



Next week's calendar:

- Monday, September 20, 2021: • Charlie Brown auditions, Gr. 3-
- 5, 2:45-4:30 p.m., Auditorium

Tuesday, September 21, 2021:

• Charlie Brown auditions, Gr. 3-5, 2:45-4:30 p.m., Auditorium

Wednesday, September 22, 2021:

• Individual Picture Day, Pre-K4, Kdg., Gr. 6, 7, 8 and Edu-Care

Thursday, September 23, 2021:

• Individual Picture Day, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Edu-Care

Friday, September 24, 2021:

 Tuition Assistance Out-of-Uniform Day, \$2 per student (Please refer to the out-ofuniform days school guidelines on page 44 of the Parent & Student Handbook.)

WEEKLY UPDATE

MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Important News & Notes:

From the School Nurse:



In response to the AOB COVID Letter to Families from 9/16/2021

- "Exception: In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time."
- This means that students, who are properly and consistently masked, will not be required to quarantine IF AND ONLY IF they are more than 3 feet apart.
- Any student who is less than 3 feet masked, or less than 6 feet unmasked, is considered a close contact and is REQUIRED to quarantine. Close contacts will be given return-to-school instructions by the nurse.

Who is a close contact?

- 1. Someone who is less than 3 feet from a positive individual regardless of mask wearing.
- 2. Someone who is less than 6 feet from a positive individual if one or both are unmasked.

Students who do not meet the previously mentioned criteria will not be notified that they are a close contact.

COVID-19 Symptoms...

- Any ONE of the following:
 - Sore throat (one of the most common that is being seen in children)
 - Cough
 - Fever of 100.4 or higher
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Diarrhea or vomiting
 - New onset of severe headache (especially with fever)
 - New loss of taste or smell
- PLEASE do not send your child to school if they are exhibiting any symptom from the above list OR if they are beginning to complain of other symptoms.
- We are seeing high numbers of RSV, flu, and strep throat among children this fall, which are all <u>highly</u> contagious.
- If your child is exhibiting any symptom at all, please notify the school nurse at <u>j.lydon@msladeschool.com</u> or <u>covid19@msladeschool.com</u>. The nurse will be able to give you direction to come to school, get tested, or go see a doctor.

Masking...

- Please make sure that your child's mask fits properly. There should be no gaps in the mask and it should cover the child's nose and mouth.
- Please keep 1-2 extra masks in your child's backpack in case they lose it, it gets dirty, or breaks.

Important News and Notes (continued):

Immunization Records...

- If your child has not turned in an updated immunization record, or if you are new this school year and have not turned in an immunization record, please make every effort to do so this weekend.
- According to page 24 of the Parent & Student Handbook, "Students who are not up-to -date on the required immunizations will not be allowed to attend school."
- The state of Maryland requires all immunizations to be up-to-date, or have an appointment scheduled to receive missing immunizations, by 20 calendar days from the first day of school. This requirement means that ALL immunizations must be up to date, or have an appointment scheduled, by Monday, September 20, 2021.
- The appointment can be for a date later than 9/20/21, we just need confirmation of an appointment happening within the near future.

Absences

- If your child will be absent from school for any reason please email <u>absenc-</u> <u>es@msladeschool.com</u>. If your child is a close contact of an individual at school, you do not need to notify the absence email.
- The Parent & Student Handbook addresses absences on pages 19-20. Please review this information.



Congratulations and thank you! The Worldwide Freedom Harvest food drive, which we support with Happy Helpers for the Homeless, was a tremendous success. The canned and non-perishable food items you donated were delivered to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank this past Tuesday. We're delighted to report that <u>our school collected 1,233</u> <u>lbs. of food</u>!! The people at the food bank were absolutely thrilled. They even posted a picture of the truckload of food from Slade on their social media pages!!

Thank you to Ms. Teresa Bennett, mother of 8th grader Jordan Bennett, for your generous donation of hand sanitizers and disinfectant wipes. These supplies will be put to good use in the classrooms. We are happy to accept donations of disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizers for use here at school. As always, your generosity is much appreciated.

Our Teachers and Staff Support Tuition Assistance Fund!! Many thanks to our teachers and staff who have already raised \$2,200 by participating in "faculty dress-down Fridays" to donate to our tuition assistance fund. This money will go a long way in providing assistance to our families! Students will have this opportunity as well on September 24th with a special out-of-uniform day to support our tuition assistance fund. Look for additional dates, which are scheduled each month throughout the school year. Just send in \$2 per student on or before 9/24/21 to earn the out-of-uniform day. These special days will allow students to get into the spirit of giving while earning this fun privilege, which supports a great cause!

