



WEEKLY UPDATE

MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Next week's calendar:

Wednesday, 8/28/19—New Parent Night, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium; Back-to-School Night for Pre-K4 and Kindergarten, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium; School Supplies Packet Pickup, 6-8 p.m., School Store

Thursday, 8/29/19—Ice Cream Social, 6-7 p.m., Auditorium

Opening of School

Tuesday, 9/03/19—**HALF-DAY for all students in Pre-K4 through 8th grade;** Pre-K4 & Kindergarten students with last names ending in A-L; Pre-K4 half-day students dismiss at 11:30 a.m.; Pre-K4 full-day through 8th grade will dismiss at 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 9/04/19—**FULL-DAY for students in Grades 1-8; HALF-DAY for Pre-K4 & Kindergarten;** Pre-K4 & Kindergarten students with last names ending M-Z; Pre-K4 half-day students dismiss at 11:30; Pre-K4 full-day & Kindergarten students dismiss at 12:15 p.m.; Grades 1-8 students will dismiss at 2:45 p.m.

Thursday & Friday, 9/05/19 and 9/06/19—**Regular school day;** Pre-K4 half-day students will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.; Pre-K4 full-day through 8th grade students will dismiss at 2:45 p.m.

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Dear Parents,

With the start of school fast approaching, we are finalizing our preparations for the school year and are getting ready to welcome the children back to the building. The summer has flown by!

Many projects have been in the works to upgrade the facilities. All the lighting on the first floor has been upgraded and all the classrooms and hallways on the first floor have been freshly painted. In addition, the classrooms on the south side of the building on the first floor are having the solar blinds installed. The school looks so bright and welcoming! We have also added more security cameras to the facilities.

As there were changes with our building, we also experienced some changes to our staff. In June, we said goodbye to three teachers who have been with Slade for many years. Mrs. Denise Noteware and Mrs. Sally Miller retired after 39 and 33 years of teaching respectively. Their dedication and expertise will surely be missed, but we wish them well in their retirements. In addition, after 12 years of teaching at Slade, Mrs. Danielle Holiday left to pursue a biology teaching position at Archbishop Spalding High School. We also had two instructional assistants leave at the end of the school year. Mrs. Tammy Mehiel and Mrs. Marie Scannello will surely be missed by students and teachers alike. We hope that they will come back and visit us often.

We would like to welcome Miss Rebecca Eckstein who will be teaching kindergarten this year. Miss Eckstein comes to us with nine years of teaching experience in Ghana and Chicago, Illinois. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Theresa Mudd, whose teaching career spans fifteen years, nine of which were in Catholic education. Mrs. Mudd will be teaching 7th and 8th grade math and 8th grade religion this year. Please join us in wishing them the best as they begin the 2019-2020 school year as part of the Slade faculty.

There are many new and exciting things on the horizon for Monsignor Slade, and we are eager to begin the new year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alexa Cox, Principal

Important News and Notes:

New Parent Night—August 28, 2019: This event is an informational night for parents of all new students in grades 1-8. This evening also serves as the “Back to School Night” for parents of Pre-K4 and Kindergarten students. This ‘parents-only’ event will give you an opportunity to meet and speak with your child’s teachers. After the meeting, please join us back in the auditorium for a wine and cheese social sponsored by the Home and School Association.



Important News and Notes (continued):

Emergency Form: When you and your children came in to pick up your school supplies, you should have received a blue Emergency Form for each of your children who are students at Slade. If you did not receive the form, please note that copies of the form will be available on New Parent Night on Wednesday, August 28th, and at the Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 29th. We would like all families to complete and return an Emergency Form for each child in your family who is a student at Monsignor Slade. Our goal is to have 100% completed and returned by the first day of school.

Slade Gym Uniform: It has come to our attention, that we have published two different end dates for the discontinued roadrunner-style gym uniform. We are so sorry for the confusion! In consideration of this miscommunication, the roadrunner gym uniform will be acceptable for students to wear through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Both the roadrunner gym uniforms and the old-style grey slacks for middle school boys will be phased out at the end of this school year. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused to you or your family. We thank you for your understanding in this matter and appreciate your continued support!

New Policies for Extended Care Children:

Clothing - Extended Care Children (Grades Pre-K4-8): Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, students attending Extended Care will remain in their uniforms until they are picked up for the day. Students may, however, choose to bring a pair of tennis shoes to wear after school.

