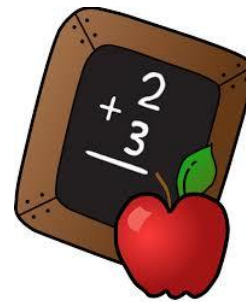


School of the Incarnation Newsletter

September 9, 2021

Thursday, September 9 th :	Virtual Parent Meeting Grade 4 – 8 at 6:30 PM
Friday, September 10 th :	Spirit Wear Day – see below for guidelines
Monday, September 13 th :	Cafeteria Lunch service begins for Grades 2 – 8
Tuesday, September 14 th :	Back to School Night Grade 4, 5, 7, 8 at 6:30 PM
Thursday, September 16 th :	Back to School Night Grade 1, 2, 3, 6 at 6:30 PM
Friday, September 17 th :	Spirit Wear Day Spirit Wear store closes – see below to purchase
Monday, September 20 th :	Band Demonstration for Grade 4-8 at 8:30 AM
Friday, September 24 th :	Spirit Wear Day
Friday, October 1 st :	SOTI Homecoming 3:30 – 7:00 PM Flu shot clinic – more information to come
Friday, October 8 th :	No school for students – Professional Development Day



Back to School Nights - Virtual Parent Meeting tonight at 6:30 PM!!

This year, we will be taking the best from what we did in the past, as well as some of the new patterns we have learned during the pandemic, to host a series of hybrid Back to School Nights. The second large general session (with presentations from the administration) via [GoogleMeet](#) is tonight, Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 PM. Next week, parents will be welcome to come to school and meet their child(ren's) teacher(s) in their classrooms for in-person information sessions. In-person sessions for parents of students in grades 4, 5, 7 & 8 will be at 6:30 PM on September 14. In-person sessions for parents of students in grades 1, 2, 3 & 6 will be at 6:30 PM on September 16. Parents of students in PK & K had this opportunity during the phase in days. ***Due to space limitations, all the in-person meetings on September 14th and 16th are for parents only.***

We Love Spirit Wear!!

The fall spirit wear store is open now! The online store will close on September 17th and orders will be delivered on or around October 22nd! Make sure you get your cold weather items now, the next online spirit wear sale will not be until spring. Click here to order: <https://incarnationfall2021.itemorder.com/sale>

Homecoming Shirts

Can't wait until the end of October for a spirit shirt? We've got you covered! Homecoming shirts will be ready to purchase at the event on October 1st.

Attention 8th Grade Parents!!! HSPT Prep Course

For the first time the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be offering an HSPT Prep Course. In lieu of an "in house" preparation course, we are referring our students to this optional course that is being offered by the Archdiocese. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/hspt-prep-course/>, and also read the attached flyer. Please be aware that registration is now open, and that the deadline to register is September 20th.

Homecoming is back!!

Join us on Friday, October 1st, 3:30 to 7:00 PM for our family friendly Homecoming event. There will be fun, food and games for everyone in the family to enjoy! Festivities will include both boys and girls home soccer games, pony rides, a beer garden, and much more. Come cheer on our Knights!



Student Directory 2021-2022

We are in the process of compiling and publishing our 2021-2022 SOTI Student Directory. If you would like any information about your child (name, address, phone number) withheld from the Directory, please complete the attached form and return the completed form to Mrs. RaVell in the school office or send Directory information to withhold via email jravell@schooloftheincarnation.org Deadline to respond is Friday, September 17th.

Band Update and Information for students in Grade 4 - 8

My name is Erin Thamert, and I will be the band teacher at school this year. This is my sixteenth year working in the Archdiocesan schools. Our bands are top notch and well known for our superior performances at concerts and festivals. I am looking forward to teaching IN PERSON students in grades 4-8. Students that did not participate last year are welcome to return as we grow our band program. Information regarding the band program and how to get started can be found on my website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/band-mrserinthamert/home>

I will be at school on Sept. 20 to talk about the band program. Please feel free to reach out to me directly beforehand with any questions. E-mail: knightchic@aol.com, Phone: 410-486.4322

Volunteer Certification

If you are new to School of the Incarnation and would like to volunteer or chaperone for an upcoming event or field trip, you must complete Virtus training. Please follow the steps outlined on our website. The link can be found here: <https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/resources/parent-volunteering>

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Jackie Haslinger, Volunteer Screening Coordinator, at jhaslinger@schooloftheincarnation.org.

Returning parents who have already completed Virtus training can contact Jackie Haslinger to check your Virtus status.

Cafeteria Lunch service for Grade 2 - 8

Cafeteria lunch service will begin next Monday, September 13th for students in Grades 2 – 8. Students in grades K and 1 should bring a lunch until further notice. Please click on this link for more information regarding lunch accounts and procedures: <https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/resources/hot-lunch> The September lunch menu is attached.

Spirit Wear Day – every Friday!!

