

# School of the Incarnation Newsletter

## Thursday, January 18, 2024

Friday, January 19th:	<b>Purple Friday</b> or Spirit Wear Day
Tuesday, January 23rd:	Winter MAP testing for students in Gr. 2-8 8:45 - 10:00 AM
Friday, January 26th:	Spirit Wear Day Interims sent home via email (Gr. 3-8) or paper (Gr. PreK - 2)
Saturday, January 27th:	Prospective Student Open House 8:30 - 11:00 AM
January 28 - February 3:	Catholic School Week
Monday, January 29th:	School Mass 10:00 AM
<b>Wednesday, January 31st:</b>	<b>Due Date for Intent to Re-enroll with \$150 fee</b>
Friday, February 2nd:	Color Wear Day - see Catholic Schools Week below First Friday Adoration in the Chapel
Wednesday, February 7th:	7th Gr. Field Trip - Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC 8:15 AM - 2:15 PM
Friday, February 9th:	Spirit Wear Day PAC Father/Daughter Dance 6:30 - 8:30 PM - ticket link in blurb below!!
Saturday, February 10th:	Wine, Food & Brew 7:00 - 11:00 PM - ticket link in blurb below!!
Wednesday, February 14th:	Ash Wednesday - School Mass 10:00 AM
Friday, February 16th:	No School for Pre-K and Kindergarten students ½ Day - ESP in session for students in Grades 1 - 8 Spirit Wear Day
Monday, February 19th:	School Closed - Presidents Day
Friday, February 23rd:	Spirit Wear Day
Friday, March 1st:	School Closed - Professional Day
Saturday, March 9th:	PAC Irish Fest 12:00 - 4:00 PM



### Friday, January 19th

Tomorrow, Friday, January 19th students may wear Spirit Wear or choose to **wear purple to show support for the Ravens**. Please remember the dress guidelines for a tag day/out-of-uniform apply – refer to the Parent-Student Handbook.



### Catholic Schools Week Activities

- Saturday, January 27th: *Open House for Prospective Students 8:30-11:00 AM*
- Saturday, January 27th and Sunday, January 28th: *Celebrating Your Parish*  
Students are encouraged to wear their uniforms to Mass at their home parish and snap a picture of themselves with the priest (or deacon). Pictures should be emailed to Casey Boswell at [cboswell@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:cboswell@schooloftheincarnation.org). Students who wear their uniforms to Mass and send in a picture will receive an out-of-uniform pass to be used on Thursday, February 1st.
- Monday, January 29th: *Celebrating Vocations*  
School Mass 10:00 AM - We would like to invite any family members or close friends who are priests, deacons, or religious to join us at Mass.



**Catholic Schools**  
United in Faith and Community

- Tuesday, January 30th: *Celebrating our Parents*

Archbishop Lori will be joining the SOTI community in a Living Rosary and a special blessing for SOTI parents.

- Wednesday, January 31st: *Celebrating our Nation*

Students are able to wear patriotic clothing/colors if they bring in a cereal box for the NJHS Cereal Drive

- Thursday, February 1st: *Celebrating our Teachers*

Teacher Appreciation Day! SOTI will have an extended morning prayer to honor the many years of service of our school faculty and staff.

- Friday, February 2nd: *Celebrating our Students*

Students will wear colors to match their prayer pals! At 2:00 PM the school community will gather to watch a teacher vs. teacher volleyball game.

Prayer Pal Colors:

PreK and 8th grade - Blue

Kindergarten and 4th grade - Orange

1st and 6th grade - Green

2nd and 5th grade - Purple

3rd and 7th grade - Red

### **Re-enrollment for current students for the 24-25 school year**

The re-enrollment process for current students at School of the Incarnation for the 2024-2025 school year has begun. It is important for us to know which students are returning before we begin to offer spots to new applicants. The "Intent to Re-Enroll" Form and re-registration fee must be submitted electronically through your SchoolAdmin parent portal account if you plan for your child/children to return to School of the Incarnation next year.



The re-enrollment fee is now \$150 per student if paid by January 31st. See below for the complete fee schedule and deadlines.

#### Re-enrollment fee schedule:

\$100 if paid by January 15th

**\$150 if paid between January 16th and January 31st**

\$200 if paid between February 1st and February 15th

If not paid by February 15th, your child's spot will be released.

### **Applications for 2024-2025 school year**

Applications for new students (**not current students**) are now available on our school website. Applications should be submitted online by Friday, February 2, 2024, to be considered in the first round. If you know a family interested in attending SOTI, please complete the attached referral form.

