



WEEKLY UPDATE

MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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Be a Light for All to See
Matthew 5:16

Important News & Notes:

Calendar change: The Archdiocese of Baltimore has kindly granted all faculty and staff a day of rest on October 7th; therefore, **school will be closed on Wednesday, October 7th**, for regular classes (both in-person and remote), and, in addition, Edu-Care and Extended Care will be closed that day as well. Classes will resume on Thursday, October 8th.

Help Stop the Spread: Please view this video message [Help Stop the Spread](#). It is an important reminder from Dr. Hargens, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, about our ability to remain open for in-person instruction being dependent on our partnership with families.

From the School Nurse: In light of recent developments, Monsignor Slade Catholic School has created an email account specific to reporting COVID-19 and COVID-like symptoms. As a reminder, a COVID-like illness is defined as one of the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, OR two of the following: fever of 100.4 or higher, chills or shaking chills, muscle aches, sore throat, headache, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and congestion or runny nose.

In order to stay on top of presumptive and positive COVID-19 cases, we are asking that any and all symptoms be reported to covid19@mssladeschool.com as soon as they begin. In addition, we ask that you promptly alert us to additional symptoms as soon as they appear. Most importantly, please utilize this email to alert us of COVID-19 PCR testing on the date that it is performed. The only people who will have access to this email address are Principal Cox, Assistant Principal Slaton, and Nurse Lydon. Receiving this information in a prompt and timely manner is extremely important so that contact tracing can be performed as soon as possible.

Please include the following information in your email:

- Name
- Grade/Homeroom
- Last day child attended class
- When symptoms began
- What symptoms the child is experiencing
- Action plan: When do you plan on seeing a physician or getting a COVID PCR test?

Ideally, we will be able to alert the close contacts as soon as the symptomatic individual begins to experience symptoms, and as a result, limit the spread. In doing this, we can assure that all the students and faculty at Monsignor Slade remain as healthy as possible.

Student Absences: When in-person learners are sent home during the day due to results of contact tracing, they will be marked absent by the cohort teacher. Please note that the attendance record will be changed at the end of the day to reflect those students who attended class virtually once they returned home.

Important News & Notes (continued):

Family Income Survey: Each year, the Maryland State Department of Education tasks the Archdiocese of Baltimore schools with collecting family income data. Historically, families have received a paper form that is filled out and returned to school. This year, the information will be collected through a secure Google form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgzg7It0zs4nOXaAiWsZf9fMw0wOlm8d4ISVkhZrW0CO2_yQ/viewform. The information gathered through this survey is completely confidential and will assist Monsignor Slade Catholic School in receiving state textbook funding and grants. **Just a reminder that families are asked to complete one survey per student** enrolled in Pre-K-8th grades at Monsignor Slade. The survey takes approximately 2-4 minutes to do and they must be completed by October 15, 2020. We appreciate your prompt attention to this very important matter.

Slade Logo Masks: We still have a limited supply of Slade logo masks. Please use the following link to place an order for Slade logo masks: <https://forms.gle/KoSHy4k8pDVuuPx48>. The cost of the order will be charged to FACTS accounts. Masks will be bagged and delivered to students' homerooms. We will fill requests in the order they are received. The masks consist of four layers and are 100% cotton. They are available for \$5 each. Due to the nature of the product, all sales are final.



Grade Level Reminders:

Grades 2-8: Scantron Performance Series Testing: Attached to this update is a revised schedule for the Scantron Performance Series testing, which is currently being conducted in our school. Students in grades 2-5 will need to have headphones or wired earbuds for use during their test as there is audio assistance on parts of the math assessment. Remote learners will be taking the Scantron at the same time as in-person learners. Login information will be sent home to each remote student in grades 2-8 on the evening before the test is scheduled to take place.