Service Hours Program: Each family with students enrolled in Pre-K4 (full-day) through 8th grade is required to give twelve (12) hours of service during the school year or pay an additional fee of \$300 by December 31, 2021. There are many different activities and/or events in which you may get involved. Please refer to the attached Service Hours Explanation Sheet to review the different service options available through this program.

If you have not yet signed up for the Service Hours Program, please use the following link to sign up: <u>https://forms.gle/e8PpqRdQvG3h2aK97</u>. You will receive an acknowl-edgement from the Support Programs Coordinator of those events in which you have been enrolled. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Mrs. Kathie Sullivan, Support Programs Coordinator, at <u>k.sullivan@smladeschool.com</u>.

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Important News and Notes (continued):

Individual Student Portraits: Student portraits will be taken next Wednesday and Thursday! All students are given the opportunity to have individual portraits taken by Galeone Photographers on September 22nd & 23rd. Attached to this update, you will find a letter and an order form from Galeone Photographers explaining how to purchase portraits of your child(ren). Important reminder: Students may come to school out of uniform on their "picture day." Please refer to page 44 of the Parent & Student Handbook for out-of-uniform day guidelines.

Scantron Performance Assessment: Students in grades 2-8 will be taking the Scantron Performance Assessment over the next three weeks (September 13-October 1). Please ensure that students arrive on time so that they are able to settle in before the tests begin. The testing schedule is attached. As has been done in the past, all results will be

Grade Level Reminders:

8th Grade HSPT Prep Course: The Archdiocese of Baltimore will be offering an HSPT Prep Course. Information about the course can be found here: <u>https://</u><u>www.archbalt.org/schools/hspt-prep-course/</u>, as well as in the attached flyer. Please be aware that registration is now open, and that the deadline to register is September 20th. This course is open to any **current 8th grader** enrolled in a Catholic, public, private, or homeschool. All are welcome!

Attention 3rd - 5th Grade Students: Just a reminder for students in grades 3-5 that auditions begin on Monday, September 20th, for *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Please see the flyer attached for further details if your child is interested in participating. The flyer also lists an opportunity for parents to sign up to help with the production.



Advancement Announcements:

Ways to support Slade!

- Use AmazonSmile!
- Sign up for BoxTops for Education
- Join Coke Rewards
- Check for loyalty programs at your local grocery store

Please follow us on social media! Monsignor Slade is active on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Linkedin. We hope to share the great news about Monsignor Slade with you this year.



Do you know any Monsignor Slade alumni who graduated during a year ending in two? We would like to feature them in the anniversary year of their graduation. Please share our alumni update link: <u>msladeschool.com/alumni</u>.

AOB Virtual & In-Person High School Fairs:

High School Fairs are being held for students and families interested in Catholic high schools. The fairs will showcase boys' schools, girls' schools and co-ed schools.

Virtual Fairs will be held on September 29, October 11, and November 2 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please register to attend at the <u>Archdiocese of Baltimore Virtual Admissions</u> <u>Page</u>.

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Advancement Announcements (continued):

In-Person Fairs, events are scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 8:05p.m. at the following schools:

- 1. Monday, September 20: St. Mark in Catonsville
- 2. Tuesday, September 21: Resurrection St. Paul in Ellicott City
- 3. Wednesday, September 22: Immaculate Conception in Towson
- 4. Thursday, September 23: St. Joseph Fullerton in Perry Hall
- 5. Monday, September 27: Cardinal Shehan in Baltimore
- 6. Tuesday, September 28: Monsignor Slade in Glen Burnie
- 7. Thursday, September 30: St. Margaret in Bel Air

The **Open Fair** takes from 6:00pm to 6:30pm, followed by three **Breakout Sessions**. Registration is not required, but masking is required of all participants. These fairs are open to students and families from any school who wish to attend.

We need you, Slade parents! Do you need to earn your service hours from home? Seeking a few parents with interest in photography to assist in building a photo repository from events throughout the year. If you are interested in taking photos at Slade events from time to time, please contact Mrs. Hilmer. You can do so by emailing her with current contact information, and preferred availability, i.e. mornings, afternoons, evenings, weekends only, etc.

Even as we continue to mask and maintain a safe environment, Monsignor Slade students can shine on Monsignor Slade's website and social media feeds. Just participate in the **September Photo Challenge**. Send photos via email to Mrs. Hilmer at c.hilmer@msladeschool.com.

Advancement Committee is seeking a new committee chair and additional members (new parents and Spanish-speakers welcome). 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. We need friend-raisers! For more information or to join, please contact Mrs. Hilmer in the Advancement Office at c.hilmer@msladeschool.com.