Electronic Device Use:

Electronic devices (cell phones, iPads, laptops, etc.) may only be used for the completion of homework between 3-5 p.m. Electronic devices are not permitted to be used at any other time or for any other purpose unless authorized by the director.



Ice Cream Social

Just a reminder to sign up to attend our annual Ice Cream Social, which will be held this year on August 29th from 6-7 p.m. Don't forget to bring your canned goods in for our annual 9-11 food drive as well. R.S.V.P. For the ice cream social here: <https://forms.gle/wxMFDcBbsKqc6oAX8>

Grade Level Reminders:

Kindergarten Parents – Don't forget! We need updated vaccination records for your child that show two (2) MMR vaccines and two (2) Varicella vaccines, as well as a completed Parent Observation Form **before** school begins on September 3, 2019. Please forward these items to Joanna Buchanan at j.buchanan@mssladeschool.com. office as soon as possible. Both forms can be found on our school website, www.mssladeschool.com. Simply click on "Parents" at the top of the page, and then click on "Forms and Documents." Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Joanna Buchanan, Registrar, at 410-766-7130, ext. 108.

Incoming Seventh Grade – Please be reminded that it is mandatory for all incoming seventh graders to have one additional TDap and one meningococcal vaccination before school begins in the fall. When your child receives the vaccinations, please make sure to provide a copy of the immunization to the school registrar as soon as possible so that we can update his or her record before the start of the school year. Copies of the immunization record can either be sent to the office by fax to 410-787-0594, or you can email it to the school registrar, Mrs. Joanna Buchanan, at j.buchanan@mssladeschool.com.

Attention 6th through 8th Grade Parents and Students: Save the date! September 24th, Monsignor Slade Catholic School will host a high school fair presented by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. All middle school students and their parents are invited to attend

Grade Level Reminders (continued):

this annual event. Several area Catholic high schools will be present, including: The Catholic High School, Archbishop Curley, Mount St. Joseph, Calvert Hall, Loyola Blakefield, Mt. de Sales and Archbishop Spalding. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the programs offered at their respective schools.

Advancement Announcements:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Our third New Family Welcome Brunch was a great success! We are appreciative of all current families who volunteered their time and helped to create a warm and welcoming environment for our new families. Thanks to **Abundance Catering** for providing a delicious spread. And to our new families, we can't wait to see you on New Parent Night, next Wednesday, August 28, 2019.

Calling all parents! Before the school year begins, please log in to your SchoolAdmin parent portal to ensure all agreements and forms are completed for your students. Your quick attention to this matter is appreciated. Please note: These forms do not include the blue Emergency Form provided by the school office.

Don't forget! Refer friends and neighbors to check out Monsignor Slade Catholic School! Limited seats available! **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.

Monsignor Slade will be initiating efforts to **connect new families** with current Slade families. If you would be interested in developing a 1:1 relationship with a new MSCS family and serving as their liaison to the Slade community, please contact Mrs. Hilmer at c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com.

Seeking Advancement Committee members: Do you have experience in marketing, sales, fundraising, volunteer management or are simply committed to helping Monsignor Slade grow? We are seeking at least one participant from each homeroom, but all who are interested are welcome to join. Membership is requested for various working committees and volunteer-from-home options are available. The Advancement Committee meets once a month on a Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. We need friend-raisers! Sign up today: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4cafad2aabf94-20192020>

65th Anniversary! Would you like to help us plan the recognition of this milestone? Have a great idea for sharing the news with alumni or our local community? Do you know someone with a talent for art, writing, or graphic design? Seeking volunteers to assist in the development of recognition, promotion, and special artwork for the 65th anniversary!

Visit us on the Web!
www.mssladeschool.com



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.



WELCOME NEW & RETURNING SLADE FAMILIES!

The Abundance Catering Company is honored to be the lunch provider at Monsignor Slade Catholic School! If you are a returning customer, you should have received an email letting you know the September menu has been posted to our online order website. If you are new to either Slade or Abundance, please read on!

REGISTERING ONLINE & PLACING ORDERS

We use the Hot Lunch Online (HLO) platform which is very easy and convenient. By the end of every month, you will receive an email letting you know that the menu for the following month has been posted and is ready for ordering. We have a rolling deadline for placing orders which is midnight, two nights before the day of service. For example, if you want to order lunch for Wednesday, September 4th, the deadline is midnight on Monday, September, 2nd; for Thursday the 5th, the deadline is midnight on Tuesday the 3rd, and so-on.