Grades 4-8: Last week, Mr. Osment presented a virtual band demonstration for grades 4-8. The demonstration is available on the Instrumental Music Program website at www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org. If your child is interested in joining Slade's virtual school band, please fill out the registration form from the Instrumental Music Program which is attached to this update and mail it to the address on the form. There is also a flyer attached from Music and Arts with information about renting an instrument. If you have any further questions about the band program, please contact Mr. Osment at sladeband@comcast.net.

Grade 8: The HSPT Registration Portal is now open. Click on the link to register your students for the December 2, 2020, test which will be held here at MSCS. The cost of the test is \$40 and must be paid online when you register. Be sure to select Monsignor Slade (005) as the site where your child will test. <https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/baltimore.php>.

Grades 6-8: The Archdiocese of Baltimore will host a Virtual High School Fair for all prospective families interested in local Catholic high schools on Monday, September 28, 2020, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Participating schools will rotate live video sessions and families may register for up to three sessions. Please visit <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/our-schools/high-school-admissions/virtual-admissions/> to register for the event and to receive access details.

VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS

September 28, October 6
and October 19 | 5-7 PM

17 High Schools
(Boys, Girls, and Co-ed Schools)



Advancement Announcements:

Slade Parents/Guardians: If you haven't already done so, please log-in to your [SchoolAdmin Parent Portal](#) to complete the Technology Acceptable Use/Media Release form for your student(s).

It's National Box Tops Week! There are still a few days remaining to invite friends to support Monsignor Slade or earn Bonus Box Tops! Helping Slade is simple! Download the app, shop, and scan! A list of participating products for this year can be found at [BTFE.com](#).



Class of 2017 Graduates! We will be planning a reunion event in the spring whether virtual or in-person with masks and social distancing. We invite a few members of your class to offer ideas/input as we plan, then help to spread the word. Interested? Email Mrs. Hilmer c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com.

Tell your Slade story! In a short video (1 minute or less) feature Slade students, families, or alumni. Mrs. Hilmer kindly requests .mp4 or .mov format. Inspiration and instructions are available via [slideshow](#) or the flyer shared. For specific questions or to discuss technical difficulties when sharing your files, please contact Mrs. Hilmer, c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com or 410-766-7130

Do you know any Monsignor Slade alumni who graduated during a year ending in one? We would like to feature the following classes during the anniversary year of their graduation: 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001, & 2011. Please share our alumni update link: mssladeschool.com/alumni

September Photo Challenge

1. First day of school photo
2. Fall sport/activity (i.e. football, soccer, apple-picking)
3. Favorite accomplishment in a new grade
4. Attending the virtual high school fair
5. Support your teacher(s) & administrators
6. Monsignor Slade friends
7. First sign or signs of fall you find
8. Back to school/virtual learning (homework, backpack, new uniforms, workstation)

September Photo Challenge

Even as we are social distancing and learning remotely, Monsignor Slade families can still ensure their student(s) shine in the spotlight on Monsignor Slade's website and social media feeds. Just participate in the September Photo Challenge.

Visit us on the Web!
www.msladeschool.com

Sports Section:

The Athletic Council needs your help to fill an available position for the 2020-2021 school year. Please consider joining us as we strive to offer the students a variety of athletic opportunities here at Slade. We need to fill the position of Co-commissioner for Lacrosse. This is a perfect opportunity to be trained by the current commissioner on the ins and outs of running the program before their children graduate next June. **All interested parties should email the Athletic Council president at sladeacpresident@gmail.com for more information on how to apply.**

Commissioner Duties

Earns all 12 required service hours each year.

The Duties of the Co-Commissioner:

- Administer all aspects of the sports program to ensure its effective and efficient management while adhering to the Slade Athletic Policy, Slade Values Code, Archdiocesan policy, and school policy.
- Provide for consistency in operation among the individual lacrosse teams where applicable.
- Participate in Athletic Council meetings.
- Cast a vote as an active member of the Council.
- Manage all aspects of the Sports program budget, including the submission of annual budgets to the school administration.
- While in season, prepare and submit monthly reports regarding the Sports program to the Athletic Council.
- Work with the current Sports Commissioner on program scheduling and fields



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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.

