



# WEEKLY UPDATE

MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
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**Summer Office Hours—**  
The office is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., throughout the summer. We will resume regular hours on Monday, August 24th.

## Important News and Notes:

**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 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.

**AOB Contact Update:** The Archdiocese sent an email to all parents on Wednesday, August 5th, inquiring about your family's contact information. Parents are in receipt of that email so that they will be able to complete the health screening report each morning before your child(ren) leave home for school. More information regarding that protocol will be forthcoming. The email is marked as coming from the "Diocese of Baltimore," and it includes a link to a Google form asking for the following: Student Name; School Name; Grade Level; Primary Text Number; Secondary Text Number (if wanted); Primary Email Address. Please respond to this important request for updated contact information by Wednesday, August 12th.



**Archdiocese of Baltimore**  
**Theme for 2020-2021**

*Be a Light for All to See*  
Matthew 5:16

## Important News & Notes (continued):

**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](#).

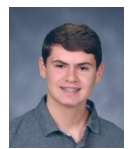
**International Travel:** If you have been, or are returning from, travel abroad, the CDC and the State of Maryland require that you quarantine at home for 14 days upon your return. Click [here](#) for more information from the CDC.



**2020 Knott Scholar Recipients** - The Knott Scholarship Funds announced the winners of the 2020 Knott Scholarship Competition. These scholarships, funded by the Marion Burk Knott Scholarship Fund and the Marion I. and Henry J. Knott Scholarship Fund, cover four-years of full tuition in the Catholic school of the scholar's choosing. Since its inception in 1981, Knott Scholarships have provided funds for more than fifteen hundred scholars.



We are proud to have two Slade students receive these scholarships. Congratulations to Kara Mehta - Marion Burk Knott Elementary Scholars – grades five through eight at Monsignor Slade Catholic School, and Ethan Rizzutti - Marion Burk Knott Secondary Scholars – grades nine through twelve at Calvert Hall College High School



**Uniform Information:** All new school uniform items, except for shoes, need to be purchased from FlynnO'Hara Uniforms located at 1608 Furnace Branch Rd, Glen Burnie, MD 21061, <https://www.flynnohara.com>. Attached you will find a listing of the approved uniform shoes for this year. If you have any questions about the allowable styles, please contact Mrs. Cox at [a.cox@mssladeschool.com](mailto:a.cox@mssladeschool.com). Additionally, masks in the colors of hunter green, white, red, and/or black will be required for all students for the upcoming school year. All cloth masks need to be plain, without images or words, and of at least two layers.

**Uniform Exchange:** Our first used uniform sale/exchange for the year will be held on August 12, 2020, from 4-6 p.m. in the cafeteria. If you are bringing uniforms to exchange that day, please make sure they are laundered and remember that we are no longer accepting any uniforms that have the old rocking cross or the roadrunner logos.

## 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](mailto:j.buchanan@mssladeschool.com), as soon as possible

**Incoming 7th Grade** – Please be reminded that it is mandatory for all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



#wearamask  
#stopthespread  
#sladestrong



### 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.

## School Uniform Shoes for 2020-2021:

The following approved uniform shoes may be purchased from a private vendor, or they may be purchased from our uniform supplier, FlynnOHara Uniform:



Bass oxford shoe – Style name - “Dirty Buc Oxford Shoe” and authorized color - “Taupe” in kid’s sizes and “Dirty Buc” in men’s and women’s sizes.



Merrell slip-on shoe – Style name - “Jungle Moc Nubuck” and authorized color - “Brown Nubuck”



Sperry – Style name - “Authentic Original Boat Shoe” and authorized color – “Sahara,” available in men, women and kid sizes.

The following approved Sperry shoe style must be purchased through a private vendor. The shoe style name changes slightly, depending on the shoe size:



- b) Big Kid’s Songfish Boat Shoe in “Linen Oat.”
- c) Big Kid’s Songfish Jr. Boat Shoe in “Linen Oat.”
- d) Little Kid’s Songfish Jr. in “Linen Oat.”
- e) Men’s Billfish Boat Shoe in “Tan Beige” or “Dark Tan.”
- f) Women’s Koifish Boat Shoe in “Linen Oat.”
- g) Women’s Songfish Boat Shoe in “Linen Oat.”

All approved Sperry shoes must be either two-eye or three-eye boat shoes.

The one-eyed shoes, referred to as “moccasins,” are not an approved style for safety purposes.

If you have any questions as to whether or not a shoe is acceptable, please contact the school office at 410-766-7130 or [mcs@mssladeschool.com](mailto:mscs@mssladeschool.com).

# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Used Uniform Exchange 4-6 p.m., Cafeteria	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p><b>SCHOOL STORE DISTRIBUTION</b> Pick up school supply packets for your students according to the schedule issued by the school.</p> </div>						
			HASA Executive Board Mtg., 5:30 p.m.			
23	24	25	26 <b>Back-to-School Night</b> Pre-K4 and Kindergarten parents—6:30 p.m. Location—T.B.D.	27 <b>New Parent Night</b> for all new parents of students gr. 1-8—6:30 p.m. Location—T.B.D.	28	29 HASA Sports Cards & Collectibles Show 9 a.m.— 3 p.m.
30	31 <b>Opening of School</b> Pre-K4—Gr. 8 Last names A—G  Pre-K4 Half-day Dismissal 11:30 a.m. Pre-K4 Full-day—Gr. 8 Dismissal 12:15 p.m.	Sept. 1 <b>Opening of School</b> Pre-K4—Gr. 8 Last names H—P  Pre-K4 Half-day Dismissal 11:30 a.m. Pre-K4 Full-day—Gr. 8 Dismissal 12:15 p.m.  <b>Virtual Back-to-School Night for Parents</b> Gr. 1—6:00 p.m. Gr. 2—6:45 p.m.	Sept. 2 <b>Opening of School</b> Pre-K4—Gr. 8 Last names Q—Z  Pre-K4 Half-day Dismissal 11:30 a.m. Pre-K4 Full-day—Gr. 8 Dismissal 12:15 p.m.  <b>Virtual Back-to-School Night for Parents</b> Gr. 3—6:00 p.m. Gr. 4—6:45 p.m. Gr. 5—7:30 p.m.	Sept. 3 <b>Regular School Day</b> Grades Pre-K4—8  Pre-K4 Half-day Dismissal 11:30 a.m. Pre-K4 Full-day—Gr. 8 Dismissal 2:45 p.m.  <b>Virtual Back-to-School Night for Parents</b> Gr. 6—6:00 p.m. Gr. 7—6:45 p.m. Gr. 8—7:30 p.m.	Sept. 4 <b>Regular School Day</b> Grades Pre-K4—8  Pre-K4 Half-day Dismissal 11:30 a.m. Pre-K4 Full-day—Gr. 8 Dismissal 2:45 p.m.	Sept. 5