Spirit wear days are distinct from out of uniform days and Tag days. Spirit wear days are when the students, faculty, and staff may come to school dressed in official School of the Incarnation spirit wear. For those students who have PE on a Friday, they may wear a Spirit Wear top (shirt, sweatshirt, etc.), but must wear the appropriate PE attire bottoms (shorts or sweatpants). Spirit wear days are optional, and if a student does not choose to dress in spirit wear on these days, he/she should come to school in the regular school uniform. The following are guidelines for spirit wear days:

- Students should wear an official School of the Incarnation spirit wear shirt* which is one of the following acceptable school colors: maroon, gold/yellow, grey, white, or black.
- Any other School of the Incarnation spirit wear can be worn on these days, with the exception of hats, which may not be worn inside the building.
- Spirit wear that is defaced, torn, altered or written on is not permissible.
- Pants - Presentable jeans or pants are acceptable, but not pants that are tight. Leggings or spandex are not allowed for students in grades 3-8. No rips, tears or shear sections.
- Shorts may be worn from August – October 29th and April 1st – June.
- Hair may not be dyed or combed in an unusual fashion.
- When wearing shorts or skirts, these must be visible below the shirt – i.e., the shorts should be long enough to be seen below the bottom of an oversized t-shirt or hoodie.
- When the weather turns cold, spirit wear must be visible. For example: it would be unacceptable to be wearing a SOTI t-shirt which was completely covered by a Spalding sweatshirt.
- Any shoes may be worn, except open-toed sandals, flip flops, clogs, thick-soled or high-heeled shoes.
- Earrings: Boys are not allowed to wear earrings at any time. Earrings for girls should be small posts or hoops.

*Examples include: Always t-shirt, past school issued t-shirts of an approved color such as club shirts, SOTI PE t-shirt, or current SOTI athletic jerseys during the appropriate season.

Volunteers Needed

Our school community is blessed with many gifted individuals. Please consider volunteering your time and talents: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15j7x4qkc_eeo-nvJu1uqYlbrfjBHX-W3VN5R-IQI2ww/edit

Attention parents of Walker and Bike Riders

We need all walker & bike riders to register using this link:

<https://forms.gle/k962ZtTbCwzug47XA>



Girls on the Run (GOTR) - We're back!!!

Girls on the Run is an after-school activity like no other! This inspiring and empowering program for girls in grades 3 through 5 meets after school until 4:15 on Tuesday's and Thursday's beginning the week of September 20, 2021 and ending the week of November 29th. Girls will learn social and emotional skills, all while training for a 5K! Registration is open now until September 13. Use the link below to register –

<https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/Fall21ProgramGOTRGC>

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Sarah Spaulding sspaulding@schooloftheincarnation.org

BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION

If you have any questions or ideas for a club, please contact our school's Auxiliary Services Coordinator, [Amy Santini](#).

Click on the link below for registration for the following group that is currently forming. Please note the deadline to register is September 17th.

Chess Club (grades 3-8):

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/chessclub21-22>

Click below for information on programs to be offered in the near future. Interest Forms will close tomorrow, Friday, September 10th.

NOTE: The bottom of any flyers has the form to fill out if your child plans to participate. This will help determine the number of teams and volunteers needed.

Destination Imagination (grades K-8):

[Destination Imagination flyer 2021](#)

Lego League Challenge/Catholic Robotics League (grades 5-8) and Lego League Explore League (grades 2-4):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1thDsrjsekwaupvEjPpmxlurZMahBVOLFdyLKEUeCriw/edit>

Environmental Club: Caring for Creation (all grades):

<https://forms.gle/QDHcB5xxkbHzJEGj7>

Knights on a Mission Outreach (all grades):

<https://forms.gle/uGUnkW7nRCKRqxBH9>

An illustration at the top of the page shows a stack of books on the left and several pencils on the right. The books are in shades of yellow, blue, and red. The pencils are yellow and white with blue erasers and sharpened tips.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (HSPT) PREP



****CURRENT 8th GRADE STUDENTS ONLY****

SEPTEMBER 28 - NOVEMBER 20 (8 WEEKS)

The Archdiocese of Baltimore High School Placement Test (HSPT) prep course is designed to prepare students to take the HSPT by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and test-taking strategies needed to maximize their performance. The instructor-led, online course will be held once a week for one hour and will include four weeks of reading, language, and verbal prep and four weeks of math and quantitative prep. Students will have two instructors throughout the course; one that specializes in reading and language and the other with expertise in math. The HSPT prep course will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7 - 8 PM, as well as Saturday morning from 9 - 10 AM. Students participating in the course will attend one weekly session for eight weeks. Families will register for the day and time that fits with their schedule and will be assigned to a course section based on this preference. Students will be required to purchase Barron's HSPT prep book and will be expected to complete weekly enrichment assignments throughout the course.

Program Cost: \$85 per student **Registration:** September 6th - 20th

Information & Registration:

<https://www.archbalt.org/schools/hspt-prep-course/>

School Directory 2021/2022

Please complete the form below **if you do NOT wish to have your child's name, address and/or phone number published in the school directory** and return the form to the school office or email your request to Jennifer RaVell at jravell@schooloftheincarnation.org by **Friday, September 17th**.

I/We do NOT wish to have the following information published in the school directory. Please check the appropriate box(es) of information you **don't** want listed in the directory.

Name Address Phone Number

Family Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

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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 _____

<p>-Office use only- Form submission date _____ Contact date _____ Enrollment date _____ \$250 tuition credit date _____</p>
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