

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, November 6, 2025

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 PAC SOTI Spirit Night - Lime & Salt 4 - 8 PM - see attached flyer for details
Wednesday, Nov. 12th:	Vision & Hearing testing for PreK, K, 1st, 8th and all new students Grades 4 - 8 School Mass 1:30 PM
November 13 -21:	PowerSchool Parent Access turned off for the end of Trimester 1
November 13 -24:	NJHS Cereal Drive
Thursday, November 13th:	Tag Day - see below for more details 1st Gr. In-house Field Trip - Eco Adventures
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
Friday, November 21st:	Spirit Wear Day
Tuesday, November 25th:	Grandparent & Special Friends Day - stay tuned for more details
November 26 - 28:	School Closed - Thanksgiving Break
Sunday, November 30th:	Advent Begins
Friday, December 5th:	Spirit Wear Day PAC SOTI Express - stay tuned for more details
Monday, December 8th:	School Mass 1:30 PM
Tuesday, December 9th:	Feast Day celebration of St. Juan Diego: out-of-uniform day for ORANGE House members
Thursday, December 11th:	7th Gr. Science Fair
Friday, December 12th:	Spirit Wear Day SOTI Theater Club presents Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer 6:30 PM
Saturday, December 13th:	SOTI Theater Club presents Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer 6:30 PM



Tag Day - Thursday, November 13th

Tag Day Gala Winner, Max Bukowski, has declared next Thursday, November 13th will be a Tag Day. The dress theme is Purple and Yellow - please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for tag day/out-of-uniform guidelines. Students who have PE on Thursdays 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 the SPCA.

Veteran's Day - Tuesday, November 11th

In honor of Veteran's Day, the 5th grade will be singing God Bless America at Morning Prayer on Tuesday, November 11th. We would like to welcome all Veterans to join us in Marian Hall at 8:20 a.m. as a way of thanking them for their service.

PowerSchool Parent Access FYI

PowerSchool Parent Access will be turned off November 13 -21 for the end of Trimester 1.



Remote Day for students - Friday, November 14

Friday, November 14th (end of the first trimester) will be a remote day for students - an asynchronous learning day. **Please see the attachment at the end of the newsletter** for more information regarding asynchronous learning for end of trimester remote day and asynchronous learning for inclement weather day (snow day). They are very, very similar, but not identical. The difference is related to when work is posted.

Reminder

From the Parent Student Handbook:

Lunches from outside restaurants may not be brought into the cafeteria with the exception of the child's birthday. Students are not permitted to have lunches delivered to school by Door Dash or similar services. Parents may provide a special lunch for their child, not the child's classmates, on the child's birthday.

NJHS Cereal Drive

The National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a Cereal Drive from Thursday, November 13 to Monday, November 24. Our goal is to collect 1,000 boxes of cereal, which will be donated to local charities. Please bring in your cereal boxes and support the drive!

Grandparents & Special Friends Day

We can't wait to see all of our Grandparents and Special Friends on November 25, 2025! It is going to be a special day for our very special guests!

The event will be divided into 3 sessions based on grade level:

Session 1: 8:30-9:45 A.M. Grades 1, 4, 7

Session 2: 10:00-11:15 A.M. Grades Pre-K, K, 3, 6

Session 3: 11:30-12:45 P.M. Grades 2, 5, 8



For planning purposes, we ask that **all families** (whether you plan to have a guest attend or not) RSVP for this event using the Registration Form found [here](#) for **each child in your family**.

Can you help?

We need many helping hands to make this day special for our students and their guests! Please click this link for more information and to sign up: [Grandparents Day Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

A special note about this very special day:

As an act of service and gratitude, we ask that each student pack a snack to share with their grandparent or special friend. We encourage the students to complete this with as little parental assistance as possible so that the snack is truly a gift from them to their special guest.

Do you have questions? We have answers! Please see the attached FAQ for answers to the most common questions you may have about Grandparents and Special Friends Day. Contact Meghan Brown at mbrown@schooloftheincarnation.org for any further questions.

******Grandparents & Special Friends Day Lunch Change******

Due to our special event, the students will be eating in the classroom on Tuesday, 11/25, and all lunch purchases **MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE**. Orders will close at 9 AM on Friday, 11/21/25. Please use the link below to purchase your child's lunch. Please note: a separate form must be completed for **EACH** child in your family.

[Grandparents Day PrePaid Pizza Lunch Link](#)

Vision and Hearing Opt Out

On Wednesday, November 12, 2025, Hearing and Vision Screenings will be conducted for students in PreK, Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 8th grade, as well as for all new students at SOTI this year who have no record of screenings within the past 12 months. The screenings will be coordinated by the Lion's Association for Sight and Hearing of Maryland, Inc. (L.A.S.H.), who will oversee the process and train volunteers to perform the screenings. If your child is already receiving care from a vision or hearing specialist, or if you prefer that your child not participate in the screening, please complete this form by 5 pm Monday, November 10th.

[Vision & Hearing Screening Opt Out](#)

PreK Planning Survey

As the SOTI family grows and evolves, we are on the lookout to see how to best meet our community's needs. If you have a Little Knight who is a rising PreK student(s), aged 2, 3, or 4 years old, please take a moment to complete this form to help us plan for the future.

