

# 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

August 26, 2016

## Upcoming Events:

- Monday, 8/29/16
  - Opening of School –
    - Pre-K4 and Kindergarten with last names A-L begin
    - Grades 1-8 begin
    - Pre-K4 Half-day – Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
    - Pre-K4 Full-day through Grade 8 – Dismissal 12:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, 8/30/16
  - Opening of School
    - Pre-K4 and Kindergarten with last names M – Z begin
    - Grades 1-8 regular school day
    - Pre-K4 Half-day – Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
    - Pre-K4 Full-day & Kindergarten – Dismissal 12:15 p.m.
    - Grades 1-8 – Dismissal 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 8/31/16
  - Regular school day for Grades Pre-K4 through Grade 8
    - Pre-K4 Half-day – Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
    - Pre-K4 Full-day through Grade 8 – Dismissal 2:30 p.m.
  - 9/11 Worldwide Freedom Harvest food drive begins
  - HASA Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 9/01/16
  - Regular school day for Pre-K4 through Grade 8
  - Symphonic Band rehearsal, 3-4 p.m., Auditorium
- Friday, 9/02/16
  - Regular school day for Pre-K4 through Grade 8

## A Letter from the Principal:

Dear Parents,

With the start of school fast approaching, we are finalizing our preparations and are getting ready to welcome the children on Monday morning. The summer seems to have flown by!

We have been working on many projects to upgrade the facilities. We have updated the middle school with a new tiled floor in the hallway and classrooms as well as new closet doors. The middle school was also freshly painted, which has brightened up the classrooms to create a welcoming environment for our students.

In addition, we have been working closely with the Director of Educational Technology from the Archdiocese to update our infrastructure. We have installed new access points and switches to increase the speed of our connectivity and allow for the introduction of Chromebooks into our curriculum.

As there were changes with our building, we also experienced some changes to our teaching staff. Mrs. Sally Moran, Mrs. Kathleen Rabold, Mrs. Denise Gaigler, and Ms. Alex Berge left to pursue other opportunities in the teaching field. We wish them all well and know that they will flourish in their new positions.

We would like to welcome Ms. Natalie Howland as our new Pre-K4 teacher along with Mrs. Mary Youngblood who will be her instructional assistant. Ms. Rebecca Bené is joining us as our Spanish teacher for grades 3-5. We would like to welcome Mrs. Tammy Mehiel back to our staff as the first grade instructional assistant to Ms. Fertetta.

While not new to Slade, Mrs. Barbara Bryant has taken on the intermediate/middle school resource position and Mrs. Jamie Seymour will be working as the sixth grade instructional assistant.

We also experienced an office staff change with the departure of Mrs. Margaret Perry, our former Advancement Director. Mrs. Carrie Hilmer assumed the Advancement Director position this past June. Please join us in welcoming all of our new staff.

There are many exciting things on the horizon for our school, and we are eager to begin the year! With our dedicated teaching staff, involved and active parents, and of course our wonderful students, this will be a great school year!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Alexa Cox

### Important News and Notes:

- **Parent Survey Results** – Several weeks ago, a six-question survey was sent to all families; thank you to all who were able to respond as you provided invaluable information regarding some of our programming. After reviewing your responses and consulting with our teachers and staff, we have been able to make some informed decisions:
  - ❖ We will continue to prepackage our school supplies that are sold at the beginning of each year as a convenience to our parents.
  - ❖ The principal's update will continue to be emailed each Friday in an effort to keep open, on-going communication.
  - ❖ The activity points program has been discontinued. We found that as it evolved over time it no longer aligned with the philosophy of the school and the mission of Catholic service.
  - ❖ We will be formulating a committee to investigate the potential for changing uniform companies.
  - ❖ We will be formulating a committee to investigate the potential for changing our lunch program.
  - ❖ We will continue with the Science Explorers after-school enrichment program.

You, as parents, enliven and enrich our community. We appreciate the time and input you have provided as it enables us to build the collaborative relationship we wish for between our school and our families.

