attending in person, that card needs to be returned on the first day of school by your child. For students who are going to be remotely learning, that card will need to be dropped off at school on the day that you come to pick up your child's textbooks next week; the exact date and times have not been finalized. A separate email containing this information will go out to families who have indicated on the Parent Intent Form that their child will be learning remotely in the first trimester. If you have not yet declared your intent for in-person or remote learning, please see the next important note.

Parent Intent Form: For parents who have not previously responded or for parents who were previously undecided but have now been able to make a decision, please complete the Parent Intent form by following this link: <https://forms.gle/pW5phT48Sc37yJbv8>. We must assume that your child will be present in school if we do not hear from you at all, as we will need to finish setting up classrooms next week. If you have already responded that your child is going to be in person or remote, you do not need to reply again.

School Supply Packets - Late pick-up information: If you were unable to pick up your child's school supply packets this week, please contact Kathie Sullivan at k.sullivan@msladeschool.com to arrange another time.

Slade Logo Mask Order: The following link will take you to the order form for Slade's Logo masks: <https://forms.gle/KoSHy4k8pDVuuPx48>



Student Accident Insurance: AOB Voluntary Student Accident Insurance is available through the following link: <https://www.kandkinsurance.com/sites/K12Voluntary/Pages/Home.aspx>

Back-to-School Items: As you are preparing for your child to return to school, please consider supplying the following for your child: a beach towel (taken home each Friday) for lunches outside; a roll of paper towels to assist with daily sanitization of the classroom; individual packages of tissue for your child, as there will be no communal tissue boxes; personal-sized hand sanitizer for your child's bookbag.

Opening of School: Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have determined that, in order to open in the safest manner possible, we will stagger our opening of school. By doing this, the teachers will have an opportunity to work closely with



#wearamask
#stopthespread
#sladestrong



Be a Light for All to See
Matthew 5:16

Important News & Notes (continued):

small groups of children. As the first week of school will be devoted to the many new safety procedures that will need to be implemented, it would be more beneficial for the children to be in a smaller setting with their teachers. Therefore, the opening schedule for Pre-K4 - 8th grade students will be as follows:

Monday, August 31st - Families with last names beginning with the letters **A-G**

Tuesday, September 1st - Families with last names beginning with the letters **H-P**

Wednesday, September 2nd - Families with last names beginning with the letters **Q-Z**

The first three days of school will be half days with a 12:15 p.m. dismissal each day; however, Pre-K4 half-day students will be dismissed at their regular time of 11:30 a.m. As soon as we finalize the staggered dismissal procedures, we will send that information out to families.

All remote students are expected to virtually participate in the first three half days on their assigned day. In addition, all remote students are expected to attend a Google Meet session with their teachers on September 2nd from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. so that the teachers will have an opportunity to connect with them and establish the procedures by which the remote classes will operate. Teachers will send out individual Google Meet invites when the time comes.

Thursday, September 3rd, and Friday, September 4th, will be full days with the regular 2:45 p.m. dismissal.

If you have registered your child(ren) for extended care, it will be available on August 31st-September 2nd after school until 5:00 p.m on your above assigned days. Students will need to bring a snack and lunch.

Pre-K2 and Pre-K3 students will have scheduled visitation days on August 31st and September 1st. Regular classes for all Pre-K2 and Pre-K3 students will begin on September 2nd. More information regarding scheduled visitation days will be sent to you in a separate communication.

Travel Advisory/Safety Request: Many states, including Maryland, are issuing travel advisories and quarantine/testing requirements following travel. We want to share with you some important advisories as our goal is to have healthy students and adults returning to school on August 31, 2020.



Marylanders Returning from Out-of-State Travel: The State of Maryland strongly recommends that all Marylanders refrain from non-essential travel outside of Maryland and get tested for COVID-19 promptly upon arrival in Maryland or 72 hours prior to arrival. In addition, the State recommends that any Marylander who travels to a state with a COVID-19 test positivity rate above 10% should get tested and self-quarantine at home until the test result is received. You can access Maryland's Travel Advisory information [here](#).

International Travel: If you have been, or are returning from, travel abroad, the CDC and the State of Maryland require that you quarantine at home for 14 days upon your return. Click [here](#) for more information from the CDC.



Grade Level Reminders:

Kindergarten Parents: Please be reminded that we need vaccination records for your child that show two (2) MMR vaccines and two (2) Varicella vaccines, before school begins on August 31, 2020. Please forward the updated records to Joanna Buchanan, Registrar, at j.buchanan@mssladeschool.com, as soon as possible.

Incoming 7th Grade – Please be reminded that it is mandatory for all incoming 7th graders to have one additional Tdap and one meningococcal vaccination before school begins on August 31st. Please forward the updated immunization records to Joanna Buchanan, Registrar, at j.buchanan@mssladeschool.com, as soon as possible.

Attention 8th Grade Parents: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to offer the after-school HSPT prep class for our eighth graders this year. If you are interested in having your 8th grade student prepare for the test, we recommend that you use the following study guide: Kaplan *Catholic High School Entrance Exams - 7th Edition*.

High School Fairs: The Archdiocesan in-person high school fairs, typically held in the fall, have been cancelled. Instead, three virtual high school fairs will be presented for all families interested in learning more about local Catholic high schools. The virtual fairs will take place on September 28, October 6, and October 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Additional details will be posted in future Weekly Updates.

Advancement Announcements:

Seeking Monsignor Slade Parent Ambassadors from each grade level! Current Monsignor Slade parents who are interested in helping new families engage with the Monsignor Slade community and familiarize themselves with processes, procedures, and traditions are needed. If you would like to support new families via phone and virtual connections, please sign up with Mrs. Hilmer. You can do so by emailing c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com with current contact information, and the grade levels you feel most comfortable supporting.

Refer friends and neighbors to check out Monsignor Slade Catholic School! Please note: There are limited seats available in some grades. **You can earn an easy \$500.00 off your tuition** by referring a friend. If they apply, ensure your student or family name is on their application. After the student is enrolled for one year, your family will receive a tuition credit. Referral credits cannot exceed full tuition expense.

Seeking Advancement Committee Members: Do you have experience in marketing, sales, fundraising, volunteer management, or are simply committed to helping Monsignor Slade grow? The Advancement Committee meets once a month on a Tuesday evening. This year, the meetings will take place via Zoom. We need friend-raisers! If interested, please reach out to Mrs. Hilmer in the Advancement Office at c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com.



Mission Statement

Rooted in Catholic faith and committed to academic excellence, Monsignor Slade Catholic School is dedicated to forming the whole child to know, love, and be disciples of Christ.