Scantron Testing Schedule - Revised 9.25.2020

Grade	Date	Test
6	9/28/2020	8:35-9:35 Reading and 9:45-10:45 Language Arts
	9/29/2020	8:35-9:35 Math
5	9/28/2020	8:35-9:35 Reading and 9:45-10:45 Language Arts
	9/29/2020	8:35-9:35 Math
4	9/28/2020	8:35-9:35 Reading and 9:45-10:45 Language Arts
	9/29/2020	8:35-9:35 Math
3	9/30/2020	8:35-9:35 Reading
	10/1/2020	8:35-9:35 Language Arts
	10/2/2020	8:35-9:35 Math
2	10/5/2020	8:35-9:35 Reading
	10/6/2020	8:35-9:35 Language Arts
	10/8/2020	8:35-9:35 Math

JOIN THE SCHOOL BAND

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the program is to broaden the education of the child by giving him/her an understanding of music. Participation in the band gives the student a feeling of accomplishment which is becoming such a rare but valuable part of life. The mental and physical disciplines involved in learning to read and play music are of immeasurable value to the overall development of the child. Our purpose is to bring the experience of music to every child.

FORMAT

Classes are organized to offer instruction on band instruments to all interested students enrolled in the 4th through 8th grade. These classes are taught by highly qualified teachers. Classes meet once a week from October through May, except on school holidays (minimum of 28 lessons). Due to the limitation imposed by Covid-19, we have made changes to our format for this year. We are prepared to teach in-person or virtual lessons and how we proceed will be at the discretion of each school. The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount. All guidelines of the archdiocese and each school will be followed. Ideally students will be scheduled by instrument or level of achievement, but this year's groupings may be by cohort. Again, this will be determined by the individual schools. Our virtual lessons will take place after school hours and will be offered at different times throughout the week to accommodate the needs of our families. First year students do not become members of the school band until they reach a prescribed level of achievement. Second year students, with few exceptions, are full-fledged members of the school band. All band rehearsals will take place via Zoom. Instruction is offered on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn, bass guitar and snare drum.

TUITION

There is a **non-refundable** registration fee of \$25.00 for **one child** or \$50.00 **per family**. This is an annual fee and **MUST ACCOMPANY THE REGISTRATION FORM**. There is no increase in tuition this year. The **yearly** tuition for lessons is payable in two plans: monthly or by the semester.

MONTHLY PLAN

(9 installments through June)

One child - \$93.00 per installment

Family - \$142.00 per installment

SEMESTER PLAN

(2 installments, due October 15th and February 1st)

One child - \$410.00

Family - \$622.00

To ensure your child's name is included on the schedule, please mail the registration form and fee to our office as soon as possible. Those who choose the monthly plan should include the first month's payment; a payment coupon book will be mailed when the payment is received. If you choose the semester plan, you must register now but have the option of deferring the tuition payment until a little later; all semester payments must be received by October 15th to qualify for the discounted rate. **DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO SCHOOL**; please mail the form and all payments to our address. If you prefer to pay by credit card or set up recurring payments, please call the music program office at 410-442-5804. A small transaction fee will be assessed for all credit card payments. You may also set up auto-payments through your bank's website, and your bank will mail the check to us.

PLEASE NOTE: It is necessary for the children to participate for AT LEAST ONE YEAR if they are to develop to the point where they can see the value of continuing their music studies. Because the teachers' schedules are set according to the number of students at the beginning of the year, **WITHDRAWAL WILL NOT BE PERMITTED UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR** except for extraordinary circumstances such as moving, prolonged illness, the written request of the classroom teacher, or on the advice of the music instructor. The lesson schedule will be announced in the latter part of September.

INSTRUMENT RENTAL: In order to provide instruments at the lowest rental cost, the program has contacted Music and Arts. Information pertaining to their rental program was sent home with your child. If you have any questions regarding the instrument rental, please contact Music and Arts at 888-731-5396 or visit their website at www.MusicArts.com.

