

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Friday, October 17th:	Spirit Wear Day 8th Grade Retreat - Our Lady of the Fields 8:15 AM - 2:15 PM
Tuesday, October 21st:	Tag Day - see below for more details
Wednesday, Oct. 22nd:	Feast Day celebration of St. Pope JP II: out-of-uniform day for Yellow House members only
Thursday, October 23rd:	Kindergarten Field Trip - Maryland Zoo 8:45 AM - 2:30 PM
Friday, October 24th:	Spirit Wear Day PAC Trunk or Treat 6:30 - 8:00 PM - gates open at 5:30 PM ESP closing at 5:30 PM
Monday, October 27th:	5th Grade Field Trip - Drownproofing - Arundel Swim Center
Tuesday, October 28th:	5th Grade Field Trip - Drownproofing - Arundel Swim Center
Wednesday, Oct. 29th:	House Meeting 8:30 - 10:00 AM - wear your house color!! School Mass 1:30 PM
Thursday, Oct. 30th:	Black and Orange Day - see below for more details Halloween Parade 2:15 PM
Friday, October 31st:	School Closed - Happy Halloween!
Sunday, November 2nd:	Daylight Savings Time Ends - remember to turn back your clocks
Monday, November 3rd:	Winter Uniform Begins Feast Day celebration of St. Martin de Porres: out-of-uniform day for TEAL House members
Wednesday, Nov. 5th:	Picture Make-up Day
Thursday, November 6th:	Fall Clubs and Sports Picture Day
Friday, November 7th:	Spirit Wear Day 2nd Gr. Field Trip - DC Basilica 8:45 AM - 2:30 PM
Tuesday, November 11th:	Fall Open House for Prospective Students 8:30 - 11:00 AM
Wednesday, Nov. 12th:	Vision & Hearing testing for PreK, K, 1st, 8th and all new students Grades 4 - 8 School Mass 1:30 PM
Friday, November 14th:	End of Trimester 1 Remote Day of school for students
Wednesday, Nov. 19th:	HSPT for 8th grade students Grades K - 3 School Mass 1:30 PM
Tuesday, November 25th:	Grandparent & Special Friends Day - stay tuned for more details



Tag Day - Tuesday, October 21st

Tuesday, October 21st will be a Tag Day. There is no dress theme for this tag day - please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for tag day/out-of-uniform guidelines. Students who have PE on Tuesdays must wear sneakers. **The cost to dress out-of-uniform is \$1 – dollar bills only please – no coins.** The money collected will be donated to Happy Helpers.

Sibling Applications for the 2026-2027 School Year

Applications for new students (**not current students**) are now available on our school website. Click here to apply - [Application Link](#)

Save the Date!

We are excited to welcome our grandparents and special friends to school on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 for a morning full of fun, laughter, and memory-making! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details about this special tradition.



Thursday, October 30th

On Thursday, October 30th students may dress in orange and/or black and wear Halloween accessories – hair ribbons, necklaces, socks, ties, etc. (no masks or props). Students also have the choice to wear Spirit Wear or their regular uniform. Please refer to the Parent and Student Handbook for out of uniform guidelines.

Students in PreK – 3rd may wear the regular clothes-like parts of their costume to school if it makes it easier to change. For example, if a student is dressing like a cat and is wearing leggings and a sweatshirt, they could wear that all day and add the ears and tail for the parade. Or if a student is dressing like a minion and wearing overalls and a yellow t-shirt, they could wear that all day. Otherwise, students should wear black and/or orange or Spirit Wear and change into their costume for the parade.



Dismissal on Thursday, October 30th

- Since the parade begins at 2:15, parents who need to sign their children out for an **early dismissal must do so BEFORE 2:00 PM.**
- **Any parents who want to join us on the field for the parade** may do so. The gates will open at 2 PM. Please park as you would for dismissal - and you can just walk over to the athletic field. The "spectators" will line the perimeter of the field.
- **Parents who are arriving earlier in the afternoon for classroom parties** - please park in the spaces as far up at the top of the parking lot (closest to the school) as possible. Depending on what party you are helping with, if you have time between the party and the parade, please move your car to the bottom of the lot into dismissal formation.
- **After the parade, ALL STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM** and dismiss as normal.