We encourage you to create an Abundance-HLO account even if you're not sure you will order any lunches. There is no cost to register and no order minimums. Cancellations are easy – simply call or email us by 8:00am the day-of to receive a credit. And, as our way of welcoming you to Abundance, ***all new accounts created by August 20th will be given a \$5.50 credit for each child registered!*** Here are instructions to get started:


- Type the following into your web browser: <http://abundancecateringcompany.h1.hotlunchonline.net>
- Click on “Create an account” toward the middle of the home page;
- Enter the required information in the fields provided;
- At the home screen, click “Student” at the top left – enter your child(ren)’s info;
- Click on settings to enter your credit/debit card info (or you can wait until you place your 1st order);
- At the home screen, click “Order” at the top left. The current month will appear – simply click the right-facing arrow next to “Today” to bring up next month’s menu. You’re ready to start ordering! If you need more detailed instructions, click on “Getting Started” and/or “Tutorials” on the left side of your HLO home screen;
- Once your order has been placed, you should receive an email confirmation. If you do not, then please email us right away: info@abundance-catering.com.

OUR MENUS

Our menus are designed to please both parents and kids - fruits, vegetables, salads, scratched-prepared hot meals, as well as chicken nuggets, (oven) fries, and, of course, fresh-baked cookies! Each day we will offer both an a la carte menu of hot and cold items as well as a “Meal Special”. The Special will be a combination of an entrée, two sides, and a beverage at a savings over the a la carte prices. You can view each month’s menu via your Abundance-HLO account, the weekly update issued by the school, or on the Slade website.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or email using the contact information below.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO FEEDING YOUR CHILDREN!

Phone: 410-590-8680  Email: info@abundance-catering.com



Volunteer Opportunities

Have professional experience or interest in marketing, events, fundraising, or social media? Join an Advancement Committee work group to fulfill your service hours! For more information, contact Carrie Hilmer in the Advancement Committee at c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com

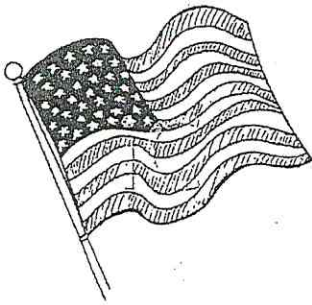
<p>Enrollment/Recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment Lead: Coordinate activities of the Enrollment sub-committee and report on activities at committee meetings. • 5 members total 	<p>Assist in planning/executing enrollment events (Open House, PreK/K & /Middle School Nights); Evaluating results from events to inform future planning; Evaluating enrollment collateral; Implementing processes to enhance the new students & their families</p>
<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Lead: Coordinate activities of the Development sub-committee and report on activities at committee meetings. • 4 members total 	<p>Assist in the planning and execution of the Annual Fund campaign & donor recognition activities; Help increase number of annual fund donors; Identify and leverage corporate giving opportunities; Research grant opportunities, prospect lists and strategies</p>
<p>Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Lead: Coordinate activities of the Marketing sub-committee and report on activities at committee meetings. • 9 members total; specific “work from home” roles: Online Calendar Publisher, Parish Liaison, Newsletter Editor 	<p>Planning/executing promotional opportunities for enrollment and development activities and events. Opportunities include but are limited to internal communications, community outreach, and social media and online promotions</p>
<p>Alumni Relations Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alumni Lead: Coordinate activities of the Alumni sub-committee and report on activities at committee meetings. • 4 members total 	<p>Produce and amplify MSCS’s social media content; Serve as photo/videographer for the school’s online platforms and marketing.</p>
<p>Research Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Lead: Coordinate activities of the Research sub-committee and report on activities at committee meetings. • 4 members total 	<p>Benchmark MSCS against area schools; compile listings of local daycares/preschools & directors receptive to information sharing; Identify events/experiences at Catholic schools across the country that MSCS can replicate</p>

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Non-perishable Food Drive*

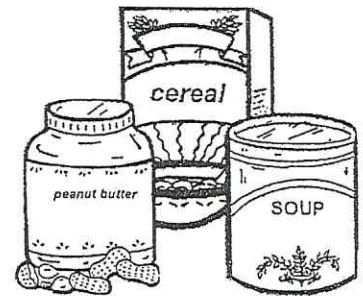
**BEGINNING NOW & CULMINATING ON
September 13, 2019**

*In Honor of the Victims and Heroes of
September 11th, 2001*



Items Most Needed:

- Tuna
- Soup
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Juice



Local soup kitchens, pantries, shelters, families and individuals will benefit from the Freedom Harvest. The human tragedy of hunger in Maryland is immense.

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