

School of the Incarnation Newsletter



Thursday, October 9, 2025

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

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

Friday, November 14th: End of Trimester 1

Remote Day of school for students

Tuesday, November 25th: Grandparent & Special Friends Day - stay tuned for more details

Middle School Basketball Registration Reminder

To register your child for middle school basketball tryouts, please <u>click here</u>. Tryouts will be held the week of November 3rd (exact dates and times are TBD).



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 -3^{rd} 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.

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.

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 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

*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



SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION

BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

Volunteers Needed

The TRUNK OR TREAT event later this month is officially SOLD OUT, however we are still in need of volunteers to help make this event a success!!!

Please consider if you could share even <u>a little bit of your time</u>, (i.e. 30 minutes) before, during or even after the event and click on <u>VOLUNTEER SIGN UP</u> and we will reach back out to you with details prior to the event.

Again, we thank you for all of your support in helping to make this another SPOOK-TACULAR celebration for the entire SOTI community!!!

~ The Parent Advisory Council

<u>Trunk or Treat</u> - <u>SOLD OUT!!</u>

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!

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.



Can you help?? Adoration Volunteers Are STILL 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: 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

From the Community





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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



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 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.

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!

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!!



SOLD OUT!!!



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.

<u>Current Family</u>	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
How do you know this family? \square Work \square	Friend □Relative □Neighbor
	Community Other
Incarnation with them. I understand that an Admi	this family and have shared the good news about School of the ssions representative from the school will be contacting this new family for a tour. I have read and understand the guidelines of the well at 410.519.2285 with any questions.
Signature	
-Office use only- Form submission date	
Enrollment date\$2	250 tuition credit date