- **Attention new parents:** On scheduled half-days, children may bring a snack and water bottle with them to school. Since our first day of school is a scheduled half-day, we wanted to inform you of this policy.
- **School Lunch Program** – Attached you will find information about our cafeteria and the lunch program here at Monsignor Slade, provided by Tommy's Food Service. Please review this information carefully. The cafeteria will begin serving lunches on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. The menu for August & September is attached as well.
- **Annual Food Drive kicks off as soon as school begins!** Please see the attached flyer for information about our 9/11 Worldwide Freedom Harvest Food Drive to support Happy Helpers for the Homeless and the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. Students may bring non-perishable foods to school until Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Please send only newly purchased items. Expired food items are not accepted. Thank you for your generosity in our very first service project of the school year!
- **Carpool** – Are you in need of a carpool for your child? Or are you able to help another Slade family? If so, please email your name, address, email address, and your need/availability to [s.kripas@msladeschool.com](mailto:s.kripas@msladeschool.com) to add to the carpool list for the 2016-2017 school year.

## HASA Happenings:

- **New HASA fundraiser – Cash Raffle**

This year, the Home and School Association is trying a new fundraiser – a cash raffle drawing. The first prize is \$2,500, second prize \$500 and third prize \$250. The funds raised by the HASA directly offset the cost of tuition for all families at MSCS. If each family sells just 5 tickets at \$5 each, we will raise over \$7,500. Tickets will be sold until December, 2016. The drawing will take place at Christmas at Slade, and the winner does not have to be present to win. Tickets will be on sale at many of the Slade events including back-to-school nights. In the first few weeks of school, each family will receive 5 tickets to sell. Additional tickets may be requested by emailing [mcsraffle@gmail.com](mailto:mcsraffle@gmail.com). We will have monthly drawings with prizes for families that have sold tickets.

## Sports Section:

- There is a need for a new 3rd - 5th grade **HERO Boys run club** coach starting this fall 2016. This is a fun and healthy way to get your son exercising. Training and guidance will be provided for the easy 7 week program. If interested, please contact Ruth Seerey at [rseerey@verizon.net](mailto:rseerey@verizon.net).
- Attention Slade parents - **Basketball registration is now open!!** Go to <https://monsignor-slade.sportssignup.com/site> to register. Registration for Competitive teams (grades 3-8) ends Sept. 23rd. Registration for Clinic (grades K-1) and Intramural (grades 1-3) teams ends Sept. 30th. Go to [www.sladebasketball.com](http://www.sladebasketball.com) for more info.

## Attachments included:

- 9/11 Annual Food Drive flyer
- Tommy's Food Service Welcome Letter
- Tommy's Food Service 101
- Menu for August & September 2016

*It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.*  
~Dumbledore

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

# *The Fifteenth Annual*

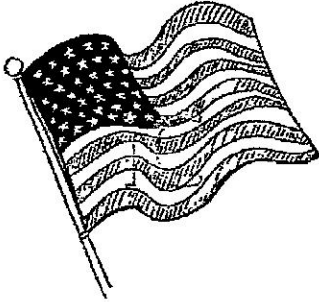
## *WORLDWIDE FREEDOM*

## *HARVEST*

### *Non-perishable Food Drive*

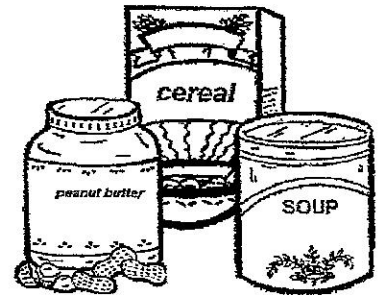
**BEGINNING NOW & CULMINATING ON**  
**September 11, 2016**

*In Honor of the Victims and Heroes of  
September 11, 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.

*Sponsored by: HAPPY HELPERS FOR THE HOMELESS*  
*Call (443) 433-2416 to participate or for more information.*



# TOMMY'S FOOD SERVICE

Monsignor Slade  
410-766-2496 ext. 127  
*"Great Food for Great Kids"*

August 2, 2016

Dear Parents, Students, Teachers, and Staff,

Tommy's Food Service will be serving our first lunch in the cafeteria on Tuesday, August 30, 2016. Attached is the menu for August & September 2016 and Tommy's Lunch 101. The cafeteria will be using a complete oven baking system whereby no foods will be fried.