Click here to complete the survey: [PreK Survey](#)

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](#)

Vision and Hearing Screening – Volunteers are still 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.

Feast Day Celebrations

Tuesday, December 9th-

Tuesday, December 9th is the Feast Day of **St. Juan Diego** and students who are members of his house (Orange House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **ORANGE**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

2025-2026 School Year

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

NEXT WEEK, Interest forms will be provided for proposed clubs to take place during Trimester 2/Winter session. Please read over the information at that time, discuss with your children the options, and complete the forms by the due date.

- The Arts and Crafts Club members made different Halloween and Autumn themed projects, including mini puzzles, chalk art silhouettes, pinecone turkeys, and leaf animals.
- The Creation and Imagination Club members had fun making an outdoor sidewalk chalk obstacle course and then took turns walking through it! They've also enjoyed building a variety of structures using Duplo and regular sized Lego bricks.
- The Robotics Challenge Team members continue to make good progress on their innovation projects, finalizing their strategies for the robot game/coding part of their season, and using the "Core Values" as they work through everything. Both teams will participate in a Qualifier Event on December 13th!
- The Dance and Cheer Squad will wrap up their season with a demonstration of short dance routines and cheers for family and friends this week.
- The Junior Joggers are doing well working on their goal of completing a 1 mile Fun Run in just two weeks!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

As we move into a new trimester of club opportunities, please keep in mind the following:

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

PAC Spirit Night

We are having an upcoming **Restaurant/Spirit Night on Tuesday November 11th at Lime and Salt in Odenton.** Please see the flyer for all of the details. A reminder flyer will be coming home with your children in the days leading up to the event.

PAC SOTI Express

The holidays are right around the corner. You know what that means.... **Christmas SOTI Express!!! ALL ABOARD!!!!** Mark your calendars for **Friday December 5th!** Highlights include a visit from Santa Claus, activities for the kiddos and so much more! We are fine tuning the details so please stay tuned.....



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

Can you help?? Adoration Volunteers Are Needed for November 7th

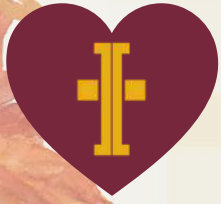
On Friday, November 7th we will have Adoration in our school chapel. We are looking for volunteer adorers to provide coverage for 30-60 minute blocks between the hours of 8:30-2:30. This will allow the teachers to bring their classes in for adoration according to their schedule throughout the day. To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

Parents - RSVP Today!



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Grandparents & Special Friends Day

♥ *A special day for special people* ♥

NOVEMBER 25, 2025

8:30 AM
-
9:45 AM

Grades 1, 4, 7

10:00 AM
-
11:15 AM

Grades Pre-K, K, 3, 6

11:30 AM
-
12:45 PM

Grades 2, 5, 8

**PARENTS: PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#)
TO RSVP AND REGISTER YOUR
FAMILY FOR THIS EVENT.**

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ANSWERS! PLEASE
SEE OUR ATTACHED FAQ TO FIND ANSWERS TO THE MOST
COMMON QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT
GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY.

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**Grandparents &
Special Friends Day**
♥ *A special day for special people* ♥

Frequently asked
QUESTIONS
2025

Do you have questions? We have answers! Please take a moment to read through our FAQ to find answers to the most common questions you may have about Grandparents and Special Friends Day. If you can't find the answer you are looking for, please contact Meghan Brown at mbrown@schooloftheincarnation.org.

What is Grandparents and Special Friends Day? What can we expect?

This is a special event that allows our students to share SOTI with someone important in their life. Grandparents and special friends will gather in Marian Hall to hear from Ms. Baker about the wonderful things happening at SOTI every day. Then, they will have the opportunity to join their student in the classroom for visits full of hospitality, game playing and a special snack prepared for them by their student.

What time should grandparents arrive?

Grandparents should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before their session starts to keep the parking lot moving smoothly.

Where do grandparents enter campus?

Grandparents should enter through the lower gate, just as you would for morning drop off.

Where should grandparents park?

We hope that many grandparents and special friends can attend this wonderful event! Please keep in mind that parking is limited on campus. Teachers and staff will be parking on the field, to allow for the entire lot (including the late lot) to be open for grandparents. There will be staff members in the lot to direct traffic. We also suggest carpooling if multiple grandparents and special friends from one family are attending the event. Another low-stress option is to arrange a ride from family members to drop off at the front door, so that visitors won't need to worry about parking at all.

What should we do if our Grandparent or special friend has mobility issues and requires assistance?

Please indicate that assistance is required in the appropriate space on the Registration Form. Someone will contact you to discuss arrangements.

Where should grandparents go upon arrival?

All visitors will check in at the registration tables located outside the front entrance of the school. From there, grandparents will be directed to Marian Hall. Student ambassadors will be in the lobby and hallways to escort our guests. Classroom visits will follow.

What should I do if my grandparent has more than one grandchild in the same session?

Grandparents can divide up between their students, or the older student may attend the program in the younger sibling's classroom. Please indicate your plans on the registration form.