Vision and Hearing Screening – Volunteers needed – Can you help??

On Wednesday, November 12, 2025, we will be conducting hearing and vision screenings for our PreK, Kindergarten, 1st, 8th grade students and all new students joining SOTI this year. The screenings will be organized and supervised by the Lion's Association for Sight and Hearing of Maryland, Inc. (L.A.S.H.), who will also provide training for our volunteers.

To make this important event successful, we are seeking 15-18 VIRTUS-certified parent volunteers. While some parents will screen students, we also need additional hands to keep things flowing and walk students to and from the screening. There will be a training session for volunteers from 8:00 to 8:30 AM, after which screenings will continue throughout the school day until all students have been seen. Volunteers are welcome to participate for the entire day or for a portion of it.

Your support is crucial for this event to take place. We hope you will consider volunteering to help our students receive these essential screenings. **Contact Sue Toth, RN at stoth@schooloftheincarnation.org if you can help** or for any questions.

Looking for a fun way to get more involved in our school community? We need you!

Whether you love planning events, helping with outreach, or sharing creative ideas, there's a place for you. We are currently seeking volunteers for:

- **Development Core Team** - Help with our general fundraising efforts
- **Gala Committee Members** - Join in the planning of our largest fundraiser of the year
- **Gala Basket Parents**– Coordinate the silent auction basket for your child's homeroom



Check out the attached flyer for more information and to sign up. Joining a committee is a wonderful way to meet other parents, support our students, and make a lasting impact.

For questions or more information, please contact Meghan Brown at mbrown@schooloftheincarnation.org.

Feast Day Celebrations

Wednesday, October 22nd-

Wednesday, October 22nd is the Feast Day of **Pope St. John Paul II** and students who are members of his house (Yellow House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **YELLOW**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

Monday, November 3rd-

November 3rd is the Feast Day of **St. Martin de Porres** and students who are members of his house (Teal House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **TEAL**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

2025-2026 School Year

October 31: School Closed

November 14: End of Trimester 1 - remote day for students

November 26 - 28: Thanksgiving break

December 22 - January 2: Christmas break

February 27: End of Trimester 2 - remote day for students

April 3 - 10: Easter break

June 6: 8th Grade graduation

June 10: Last day of school



*link to school calendar:

<https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/events/calendar>

The Spirit Wear store is always open!!

The new Spirit Wear store will stay open year round. Items may change based on the season or special events. These items will be shipped directly to your home.

<https://chesapeakedistribution.com/collections/school-of-the-incarnation>



BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Arts and Crafts Club members made an Autumn themed "stained glass" cross using tissue paper, religious themed wooden magnets, and then had free time to draw, color, and make cards during their first meeting last week.

The Creation and Imagination Club members had fun making paper bag puppets! Then they decided on names and stories about their character in order to take turns sharing with the group. They also made religious themed wooden magnets.

Knights Chess Club members learned or were reminded about the basics of playing chess and then played games against each other in order to practice their skills.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our school and parish communities are blessed with many gifted individuals. Please consider volunteering your time and talents with the Beyond Program! Volunteers receive 50% off the registration fee for 1 child. If you have any questions or ideas for a club, please contact our school's Auxiliary Services Coordinator, Amy Santini at asantini@schooloftheincarnation.org

GENERAL INFORMATION REMINDERS

- Middle School Students who are in need of service hours can email Miss Santini to find out more about which clubs and what days are available for this opportunity.
 - At the end of each club meeting, students are brought to the front doors to meet parents for pick up. ***Thank you for being on time, parking in the lot, and walking to the sidewalk*** to let the volunteers and/or Miss Santini know that you're taking your child. ESP students are taken back to their ESP class if parents haven't arrived.
 - Snacks are optional. If brought, it should be a quick, healthy item (fresh or dried fruit or vegetable, applesauce pouch, and a small protein bar are great options). Please...NO candy, chips, cookies, etc. Labeling the food item with "club snack" is helpful to avoid it being eaten at lunch.
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Parent Advisory Council News

Trunk or Treat - SOLD OUT!!

It's almost time for Trunk-or-Treat and we're excited to have you join us on our campus for this fun-filled community event. Below you will find additional information about the event to help you get ready and in the Halloween spirit. Please read this in its entirety as there are several new items this year.