We will again be instituting a Lunch Account Debit System in the cafeteria this year whereby each student and staff member will have their own account number for purchases. And will be issuing lunch account numbers to new students prior to the first lunch day on August 30st. If you were here previously you will use same account number. The amount you put on the Debit System will be at your own discretion depending on your anticipated purchases. We accept checks payable to Tommy, cash in an envelope with your child's name or lunch account number for proper credit, or online payment via PayPal. PayPal instructions are available online at [www.Tommysfoodservice.com](http://www.Tommysfoodservice.com). There will be NO CASH sales at the cashier register. We would greatly appreciate that all accounts remain current, as this is a Debit Account System and not a Charge Account. Lunch account history and account balance can be viewed at [www.mymealmoney.com](http://www.mymealmoney.com). All purchases remain on the system for 30 days.

The combo lunch is \$4.00 it includes the entrée, choice of milk or juice. The following items can be purchase separately: milk, fruit juices, water, fruits, homemade soup, assorted subs (e.g. turkey or ham & cheese), assorted salads (e.g. tuna, chicken or egg), cookies, potato chips, ice cream, yogurt and other snacks. Available daily except pizza day: hotdogs and grilled cheese sandwiches for \$2.50 or combo for \$4.00. Papa John's Pizza will be served on PIZZA DAY it includes a slice of pizza and milk for \$2.75 or just a slice for \$2.00. Prices remain the same from last year.

We look forward to serving you again this year with a wide variety of nutritious and delicious homemade foods and excellent customer service to all. Please call us at the school cafeteria 410-766-2496 ext.127 or email at [lunch@msladeschool.com](mailto:lunch@msladeschool.com) anytime for account inquiry or cafeteria questions.

We look forward to meeting and serving your children healthy foods in a professional manner.

Sincerely,

*Tommy Savvides,*  
Food Service Director

*Linda Crigger*  
Cafeteria Manager

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## **TOMMY'S LUNCH 101**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Tommy's Food Service is truly blessed and thankful to be a part of the Monsignor Slade community. We strive to provide a variety of your child's favorite foods and healthy snacks, as well as a pleasant experience for you. We do not fry any foods, and prepare most items from scratch each morning using the highest quality products available. Many of our recipes have been in the family for years.

### **School Lunch Accounts 101**

It is very important to remember that lunch accounts utilize a debit system – there is no credit. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to fund the account, monitor purchases online, and discuss purchasing habits with their child.

We ask that you maintain a positive balance of \$20.00 in the account. The price for a hot lunch of the day is \$4.00 and includes an entrée, side, and vegetable. The average student spends around \$25/week when purchasing daily lunch, and occasional snacks.

### **Funding the Lunch Account**

There are several ways to add money to your child's lunch account. We accept checks\*\* and online payments via PayPal which we will notify you when this is instituted. Please make checks payable to **Tommy** and include the child's name or lunch account number on the memo line.

\*\*There is a \$30 NSF fee assessed to the lunch account for each returned check, this covers our bank fees.

To send a payment via PayPal, visit <http://www.tommyfoodservice.com> and click on the PayPal button for each school. Always include your child's name or lunch account number for proper credit. Please note a fee of 2.9% + 30 cents will be deducted (by PayPal, not Tommy's) and the adjusted amount will be credited to your lunch account on the following business day.

### **Negative Account Policy\***

Students will be told verbally when they reach a \$0.00 balance, and written notice when the account reaches (-\$5.00) and we only send email once a week (maybe Thursday). Students with negative accounts will only be given the lunch of the day (but no extras, e.g. cookies). Then if the account continues to be negative we will not serve lunch to the students, just a cheese sandwich. Currently, we do not charge any fees if the account falls negative.

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Being told they have a zero or negative balance can be upsetting or embarrassing for some students, so please make sure they understand if there is no money in the account, they cannot purchase extras. We try to be flexible and gentle, always giving students a verbal warning when they are approaching the "No Snack Zone".

## **Monitoring Accounts Online**

Go to the [www.mymealmoney.com](http://www.mymealmoney.com) link for your school. Enter the last name, and ID # in the respective fields. Instead of pressing the enter key on your keyboard, you'll need to manually click on the green GO button. You will see an overview of your child's account in the yellow box immediately below. Parenthesis around the amount (\$0.00) indicates a negative balance. Once you see your child's name and homeroom information, then you can click on the History button to the left to view account details and 30 days of history. Current day history is available after 3:00pm. \*The website is not supported on Internet Explorer 9 Beta.