The registration form and additional information is available on our website at www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org. If you have any questions about the band program, please call our office at **410-442-5804**.

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM-BALTIMORE * P.O. BOX 418 * WEST FRIENDSHIP, MARYLAND 21794 * 410-442-5804
www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org

SCHOOL _____

STUDENT'S NAME _____ INSTRUMENT _____ GRADE _____

STUDENT'S NAME _____ INSTRUMENT _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS _____
(City, State and Zip Code)

HOME/CELL # _____ EMAIL _____

PLEASE INDICATE METHOD OF PAYMENT:

- (1) () **Monthly Installment Plan:** Enclosed is \$25.00 registration fee *plus* \$93.00 for one child; *or* \$50.00 per family *plus* \$142.00 per family. (The coupon book will be mailed to you upon receipt of your registration and first installment.)
- (2) () **Semester Payment Plan:** Enclosed is \$25.00 registration fee *plus* \$410.00 for one child; *or* \$50.00 registration fee *plus* \$622.00 per family. *To receive discounted tuition cost, semester payments are due by October 15th and February 1st.*
- (3) () **Semester Payment Plan:** Enclosed is \$25.00 registration fee for one child *or* \$50.00 per family. This option allows you to register but defer your semester payment until a little later. *The first semester payment must be paid by October 15th to qualify for the discounted rate. Second semester payment is due February 1st.*

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ENROLLS THE ABOVE CHILD(REN) FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR.

PARENT'S NAME (PRINTED) _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

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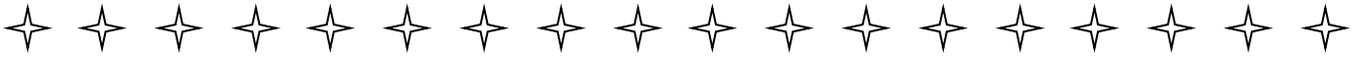
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Monsignor Slade needs your help with the 2020-2021 programs that will benefit our school and our students. Our success will depend on YOUR participation! Below is a summary of the programs and what you can do to help us with each of them. Thank you!



BOX TOPS PROGRAM

- ❖ Digital Box Tops are now being accepted by scanning your grocery store receipt with the BOX TOPS mobile app. Please download the app for your phone and choose our school to earn funds when you shop and purchase qualifying items.
- ❖ Slade still earns 10 cents for every box top collected.
- ❖ Some products still have the box top on them. Please send in all unexpired Box Tops from qualifying General Mills, Betty Crocker & Pillsbury products.



COCA-COLA GIVE

- ❖ Go to www.coca-cola.com/give/ and select 'Msgr. Slade Catholic School' to help us earn funds!
- ❖ Enter the codes from your favorite Coke products and designate them to Monsignor Slade.
- ❖ You can also use your phone to scan the code and earn points for our school.



ABITIBI PAPER RECYCLING

- ❖ Deposit your old school and office papers, mail, newspaper, magazines and catalogs in our green and yellow bin and help us earn money while keeping the Earth GREEN! (Remember, no plastic or cardboard is permitted in the bin.)



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Welcome to a new school year! Help support our school and earn money off your tuition while you shop with gift cards purchased through the *ShopWithScrip* program. This is also an easy way to purchase those much-needed holiday gift cards! For new families who have not yet enrolled, our school code is L1DBA58B28L12.

If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to contact Jonathan at mcs.scrips@gmail.com.



October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Virtual High School Fair 5-7 p.m.	7 Archdiocesan Day of Rest SCHOOL CLOSED	8	9	10
11	12	13 Advancement Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14 HALF-DAY Dismissal 12:15 p.m. Virtual Parent Conferences by appointment	15 HALF-DAY Dismissal 12:15 p.m. Virtual Parent Conferences by appointment	16 Archdiocesan Professional Day SCHOOL CLOSED	17
18	19 Virtual High School Fair 5-7 p.m.	20	21	22	23 Tuition Assistance Out-of-uniform Day \$2 per student	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31