Please remember that while this is a SOTI event, **the school is not providing supervision for the students. All students and children are under the care and supervision of their parents/supervising adults.** We ask that you be especially aware of young children both at the beginning and end of the event while cars will be moving for parking and leaving our lot. **All cars must follow the direction of police and SOTI volunteers during arrival and dismissal.**

SOTI PAC Presents : TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 24 2025

6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Parking lot opens at 5:30



What happens at the Trunk or Treat?

Trunk or Treat is a version of trick or treating, but instead of children going door-to-door to collect candy, they go from trunk to trunk. The Trunk or Treat will take place right here in our own parking lot. This is a great opportunity to trick or treat with school friends you might not ordinarily see on Halloween!

Is there an age limit for the Trunk or Treat?

No! All students grade Pre-K – 8th grade are invited to participate – and their siblings and friends!

Do I have to purchase a parking spot in order for my child/children to participate?

Yes. The \$20 admission fee includes your parking spot and the opportunity for all of the children you bring in your vehicle to trick or treat, participate in the costume contests, and enjoy the DJ. Children/adults may not park in the neighborhood and walk onto the campus to join other families and participate in the event.

What type of food and drink will be served?

Only pre-purchased pizzas and Chick-Fil-A sandwiches can be claimed in front of the school building beginning at 6:00 P.M. the night of the event.

What should my child wear?

A Halloween costume! School rules for Halloween costumes should be followed: costumes may not be bloody or include weapons of any kind.

Can I / Must I decorate my car?

Decorating "trunks" is optional. A prize will be awarded for the most "Spooktacular" trunk. No time to decorate? No problem! A bowl of candy is all you need!

Do I need to provide my own candy?

Yes. We also ask that all participants adhere to the school's peanut free policy and refrain from handing out candy that contains peanuts. Candy that is labeled "may contain" or "made in a facility with" is permissible.

What if it rains?

The Trunk or Treat will go on as scheduled in light rain. If we need to cancel, a decision will be made by 3:00 P.M. on October 24th. The event will be rescheduled for the next day, Saturday, the 25th. No refunds will be issued in the case of rain.

Can I invite friends or family that do not attend School of the Incarnation?

Absolutely! However, they must arrive with you in your vehicle. Children/adults may not park in the neighborhood and walk onto the campus to join other families and participate in the event.

What time will the parking lot open?

The parking lot will open at 5:30 P.M. All trunks must be set-up by 6:20, at which point the parking lot will be closed for the safety of the children.

Can I reserve a parking spot to be next to friends?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate that type of reservation. Cars will be parked in the order that they arrive. If you want to be parked next to another family, you should plan on meeting up nearby and driving to SOTI in a mini caravan, entering the parking lot at the same time.

How will exiting the lot be handled this year?

The event will conclude at 8:00 PM. As you prepare to leave, we kindly ask everyone to collect any trash in your area and dispose of it in the garbage bag provided upon entry. For safety, the parking lot will be **completely blocked off**, and dismissal will take place **row by row** under the direction of our parking volunteers. Volunteers will be easy to spot in **reflective vests** and using **light-up wands**. Please remain parked until instructed to move to ensure an orderly exit to keep everyone safe.

PAC Contact Information

Melissa Reagan, Brittany Musgrove & Theresa Booker
PAC@schooloftheincarnation.org

PAC Facebook Page

Did you know the PAC has an [official Facebook page](#)? Join today to stay up to date on important PAC news and events! Please make sure you answer the qualifying questions to be added.



The God Spot

Adoration Volunteers Are Needed for November 7th

On Friday, November 7th we will have Adoration in our school chapel. We are looking for volunteer adorers to provide coverage for 30-60 minute blocks between the hours of 8:30-2:30. This will allow the teachers to bring their classes in for adoration according to their schedule throughout the day.

