



WEEKLY UPDATE

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Be a Light for All to See
Matthew 5:16

Important News & Notes:

Volunteers Needed:

We are so grateful for our parents, many of whom have contacted the school to ask how they can help. There are two areas of need where parents could greatly assist us: morning arrival on the parking lot and lunch/recess coverage. All volunteers must be VIRTUS-compliant.

We would like to form a parent volunteer cohort to help monitor lunch and recess each day between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This would allow teachers an opportunity to eat lunch and do some planning. Please click the link which will take you to a Google form where you can sign up: <https://forms.gle/P97YDtrq7p3Cvz8d7>

We would also like to form a parent volunteer cohort to help direct traffic in the mornings on the parking lot from 7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Please click the link which will take you to a Google form where you can sign up: <https://forms.gle/eFV29VwPCR93RzYNA>

We appreciate the willingness of our parents to provide much needed support to the school.

Travel Considerations:

Out-of-State Travel - To continue to promote the health and safety of our school community and to mitigate risk so that all students can continue to come to school, we ask our families to limit out-of-state travel. We are just getting back to in-person instruction after learning remotely for months. Families electing to proceed with travel out-of-state to ones with a 10% COVID-19 positivity rate or higher will be required to quarantine upon their return until such time as either they provide evidence of a negative test result for COVID-19 and are asymptomatic or they complete an entire 14-day quarantine. If students are well enough to log in, then teachers will do their best to accommodate students as remote learners as this is a health matter. Please use the following link to determine whether a planned trip is to a high positivity-rate state: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/testing-positivity>. Families who opt to travel to states with a less than 10% COVID-19 positivity rate will be allowed to return to school once travel has concluded.

Morning Drop-off Information: Thank you for your continued patience with parking lot procedures. This morning we were able to curtail any back-ups as we implemented three new changes:

- We moved the cones at the front of each line closer to the back fence so that more cars were accommodated in each lane.
- We opened an additional lane.
- Parents were able to elect to enter the shortest lane regardless of grade level, EXCEPT for vehicles containing a Pre-K4 child; vehicles containing Pre-K4 students will still need to funnel to the last lane closest to the armory in order to have their temperatures checked as required by MSDE.

Important News & Notes (continued):

We are asking that parents continue to display in bold the last names of any students in the vehicle on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper. **However**, we ask that the sign be placed on the passenger side of the dashboard or on the back of the sun visor so that it can be seen by staff who need to check for wellness survey compliance. Again, vehicles containing a Pre-K4 student **must** enter the lane closest to the armory.

Thank you to all the families who are completing the wellness survey each morning. This has been most helpful to us.

Masks: The students have been doing a wonderful job of keeping masks on this week! Please note from the CDC: *Masks with exhalation valves or vents should NOT be worn to help prevent the person wearing the mask from spreading COVID-19 to others.* As we are following CDC guidelines for masking purposes, students should not use masks with valves or vents.

Uniform Reminders: Just a few reminders as we start the year.

1. Shoes: Children in grades K-8 must wear one of four school-approved shoes, which may be purchased through the uniform company or a private vendor. (See flyer attached.)
2. Hair: Boys are expected to have neatly trimmed hair, which must fall above the eyebrows and at least half of the ear must be seen; thus, the hair should not be so long as to hang in their eyes or touch their collars.
3. Hair accessories: Girls are permitted to wear ribbons, barrettes, or headbands only in solid school colors of hunter green, white, red, yellow, or black. Headbands made from the uniform material are also acceptable. Hair accessories should be plain and should not be embellished with additional bows, jewels, flowers or other decorative items.
4. Masks: All masks must be plain and in the colors of the school uniforms: black, white, red, hunter green, and yellow. Please do not send your child in masks that are patterned, or have animal faces, shark teeth, etc.

For further information on the uniform policies mentioned above, please see pp. 44-47 in the 2020-2021 Parent & Student Handbook.

Forgotten Lunches: It is important to verify that a child has his/her lunch before he/she exits the car in the morning. As we will not have a lunch service, food will not be available at school. Parents will be notified that a lunch needs to be brought to school. Upon arrival, parents will need to ring the bell at the carport door and a staff member will retrieve the lunch from the parent as we must minimize visitors inside the building.

Advancement Announcements:



The Advancement Committee is seeking a new committee chair and 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@mssladeschool.com.



Advancement Announcements (continued):

Advancement Committee Meetings to begin virtually! The first meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Credentials to log in to the virtual meeting will be shared with you via email.

Refer friends and neighbors to check out Monsignor Slade Catholic School! Limited seats available in some grades! **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.

Seeking Monsignor Slade Parent Ambassadors from each grade level! Current Monsignor Slade parents who are interested in helping new families engage with the Monsignor Slade community and familiarize themselves with processes, procedures, and traditions. If you would like to support new families via phone and virtual connections, please sign up with Mrs. Hilmer. You can do so by e-mailing her with current contact information, and the grade levels you feel most comfortable supporting.

Counselor Connections:

Hello, Slade Families! My name is Andrea Burke, and I am overJOYed to be your new school counselor! I deeply treasure my vocation as a Catholic School Counselor, and I am grateful for this gift to serve in this community. I am mindful everyday that I have a special role in the lives of your children, your teachers, your support staff, your administrators, and you as well.



As we are embarking on this uniquely emotionally and educationally challenging school year, I want you to know that I am on this journey with you. Over the past several months, I have received training from many professionals in our local area and beyond through the Archdiocese of Baltimore focusing on anxiety and resiliency. I have over 20 years of experience in mental health and Catholic education. However, together, we are learning to cope with a global pandemic and staying “Slade Strong.”

Although this is a time of great loss, stress, confusion, and change, I pray we all find a little joy in our back to school life and give each other the grace we need to **Be The Light!** My face may be covered, but my heart is open to my new Slade home. I cannot wait to meet all of you soon.

God Bless!

Mrs. Burke
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Sports Section:

The Athletic Council needs your help to fill our last two positions!!! Please consider joining the Athletic Council!!! We need to fill a commissioner position for Soccer and 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 year. All interested parties please email sladeacpresident@gmail.com by September 11th for more information on how to apply. The voting will take place on September 16th.

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



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)

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. All you need to do is to participate in the **September Photo Challenge**, and send your photos to Mrs. Hilmer at c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com.

Be a light for all to see!



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:

There are only four uniform shoe styles approved to wear with the school uniform.

The following three shoe styles may be purchased from a private vendor (note the style name and color listed below), 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 fourth approved uniform shoe is also a Sperry shoe style, but it is only available through a private vendor. You will note that the shoe style and color names change slightly, depending on the size needed:



- 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-eyed or three-eyed 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 mssc@msladeschool.com.