**\*\*Re-enrollment for current students began on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. (See above)**

### **FACTS Grant and Aid Applications**

FACTS Grant and Aid Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 school year. The deadline to apply for Grant and Aid will be February 29, 2024. There will not be any exceptions to this deadline. FACTS is the validation software used by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the school, and the parishes to verify the applications. FACTS does not provide any aid. Aid is awarded by the AOB, the school and parishes. The application can be found through this link: <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3C65P> If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to Caroline Agresti, Business Manager at [cagresti@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:cagresti@schooloftheincarnation.org).

## Wine, Food & Brew

Put on your favorite pair of jeans and enjoy a fabulous evening of amazing food, cold beverages, great music, and a wonderful community. Come join us on Saturday, February 10th from 7:00-11:00 pm. Ticket Sales are now open.

Use this link to purchase tickets: [Wine Food and Brew Tickets 2024](#)



## Wine Food & Brew Out of Uniform Fundraiser

Back by popular demand! We will again be hosting our **ONE WEEK Out-of-Uniform fundraiser!** Parents that buy tickets to the event will be able to purchase passes for their child(ren) at the special discounted event only price after they complete their ticket purchase for the event. **When you purchase your tickets, it will then redirect you to the page to purchase the Out of Uniform passes. Please do not close your window!**

Students may be out of uniform the week of March 4<sup>th</sup>-March 8<sup>th</sup>. Here's how the out-of-uniform pass pricing works (EVENT ATTENDEE PRICE ONLY): \* If you have two children, the cost is \$20 each (total \$40) If you have more than two children, each additional child will only cost \$10. (Example: 4 children=\$60, etc.)

AFTER EVENT PRICE - Available until 3/1/2024 (the after-event purchase link will become available on Sunday, February 11th) \*If you have two children, the cost is \$25 each (total \$50) If you have more than two children, each additional child will only cost \$15. (Example: 4 children=\$80 etc.) \*Staff members may purchase an out of uniform for the week too! Staff members who wish to participate will be receiving an employee link for "Out of Uniform" passes.

## Wine Food & Brew Sponsorship Packages

Wine Food & Brew Sponsorships are available by clicking the link below! Do not be left out as limited sponsorships are available and some packages have tickets included!

Link for sponsorships: [Wine Food and Brew Sponsorships 2024](#)

## Winter MAP Testing for students in Grades 2 - 8

Tuesday, January 23rd 8:45 - 10:00 AM

## Girls on the Run Registration

Girls on the Run (GOTR) is back for the spring season! GOTR is a fun whole body health program for girls in grades 3 through 5. Participants learn about positive relationships, healthy habits, and girl power all while practicing for a 5K! Our spring season begins on February 12. Practices will be on Mondays and Wednesdays after school until 4:15. The spring 5k will be at Druid Hill Park on Saturday, April 27 - all team members will need a running buddy (adult to run with her) for this event. Registration is open from January 22 through February 4. Go to [www.gotrchesapeake.org](http://www.gotrchesapeake.org) to register. Space is limited - after registration closes a lottery will be run to determine team members. Feel free to reach out to Sarah Spaulding with questions (sspaulding@schooloftheincarnation.org).

## JOIN SPRING CONCERT CHOIR!!

### **Who can join?**

3rd-8th Grade students who love to sing

### **When will they meet?**

Wednesday Mornings **BEFORE** school at 7:30am in the Music Room. Students cannot come into the school before 7:30



and siblings must remain outside in the car until 7:45 when arrival begins. We will rehearse until 8:10am.

- January 17, 24, 31
- February 7, 21, 28 (No rehearsal the 14th due to school Mass)
- March 6, 13, 20, 27
- April 10, 17, 24
- May 1, 7\* (The 7th is a Tuesday & will be the last rehearsal)

### **When is the Concert?**

Tuesday May 7th at 6:30pm (Call time: 5:45pm)

This is the same night as the Band Concert--we will perform together in Marian Hall so Band students are encouraged to join the Choir and participate in both groups if they want to.

**How much does it cost?** \$85.00

Link to sign up for Concert Choir: [Spring Choir Registration Grades 3rd-8th](#)

### **SOTI SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES**

2nd-5th grade basketball clinics and middle school spring sports are back! We are also exploring the possibility of adding middle school girls softball and co-ed flag rugby to our spring options (not a guarantee). Below, you will find the registrations for all activities. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to fully read and complete the registration(s). If you have any questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Keith Smith ([kbsmith@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:kbsmith@schooloftheincarnation.org)).