## **Purchasing Habits**

Please consider this a great opportunity to discuss healthy eating habits with your child and begin teaching them about basic money management. These life skills truly begin at home.

We understand that students don't always respect their parent's instructions. If your child does not have your permission to use a lunch account, you must notify Tommy's in writing and bring the account to a zero balance before it will be closed. Otherwise, accounts remain open and available for use.

## **Questions?**

Please contact cafeteria staff with any questions, feedback, or suggestions you may have. Email is the best form of communication. We value your opinion and are always looking for ways to improve how we serve you and your child.

Regards,

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**August-September**  
**Monsignor Slade Lunch Menu**  
**Tommy's Food Service "Great Food for Great kids"**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>29</b> Half Day Cafeteria Closed	30 Rotini w/marinara sauce, meatballs, Side Salad	31 Corn Dog, French Fries, Carrots	1 Tacos, Spanish Rice and corn	2 Pizza Day 
5  School Closed	6  Spaghetti, w/Marinara Sauce, meatballs and side salad	7  Chicken Nuggets, French fries, Carrots	8  Pancakes, French toast, Sausage, tater tots, Baked cinnamon apples	9 Pizza Day 
12  Chicken Nuggets, French fries, Carrots	13  Rotini w/marinara sauce, meatballs, Side Salad	14  Half Day Cafeteria closed	15  Cheeseburger, Homemade Mac and cheese, Broccoli	16 Pizza Day 
19 Cheese Ravioli, w/Marinara Sauce, meatballs and side salad	20  Chicken Nuggets, French fries, Carrots	21 Cheesesteak subs, French Fries and Sliced cucumbers	22 Pancakes, French toast, Sausage, tater tots, Baked cinnamon apples	23 Pizza Day 
26  Corn Dog, French Fries, Sliced Cucumbers	27  Baked Ziti, Side Salad	28  Tacos, Spanish Rice and corn	29  Chicken Nuggets, French fries, Carrots	30 Pizza Day 

**Combo lunch** is \$4.00 and includes the entrée, side, choice of milk or juice. **Hotdog or Grilled cheese combo** is \$4.00 and includes sandwich, sides ( i.e. veggie, starch) and milk or juice. Available daily: variety of subs, hotdog, and grilled cheese sandwiches, homemade soups, pretzels and freshly baked cookies daily. We also have ice cream on Tuesday & Friday (on Pizza day). We do not deep fry any food. Prices and menu may change without notice.

<b>A LA CARTE PRICE LIST ONLY</b>
A variety of these items are available daily.

Hotdog	\$2.50	Beverage:		Chicken Patty Sandwich	\$3.00
Grilled Cheese	\$2.50	Milk or juice	\$0.75	Chicken tenders (3pcs)	\$2.50
Turkey & Cheese Sub	\$3.00	Bottled water	\$1.00	Chicken wings (4pcs)	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese Sub	\$3.00	Gatorade	\$1.25	Cheeseburger	\$3.50
Homemade Soup:	\$1.75	Cookies	\$0.85	Corndog	\$2.50
chicken noodle		Potato Chips (1oz)	\$0.85	Philly cheesesteak	\$3.00
tomato		Sun Chips (1.5oz)	\$0.85	Pizza (1 slice)	\$2.00
cheesy potato		Pretzel	\$0.85	Soft beef taco (1)	\$1.00
Assorted Salad:	\$3.50	Fresh Fruit	\$1.00	Mac N Cheese	\$2.50
Greek, Chicken, Tuna, or Egg		Yogurt (Yoplait 4oz)	\$1.00	Ravioli (7 pcs)	\$3.00
Sides:		Cinnamon bun	\$1.50		
French Fries or Tater tots	\$2.50				
Rice or Mashed potato	\$2.50				
Buttered noodles	\$2.50				
Veggie	\$1.00				

Please E-mail us at [lunch@msladeschool.com](mailto:lunch@msladeschool.com) for any inquiries. Visit our website [www.tommysfoodservice.com](http://www.tommysfoodservice.com) for more information.  
*Thank you, Tommy and Linda*