To volunteer, please click on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AFA92AA5F5C25-51656332-volunteers>

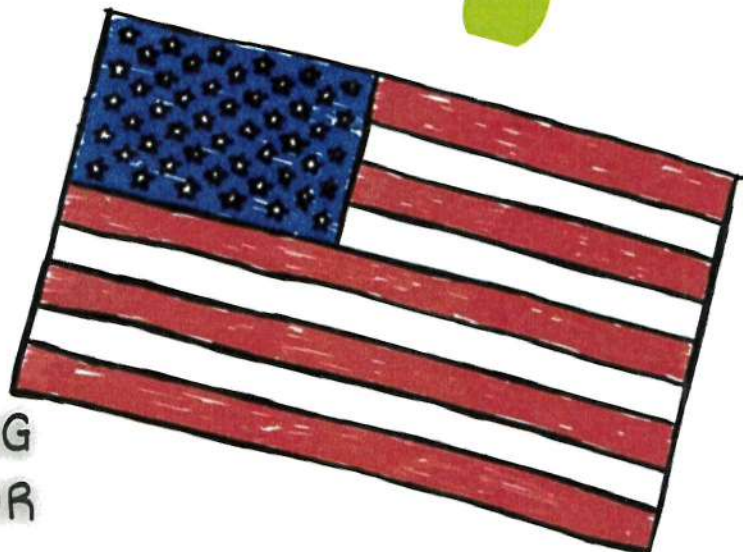
For general information on Adoration, you may want to visit the following website for Catholic articles and resources: <https://catholic-link.org/how-to-go-to-adoration-eucharist/>

Weekly Rosary

Parents, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in saying the rosary on Wednesday mornings at 7:15 a.m. in the chapel (enter through front doors – chapel through door to immediate right). We hope that you can join us for all or part of the rosary! Questions - please contact Ms. Hinton at chinton@schooloftheincarnation.org



VETERANS DAY POSTER CONTEST FOR K-5



THEME: HOW ARE YOU SHOWING
PATRIOTISM AND SUPPORT FOR
YOUR COUNTRY?

WIN A \$25 TARGET GIFT CARD

USE THE THEME TO CREATE YOUR POSTER.

- NO LARGER THAN 18 X 24 IN
- MUST BE ORIGINAL WORK
- COMPUTER GENERATED ART OR PRINTING NOT ALLOWED

DUE: NOVEMBER 6TH

TURN IN TO YOUR TEACHER
REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR
FIRST AND LAST NAME AND
YOUR GRADE ON THE BACK!

ONE WINNER CHOSEN FROM
K-1-2 AND 3-4-5



Grandparents & Special Friends Day

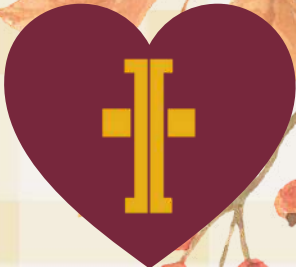
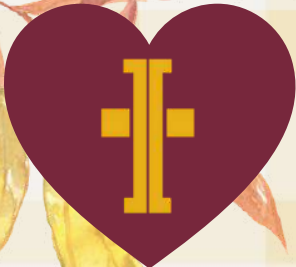


SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 25, 2025

♥ *A special day for special people* ♥

Invitations and other important information for this special day will be coming home soon. Until then, please let all grandparents and special friends know to **SAVE THE DATE!**



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2026

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New Family Referral Program

Our current Incarnation families are by far the best ambassadors for spreading the word about our school! Our New Family Referral Program rewards current families with a one-time \$250 tuition credit for referring a new family who applies and enrolls. Here's how it works:

- If you know of a family that you believe may be interested in School of the Incarnation, complete the "New Family Referral Form" below and submit to the school office.
- Reach out to the family and share your experiences at School of the Incarnation. Share with them the reasons you have chosen Catholic education and why you think they should do the same. Let them know that you have or will refer their information to the school and that an admissions representative will call or email them to provide more information.
- For each new family that applies and enrolls at least one full-time student, a \$250 tuition credit will be awarded to the current referring family after the new student has been in attendance for 30 days.
- Siblings of current students and previously enrolled students do not qualify as new families. Staff members are not eligible for the referral credit.
- Note that this form must be on file in the front office before the new family has contacted the school on their own for information or to visit so it is best to submit the form as soon as possible after speaking with the new family. In other words, the referral form is not retroactive and you are not eligible for the referral if the family contacts school before the referral.
- This referral program is open to all families with students currently enrolled in PreK4-Grade 8.
- Referral fees are limited to one per family per academic year.

