

#### School of the Incarnation Newsletter



#### Thursday, October 2, 2025

Friday, October 3rd: School Closed – Professional Development

Wednesday, October 8th: Picture Day for students in grades 5 - 8 (see below for more info)

Thursday, October 9th: Picture Day for students in grades PreK - 4 (see below for more info)

Friday, October 10th: Spirit Wear Day

Monday, October 13th: No school for Students - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, October 14th: Feast Day celebration of Saint Carlo Acutis: out-of-uniform day for **Red** House members only

Friday, October 17th: Spirit Wear Day

8th Grade Retreat - Our Lady of the Fields 8:15 AM - 2:15 PM

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

\*\*\* TICKET LINK BELOW \*\*\*

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

Friday, October 31st: School Closed - Happy Halloween!

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

#### Picture Day is Next Week

Wednesday, October 8th for students in grades 5 - 7 and 8th grade Cap & Gown

Thursday, October 9th for students in grades PreK - 4

There is no pre-ordering for individual picture day. Each family will receive an email within 2 - 3 weeks of picture day with a link to a private gallery. Packages, digital downloads and prints will be available. Orders will ship to the school, if placed by the deadline.



Students may come out of uniform, but should wear sneakers if they have PE. Please see the Parent Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

8th grade students must wear their white button-down (winter uniform) shirt and boys must wear ties. The school will give students a graduation gown to wear over the winter shirt. 8th grade students can wear non-uniform shorts or pants with their uniform shirts. They can also wear a white t-shirt underneath their uniform shirt and take their uniform shirt off after their portrait. Please see the Parent Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

#### 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.



#### 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.

#### Parent Student Handbook Update

The following information was added to the Parent Student Handbook regarding teacher communications:

Our teachers' primary focus during the school day is on their students, so they are not expected to check email or phone calls while teaching. They generally check messages at the start and end of the day and will respond within 24 hours. While some teachers may choose to work in the evenings or on weekends, they are not required to respond during those times.

#### **Feast Day Celebrations**

Tuesday, October 14th-

Sunday, October 12th is the Feast Day of **Saint Carlo Acutis**. His Feast Day will be observed on Tuesday, October 14th and students who are members of his house (Red House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **RED**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

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 3: Professional Day - No school for students

October 13: Parent/Teacher Conferences - No school for students

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



<sup>\*</sup>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**

Update:

Robotics Challenge Teams: Our two SOTI teams have begun this year's season by discussing expectations, assigning main jobs, and by brainstorming ideas for their Innovation Projects that will center around the theme of Archaeology.

Junior Joggers Running Club: The 1st and 2nd grade members began this week by discussing favorite healthy snack options, stretching, and running relays as well as seeing how many laps they could run in 10 minutes.

Dance and Cheer Squad: After their wonderful performance at Homecoming, the squad members continue to learn additional short dance routines along with practicing some fun "cheer" formations like tunnels and the rollercoaster!

#### **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.



#### Parent Advisory Council News

#### <u>Trunk or Treat</u> - Limited Number of Entry Tickets are still available to purchase!!

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. <u>Children/adults may not park in the neighborhood and walk onto the campus to join other families and participate in the event.</u>

#### 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 is 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. <u>Children/adults may not park in the</u> 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.

Please email pac@schooloftheincarnation.org with any additional questions!

#### Purchase ticket link: Trunk or treat tickets

#### **PAC Contact Information**

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

#### PAC Facebook Page

Did you know the PAC has an <u>official Facebook page</u>? Join today to stay up to date on important PAC news and events! Please make sure you answer the qualifying questions to be added.



#### Adoration Volunteers Are Needed for October 10th

On Friday, October 10th 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: <a href="https://catholic-link.org/how-to-go-to-adoration-eucharist/">https://catholic-link.org/how-to-go-to-adoration-eucharist/</a>

#### **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 <a href="mailto:chinton@schooloftheincarnation.org">chinton@schooloftheincarnation.org</a>

#### From the Community

#### **Soccer Shoot-Out Competition**

Knights of Columbus Council 2577 is holding a District Soccer Shoot-Out competition on Saturday October 4th, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the field behind St. Pius X Church/school in Bowie. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 6-18 and does NOT require entry fee or advanced registration. Winners are eligible to move on to the state championship. Contact Bill Dziwura (240) 484-8038 with any questions.





