

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

September 4, 2018

Wednesday, September 5 th :	All students in Grades 1-8 Pre-K and Kindergarten students with last name M-Z 12:15 Dismissal – No ESP
Thursday, September 6 th :	Full Day Session begins – all students in Grades Pre-K thru 8th ESP in session
Monday, September 10 th :	1 st day for kindergarten to buy lunch Last day to turn in summer homework without penalty
Tuesday, September 11 th :	8 th Grade HSPT online registration open
Week of September 17 th :	Book Fair preview begins (sales begin on Monday, September 24 th)
Tuesday, September 18 th :	Individual student pictures – Grades Pre-K thru 7 8 th Grade Parent High School Information meeting 7:00 PM
Wednesday, September 19 th :	8 th Grade cap and gown pictures and Pre-K thru Grade 7 make-up pictures
Thursday, September 20 th :	8 th Grade Field Trip – Terrapin Adventures 8:15 AM – 3:45 PM
Friday, September 21 st :	12:15 Dismissal – ESP in session (Tag Day!! See below for more information)
Week of September 24 th :	Book Fair sales begin
Monday, September 24 th :	HSA Parent Meeting 7:00 PM – uniform exchange begins at 6:00 PM
Tuesday, September 25 th :	School Liturgy 1:30 PM – for students only



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back! It was wonderful to have the students back today – what life and joy they bring to the classrooms and halls! I was also happy to see so many of you with us this morning at prayer even though I do not know most of you by name (yet). Thank you for the sacrifices that you make to send your children to a Catholic school. I know it not always so easy, but I wish that you could have seen some of what Mr. Lorenz and I saw as we went in and out of classrooms today. There is nothing in the world as wonderful as the first day of school.

Sitting down in one of the classrooms today and listening to the teacher guide the students through an activity, I had one of those moments when you kind of mentally step back and experience the beauty and the “deeper reality” of what is going on around you. I saw the fruits of the many hours of thought and preparation that had already been put in by our faculty and staff to provide safe, warm, welcoming, well-organized environments for the students. I saw crisp new uniforms, fresh backpacks, and all the little extras sent in from home. I also saw many moments of real artistry in the classroom as teachers set the tone for the days of learning to come. Today was a new beginning; each one of us is a unique and beautiful creation that is loved without measure; the possibilities are endless; we can do great things!

While there may not always be “bubbles and music” like there was this morning, I look forward to each new morning of this new year.

In Christ,
Ms. Baker

Wednesday, September 5th – Drop-Off Reminder

This is just a reminder that only parents of students in grades PK and K should walk their children in tomorrow. Students in grades 1-8 should walk in to their classrooms unaccompanied as usual. All parents are welcome to join us for morning prayer.

Back to School Night – Wednesday, September 5th – Pre K thru Grade 5

Parents are invited to meet with classroom teachers, Ms. Baker and Mr. Lorenz on Wednesday, September 5th at 6:00 PM for Grades PreK - 5. This program is limited to parents only (no students please) due to available seating in the classrooms.

Tag Day – Friday, September 21st

Friday, September 21st will be our first Tag Day for the school year. Students may dress out of uniform and wear yellow or gold to support Pediatric Cancer Awareness. Please remember the following may **not** be worn:

- Ripped Jeans or short shorts
- Tank tops or camisoles
- Flip-flops
- Skirts shorter than 2" above the knee unless worn with leggings or tights
- Inappropriate logo/phrases on shirts

The cost to dress out-of-uniform is \$1 – dollar bills only please – no coins! The money collected for this tag day will be donated to Johns Hopkins Children's Center, Division of Kids Helping Hopkins.

Parent Access (for all students)

Parent Access will open on Monday, September 10th. Parent access allows you to change your contact information, including how you wish to receive email and phone calls from the alert system. You are able to view any emails sent from the alert system in Parent Access. For grades 3-8, you will also be able to see your student's assignments and grades.

This week, new families will receive information on how to set up an account in your child(ren)'s take home folder. If your child(ren) attended School of the Incarnation last year, but you never set up an account, please send an email to Mrs. Oshenska at joshenska@schooloftheincarnation.org requesting an Access ID and password. If you created an account but cannot remember your username or password, also send an email to Mrs. Oshenska asking for your password to be reset. Middle school students will be receiving usernames and passwords for student access on their iPads.

School Mass

School masses will usually be scheduled once a month beginning in September. Due to the number of students in grades Pre- K thru Grade 8, we unfortunately cannot accommodate parents at school masses. Parents are always welcome to join us for morning prayer in Marian Hall at 8:20 AM any day. Parents joining us for morning prayer should see our receptionist in the lobby to get a visitor badge. Thank you for your understanding.