Terrapin Times:



We are excited to announce that the National Aquarium in Baltimore has chosen Monsignor Slade as one of its partner schools for the Terrapins in the Classroom program. Our terrapin will arrive on September 29, 2021, and she will be housed in our Discovery Zone classroom.

She was hatched on Poplar Island just two weeks ago and is pictured above. Currently, the NAIB is caring for and preparing her to join us. Our Green School Team students will be taking care of her throughout the year. In early spring, she will be released on Poplar Island to start her independent life as part of the bay ecosystem.

Stay tuned for more information and pictures in future weekly updates.





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.

RSVExplained

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

A *highly contagious illness* that causes infection of the lungs and breathing passages.

Symptoms include:

- Severe cough
- Wheezing and rapid breathing or difficulty breathing
- Fever



Droplet Transmission

RSV is **spread through droplets** from coughs and sneezes.

Droplets transferred from:

- Hard surfaces (i.e. doorknobs)
- Clothing
- Skin-to-skin contact

Treatment

If your child has contracted a respiratory virus, **treatment includes**:

- Nasal suctioning
- Keep child hydrated

Call Your Child's Doctor...

Contact your provider if your child starts displaying the following:

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- Decreased activity
- Prolonged illness
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Signs and Symptoms of Strep Throat

Usually include:

- Sore throat starts quickly
- Pain when swallowing
- Fever
- Red and swollen tonsils, sometimes with white patches or streaks of pus
- Tiny red spots on the roof of the mouth
- Swollen lymph nodes in the front of the neck

Typically do not include:

- 🔀 Cough
- 🔀 Runny nose
- 🔀 Hoarseness
- 🔀 Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

Explanation of the Service Hours Program for 2021-2022

Each family with students enrolled in grades Pre-K4 (Full Day) - 8 will be responsible for completing its own hours. Participants must be 21 years of age or older. Any high school age child that assists for any school function will only be able to receive credit towards his/her high school community service hours. Service hours cannot be shared among families or friends.

Please note: It is your responsibility to sign in with the chairperson so that you receive proper credit for hours worked.

Only activities listed below, or approved by the Support Programs Coordinator in writing, will qualify for Service Hours Program credit. You will be notified through the weekly update of any additional events or opportunities to earn service hours as they become available. Excess hours cannot be carried over to the following school year.

<u>Advancement Committee</u> - Volunteers are needed with experience in areas such as marketing, advertising, publishing, communications, relationship-building, and/or grant-writing, to assist the Advancement Office in promoting and increasing the visibility of Monsignor Slade Catholic School. Requires attendance at monthly meetings and participation in sub-committees. Meeting and subcommittee work will involve after-school and/or weekend volunteer time.

<u>Baking for Events</u> - Please note: As of September 1, 2021, it is uncertain as to whether or not COVID protocols will allow home-baked goods. If you choose to bake for events, you will be notified of upcoming events and the type of baked goods needed. You must send in one cake, two dozen cupcakes or two dozen brownies, etc., to receive one hour of credit for each event. No credit will be given for store-bought items. A list of the baking events include: Christmas at Slade, three Grandparents' Days, Boo Family Bingo, as well as other possible events. If you are interested in baking to complete your service hours, please be sure to sign up for this committee. The Support Programs Coordinator will be in contact with you to supply a list of any approved baking opportunities throughout the school year.

<u>Classroom Aide/Volunteer</u>- You may work any day, Monday through Friday, in the kindergarten through 8th grade, as needed by a teacher. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher for further information as to dates, times, etc. Aides assist the teacher by working with individual students or small groups of students. Hours will be credited for services performed between 8:15 and 2:15 p.m. In order to receive proper credit for your service hours, you must indicate "Classroom Aide" and the homeroom number for which you are assisting when you sign in at the Front Office. Participants must be 21 years of age or older. All participants must be VIRTUS-compliant.

<u>Club Volunteer</u> - Parents volunteer to run or assist the club moderator in various capacities. All participants must be VIRTUS-compliant.

<u>Hospitality Committee</u> - This committee is typically structured with an overall chairperson who oversees several sub-committees. Each committee will be responsible for set-up, including making coffee and punch, serving and clean-up.

Committee #1 - New Parents' Night; Open House – Hospitality not scheduled at this time due to COVID Committee #2 - October 6 and 7, 2021 - Muffins with Mom; February 23 and 24, 2022 - Donuts with Dad Committee #3 - April 11, 12 & 13, 2022 - Grandparents' Days.