Current Family

Parent name(s)

Student name(s) /Grade(s)

Address

City, State, MD

Phone

Email

New Family

Parent name(s)

Student name(s)/Grade(s)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

How do you know this family? ☐Work ☐Friend ☐Relative ☐Neighbor
☐Church ☐Community ☐Other_____

Any information we should know?_____

By signing below, I confirm that I personally know this family and have shared the good news about School of the Incarnation with them. I understand that an Admissions representative from the school will be contacting this new family to provide more information and invite the family for a tour. I have read and understand the guidelines of the New Family Referral Program. Contact Casey Boswell at 410.519.2285 with any questions.

Signature_____

-Office use only- Form submission date_____ Contact date_____
Enrollment date_____ \$250 tuition credit date _____

I WANT TO GET INVOLVED AT SOTI!

WHERE DO I START?
HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?



Join the Development CORE Team

The CORE Team works together to identify alternative sources of funding for the school; fosters and develops relationships with the greater community; seeks out opportunistic partnerships within the community; and creates financial sustainability.

Become a Member of the Gala Committee

The Gala is our largest fundraiser of the year. Join us in our planning and help make this year's Gala the best one yet!

Become a Gala Basket Parent

As the Gala basket volunteer for your class, you will create the silent auction basket for your homeroom and be responsible for sending out emails to your class with Gala updates, such as ticket sales, sponsorship information, and donation opportunities.

Stay informed, share ideas, get involved!

**JOIN THE VOLUNTEER
INTEREST LIST**



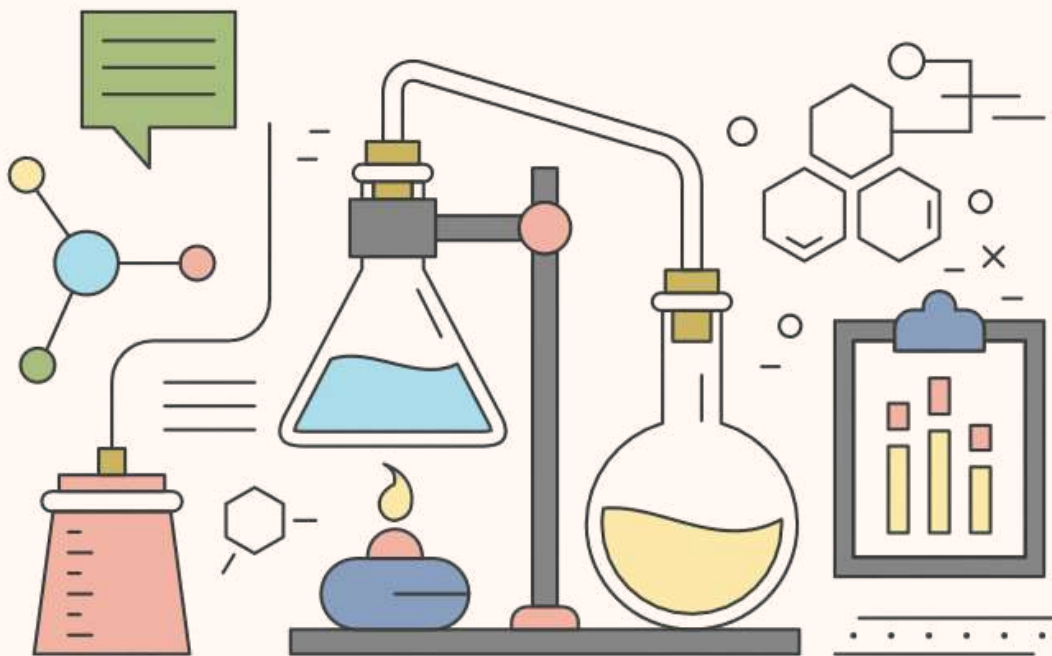
For questions or more information contact:
mbrown@schooloftheincarnation.org



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FAMILY FUN FAIR **preK-12**

Sunday November 16th
9:00am-12:00pm

JOIN US!



REGISTER NOW

Location: Notre Dame of
Maryland University: 4701 N
Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21210

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: FREE

Audience: preK-12

**SCAN
ME!**



For more information & questions please contact Chelsea McClure (cmccclure@ndm.edu)