What if a grandparent has students in more than one session?

Grandparents who are staying for consecutive sessions may return to Marian Hall at the conclusion of the classroom portion of the previous session. They do not need to return to the registration table. Grandparents who have a break in between sessions may choose to leave and return for their final session or they may return to Marian Hall and enjoy a cup of coffee while they wait for their final session to begin.

Will there be refreshments served?

As an act of service and gratitude, we ask that each student pack a snack to share with their grandparent or special friend. We encourage the students to complete this with as little parental assistance as possible so that the snack is truly a gift from them to their special guest. Coffee will be available in Marian Hall.

Can the student leave with his/her grandparent or special friend?

Students who have been given parental permission on the registration form may leave with a grandparent or special friend at the conclusion of the classroom visit. Students will be signed out directly from their classroom. Please note: **ALL GUESTS WHO ARE PERMITTED TO SIGN OUT STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE A VALID PHOTO I.D.**

What if my grandparent is going to multiple sessions? How will he/she sign out my other children?

At the conclusion of their final session, the grandparent should sign out the student they are with directly from the classroom. The grandparents and that child should then report to the front desk to have the remaining siblings signed out and called from their classrooms.

What if my student does not leave with his/her grandparent or special friend?

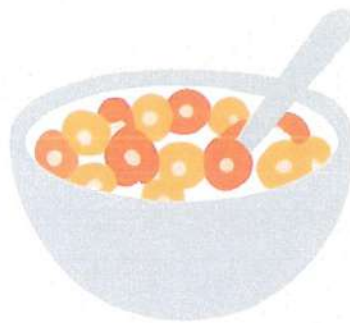
Your child will follow the normal dismissal procedures.

Should my child come to school if they do not have any guests attending?

Yes! While Grandparents & Special Friends Day is a special event where relatives can bond and see your children in action at school, we will take special care in ensuring that all of our students—whether they have a visitor or not—feel included during the day. If you choose for your student to stay at home, please follow the normal procedure for notifying the school of an absence.

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Cereal Drive



ORGANIZED BY NJHS

WHEN:

November 13 – 24

WHAT TO BRING:

Boxes of cereal

COMPETITION:

The wing with the most cereal boxes collected wins a special prize!

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

Place cereal boxes in the collection boxes located in the hallways or in your homeroom classroom.

Let's work together to make a difference — one cereal box at a time!



You're invited to our festive

SOTI SPIRIT NIGHT AT

LIME & SALT

Tuesday, Nov. 11th

from 4– 8 p.m.

8395 PINEY ORCHARD PKWY

ODENTON, MD 21113

(410) 874– 6277

DINE IN -OR- TAKE OUT



10% OF ALL SALES WILL BE DONATED

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Gala
2026

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The Westin Annapolis
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Black Tie
Optional

SOTI Asynchronous Remote Learning Days

End of Trimester Work Day

Per the updated AOB policy, there will be one day at the end of the first and second trimester designated as a teacher work day and asynchronous learning day for students. This is counted as a half-day instructional day for students and a full-day work day for all teachers and staff. There are no in person or online synchronous classes for students on this day. However, students will be provided with independent learning activities prior to the remote learning day which will be assessed and included in the next marking period. Students will be expected to complete lessons provided by teachers via Google classroom and SOTI Studies.

- Daily assignments will be posted on SOTI Studies for all grade levels by 5:00 PM the day prior to the asynchronous learning day.
- Attendance will be based on completion of assignments
- Assignments should be completed independently at home with minimal support needed.
 - PreK will have a simple activity to be completed at home
 - K-5 will have one assignment for both math and ELA with an additional assignment from religion, science, social studies, or cross-curricular. Each assignment should take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.
 - Grades 6-8 will have one assignment for each core subject: math, ELA, religion, science, and social studies. Each assignment should be approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.
- Student work must be submitted to the teacher by the time they arrive at school on the next school day. Classwork and/or assessments that are due may be locked and marked as incomplete if not done in the expected window of time.

Inclement Weather Remote Learning Day

Per the AOB policy regarding inclement weather, after the first three inclement weather days of the year, the school will pivot to asynchronous learning for the next two inclement weather days. On those days, students will be expected to complete lessons provided by teachers via Google classroom and SOTI Studies.

- Daily assignments will be posted on SOTI Studies for all grade levels by 8:00 AM on asynchronous learning days.
- Attendance will be based on completion of assignments

- Assignments should be completed independently at home with minimal support needed.
 - PreK will have an optional activity to be completed at home
 - K-5 will have one assignment for both math and ELA with an additional assignment from religion, science, social studies, or cross-curricular. Each assignment should take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.
 - Grades 6-8 will have one assignment for each core subject: math, ELA, religion, science, and social studies. Each assignment should be approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.
- Student work must be submitted to the teacher by the time they come to school the following day. Classwork and/or assessments that are due may be locked and marked as incomplete if not done in the expected window of time.
- Specials (art, PE, music, world cultures, Spanish) will not post assignments for weather-related school closures.
- Parents and students should communicate questions directly to the teachers.



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 _____