You will be scheduled by the Hospitality Committee Chairperson to work for these receptions and/or socials. All participants must be VIRTUS-compliant.

<u>Maintenance</u> - Assist our maintenance engineer with the grounds work, painting, hauling, and more. Weekday and weekend opportunities are available. If interested, you are responsible to contact our Facilities Manager at (410) 766-1598 and leave a message. Be sure to include your daytime phone number.

<u>Office Volunteer</u> – The school office needs volunteers who can do occasional clerical work. At-home volunteer work would include: making phone calls, stuffing envelopes, applying labels and postage to mailings, etc.

<u>Parent Cleaning Days</u> – Whenever parent cleaning days are scheduled, parents come to school to do some general cleaning and yard work. This event takes place from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday mornings. You will receive one hour of credit for every hour worked.

<u>Sports Programs</u> - Sports hours are earned as follows: Offices: Athletic Council Officers - 12 hours; Sports Commissioners - 12 hours; Teams: Coach - 12 hours; Assistant Coach (up to two per team) - 10 hours; Event Monitor - 10 hours; Team Parent - 5 hours. Any questions may be directed to the Athletic Council members listed in the Handbook or on the Slade sports website—www.sladesports.com. All participants who are planning to volunteer in the sports program must be VIRTUS-compliant.

<u>Uniform Exchange</u> - Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize donated uniforms prior to the scheduled uniform exchange sale. During the event, volunteers help shoppers locate desired uniform items. The Uniform Exchange is held three times per year with volunteers expected to work from 2:00-6:30 p.m. All volunteers must be VIRTUS-compliant.

Home and School Association Activities

For the following Home and School Association activities, the Service Hours Program will credit your account as follows: For every hour worked, you will receive one hour of credit, with the exception of those people who are appointed chairperson. The chairperson will receive a full 12 hours of credit for chairing these activities.

<u>Sports Cards Shows</u>: Help is needed to set up tables and chairs early in the morning, give general assistance during the day, and clean-up after the event. Please note: Hours for May & June shows will be applied to the 2022-2023 school year.

<u>Race for Slade</u>: This event takes place during the school day. Parents are needed to man checkpoint stations throughout the race. All participants must be VIRTUS-compliant.

<u>Family Boo Bingo</u>: This event requires people to assist as kitchen crew and/or floor workers during family bingo. All participants must be VIRTUS-compliant.

<u>Christmas at Slade</u>: This event requires organizing or working on the various committees, set-up, working the December event, and clean-up. All participants must be VIRTUS-compliant.

<u>Bags & Bling Bingo</u>: This event requires people to assist as kitchen crew and/or floor workers during adult bingo. All participants must be VIRTUS-compliant.

<u>Flower Mart</u>: This event requires people to assist with setting-up and selling of the plants to the children and parents during school hours. All participants must be VIRTUS-compliant.



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Dear Monsignor Slade Families,

To make this process as simple as possible we are asking parents to print out the PDF file of the order form. If you do not have access to a printer, but would like to purchase photos please send in an envelope with the information below. All information must be on the outside of the envelope, having this information on the outside of the envelope will expedite the photo process.

Information needed if you do not have a printer and can't print an order form

- Student's name
- Mailing Address
- Homeroom teacher
- Grade
- Day time phone number
- Package you're purchasing
- Amount of money enclosed in envelope or online payment confirmation code.

All order forms must be visible to the photographer, please do not enclose them in a payment envelope. If you have any questions please call our Studio or email us.