#### **October 2025 Lunch Menu**

#### TOMMY'S FOOD SERVICE @ School of the Incarnation

"Great Food for Great kids"

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Monday	Tuesday	1 Pancakes or French Toast Sticks Sausages, Tater Tots and Cinnamon Apples	2 Pizza Day  PAPA JOHNS  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.	3 Cafeteria Closed			
6 Corn Dogs or Chicken Nuggets French Fries Mixed Vegetables	7 Rotini in Marinara Sauce Meatballs Tossed Salad	8  Baked Potato Bar, with bacon bits, cheese, and sour cream. Served with a side of Steamed Broccoli	9 Pancakes or French Toast Sticks Sausages, Tater Tots and Cinnamon Apples	Pizza Day Pizza Day Pizza Pizza Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.			
13 Cafeteria Closed	14 Shells in Marinara Sauce Meatballs Tossed Salad	15 Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers French Fries Veggies	16 Pancakes or French Toast Sticks Sausages, Tater Tots and Cinnamon Apples	Pizza Day  PAPAJOHS  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.			
20 Chicken Tenders or Chicken Nuggets French Fries Carrots	21 Baked Ziti with Marinara or meat Sauce Topped with Mozzarella Meatballs Tossed Salad	Boneless Chicken Wings served with a side of waffle fries, Carrots/Celery sticks with Ranch sauce	Pancakes or French Toast Sticks Sausages, Tater Tots and Cinnamon Apples	Pizza Day PAPA JOHIS Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.			
27 Chicken Patties Waffle Fries Carrots	Cheese Ravioli or Butter Noodles in Marinara Sauce Meatballs Tossed Salad	29 Pancakes or French Toast Sticks Sausages, Tater Tots and Cinnamon Apples	Pizza Day  PAPA JOHNS  Better Ingredients.  Better Pizza.	Cafeteria Closed			

**Combo lunch** is \$7.00. It includes the entrée, sides listed and a choice of milk, juice or water. **Hot dogs or grilled cheese** plus the sides and drink (milk, juice or water) is also a combo lunch. **See below for available daily items. The only exception is pizza day:** hot dogs and chicken nuggets are not available. We do not deep fry any food. **Prices and menu are subject to change without notice.** 

#### <u>Tuesday</u>: Ice Cream <u>Wednesday:</u> Nachos <u>Friday</u>: Ice Cream

Chicken Nuggets	\$3.75	GoGurt Yogurt Tube	\$1.05	Mac and Cheese	\$3.95
Homemade Soup	\$2.90	Pretzel Logs	\$1.95	Buttered Noodles	\$2.90
Chicken Noodle or		Fruit (Apple or Orange)	\$1.50	Chicken Patty Sandwich	\$3.95
Tomato or		Fresh Fruit Cup/Cereal	\$2.50	Chicken Tenders (3 pcs)	\$3.75
Vegetable		String cheese	\$1.05	Cheeseburger/Hamburger	\$3.95
Salad/Sandwiches		Pudding/Jello	\$2.00	Corn dog	\$2.90
Side Salad	\$2.00	Tuesday and Pizza Days		Meatballs (4 pcs)	\$2.75
Chicken, Tuna, Egg, Lg. Garden	\$5.50	Ice cream cup	\$1.10	Meatball Sub	\$4.00
Beverage		Twister	\$2.10	Pancakes/French toast/Waffles	\$3.75
Gatorade/Propel	\$1.85	Scooter bar	\$1.60	Pizza (1 slice)	\$2.95
Milk or Juice	\$1.00	Supreme cup	\$3.75	,	
Bottled Water	\$1.05	Cookies	\$1.30		
		Wednesdays ONLY			
		Nachos, Chips and Cheese	\$2.80		

Please call us at the school cafeteria 410-519-2285 Ext. 2504 or E-mail us at <a href="mailto:lunch@schooloftheincarnation.org">lunch@schooloftheincarnation.org</a> for any inquiries.

<a href="mailto:Nutritional Info">Nutritional Info</a>



# Grandparents & Special Friends Day



**NOVEMBER 25, 2025** 



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!



# 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



GATES OPEN AT 5:30 PM!
TRUNK OR TREATING FROM 6:30- 8 PM
PRIZES FOR \* BEST COSTUMES \*BEST
GROUPS \* BEST TRUNKS!!



TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

<u>CLICK HERE</u>



#### **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	New Family			
Parent name(s)	Parent name(s)			
Student name(s) /Grade(s)	Student name(s)/Grade(s)			
Address	Address			
City, State, MD	City, State, Zip			
Phone	Phone			
Email	Email			
<b>How do you know this family?</b> $\square$ Work $\square$ F	riend □Relative □Neighbor			
□Church □ (	Community   Other			
Any information we should know?	•			
Incarnation with them. I understand that an Admiss	nis family and have shared the good news about School of the ions representative from the school will be contacting this new mily for a tour. I have read and understand the guidelines of the at 410.519.2285 with any questions.			
Signature				
	Contact date			