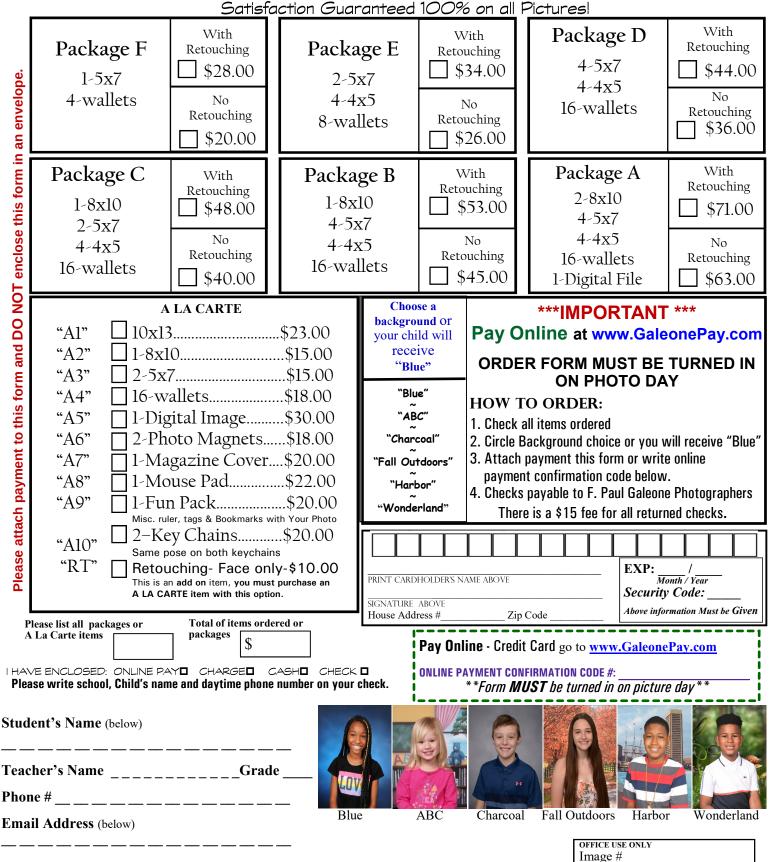
Sincerely, **Galeone Photo Team**

F. Paul Galeone Photographers

2161 Greenspring Dr • Timonium, MD 21093 • 410-252-5355 Monsignor Slade Catholic School

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 PreK. Kindergarten, Middle School & Edu-Care Thursday, September 23, 2021 Grades 1-5 & Edu-Care

FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES, EACH STUDENT MUST HAVE SEPARATE ENVELOPE WITH HIS/HER OWN PAYMENT.





Scantron Performance Series Schedule for Testing Fall 2021

Grade(s)	Date	Time	Test
6-8	September 14, 2021	8:30-9:30 10:00-11:00	Math Reading
6-8	September 16, 2021	8:30-9:30 10:00-11:00	ELA Science
7 only	September 17, 2021	8:30-9:30	Social Studies**

Grade(s)	Date	Time	Test
3-5	September 20, 2021	8:30-9:30	Math
3-5	September 21, 2021	8:30-9:30	Reading
3-5	September 21, 2021	9:45-10:45	ELA
3-5	September 22, 2021	8:30-9:30	Science
3 & 5 only	September 23, 2021	8:30-9:30	Social Studies**

Grade	Date	Time	Test
2	September 27, 2021	8:30-9:30	Math
2	September 28, 2021	8:30-9:30	Reading
2	September 28, 2021	9:45-10:45	ELA
2	September 29, 2021	8:30-9:30	Science

Social Studies testing is for Grades 3, 5, and 7 only.

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HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (HSPT) PREP

****CURRENT 8th GRADE STUDENTS ONLY**** SEPTEMBER 28 - NOVEMBER 20 (8 WEEKS)

The Archdiocese of Baltimore High School Placement Test (HSPT) prep course is designed to prepare students to take the HSPT by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and test-taking strategies needed to maximize their performance. The instructor-led, online course will be held once a week for one hour and will include four weeks of reading, language, and verbal prep and four weeks of math and quantitative prep. Students will have two instructors throughout the course; one that specializes in reading and language and the other with expertise in math. The HSPT prep course will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7 - 8 PM, as well as Saturday morning from 9 - 10 AM. Students participating in the course will attend one weekly session for eight weeks. Families will register for the day and time that fits with their schedule and will be assigned to a course section based on this preference. Students will be required to purchase Barron's HSPT prep book and will be expected to complete weekly enrichment assignments throughout the course.

Program Cost: \$85 per student Registration: September 6th - 20th

Information & Registration: https://www.archbalt.org/schools/hspt-prep-course/



ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

5 PM TO 7 PM

Session #1: 5:05pm to 5:40pm **Session #2:** 5:45pm to 6:20pm **Session #3:** 6:25pm to 7:00pm

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LOGIN INFORMATION: https://bit.ly/AOBVirtualFairs



"A Charlie Brown Christmas" A production by Slade 3rd-5th graders Outdoor performances - December 11th, 12pm-3pm

Things to know before your child auditions:

- Everyone who auditions will get a role in our production.
- Our show will be performed outside on the MSCS field.
- Families will be asked to help find costume pieces for their children.
- You must be available with no conflicts each day until 4:30pm during the week of December 6th, as well as Saturday, December 11th, from 10-3:30pm.
- There will be no solo singing at the audition. You will be asked to read parts of the Charlie Brown script.
- There will be a panel of teachers that rate auditions and help make casting decisions.
- We will be in need of parent volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please email Mrs. Abbott at <u>k.abbott@msladeschool.com</u>
- You must sign up for an audition slot on the Sign-Up Genius <u>here!</u>