 [2nd-5th Grade Basketball Clinics Registration](#) 

  [Middle School Spring Sports Registration \(Baseball and Lacrosse\)](#)  

  [Preliminary Middle School Softball/Flag Rugby Survey](#)  

### **SOTI Summer Camp 2024 Dates and Themes**

Below are the dates and themes for our summer camp – check future newsletters for more information!

- June 17-21 Maryland Week
- June 24-28 Lego Week
- July 1-5 Sports Spectacular Week (Closed July 4)
- July 8-12 Winter Wonderland Week
- July 15-19 Science/Discovery Week
- July 22-26 Under the Sea Week
- July 29- August 2 Saints Alive!



### **Picture Day/Photo Order Questions**

[info@hamilton-images.com](mailto:info@hamilton-images.com)

410-267-6090

[www.hamilton-images.com](http://www.hamilton-images.com)

### **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>

## **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 Megan Johannes, Volunteer Screening Coordinator, at [mjohannes@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:mjohannes@schooloftheincarnation.org).

Returning parents who have already completed Virtus training can contact Megan Johannes to check your Virtus status.

## **ESP Teachers/Aids Needed**

Do you know a college student or older high school student who loves to work with children and is looking for some part-time work? Our ESP program is still in need of additional staff for the afternoons (3:15-5:30 PM). In order to be considered for ESP Teacher positions, the candidate must be 18 years old. Teens 16-18 are eligible to be considered for assistant positions. Please contact Lisa Bucci, [lbucci@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:lbucci@schooloftheincarnation.org) for more information.



## **BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Please support our FIRST Lego Robotics Challenge Teams! Here are the dates and locations:

- Jan. 20th (St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, MD) is the Golden Knights Team (Coaches Rich/Coffee)
- Feb. 3rd (AACC in Arnold, MD) is the SOTI's Robotic Knights (Coaches Gilmore/Peck)
- Feb. 10th (Johns Hopkins APL in Laurel, MD) is the Maroon Knights Team (Coaches Martin/Kerley)

### **REMINDERS**

- When picking up your child at the end of a club meeting, **parents must park in the lot** and walk up onto the sidewalk before that child will be dismissed. Please make sure one of the parent volunteers for that club or Miss Santini knows that you have your child. Your promptness at pick up time is appreciated!
- Snacks for clubs are not mandatory, however, if your child does bring one, it needs to be a **quick, healthy, non-messy/no crumbs item** (great options: cheese, fresh fruit or veggie, applesauce pouch, small protein bar).
- NJHS members are eligible to volunteer for some of our clubs. Those middle school students can email Miss Santini directly and let her know what day(s) of the week they're available to help.
- Adult moderators are vital to the creation and success of our club groups, so please consider sharing your time and talents with our students!

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

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# The God Spot

## **Adoration Volunteers Are Needed for February**

On February 2nd we will have First Friday 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. If you are interested and would like more information please contact our Adoration Coordinator, Liz Pryor via email [liz@horizonbuildersinc.net](mailto:liz@horizonbuildersinc.net)

To volunteer, please click on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AFA92AA5F5C25-47110272-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](mailto:chinton@schooloftheincarnation.org)

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## Parent Advisory Council News

### **Father/Daughter Dance**

**Tickets are now available for the 2024 SOTI Father/Daughter Dance presented by the PAC on Friday, February 9, 2024, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in Marian Hall!** Girls in PreK through 5th grade are invited accompanied by their dad, grandfather, uncle, or other adult to enjoy a night filled with dancing, light refreshments, crafts and fun. Tickets may be purchased online for \$12 per person. There won't be any tickets available at the door. This event tends to be popular, so make sure to secure your tickets early!

Click here to purchase tickets: <https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/fddance2024>

### **Save the Date!!**

Please save the date for the upcoming PAC Irish Fest and plan to join us on March 9th from 12-4 for music, food and family fun! More details and ticket sales link to follow!



### **Volunteer Corner**

Are you interested in volunteering for PAC events throughout the year? There are lots of options from Bingo to Irish Fest or the Mother & Son Dance, we'd love to hear from you!

Please sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/pacvolsign>

### **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!

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## Community News

### **Holy Family Parish's Women's Retreat**

You're invited! Join us at Holy Family Parish's Women's Retreat on Saturday, Jan 20, 2024, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm! Our annual retreat begins with Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast at Unity Hall. Our guest speaker is Dr. Barbara Nicolosi, PhD, author and public speaker. Registration fee is \$15 per person.

Registration Is Now Open: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4AAFAA29A3F58-46932037-womens#/> or email Margaret Wood at [margaret.wood@hfccmail.org](mailto:margaret.wood@hfccmail.org) / call the parish office at 410-269-0586. See attached flyer for more details.



**YOU'RE INVITED TO THE  
SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION  
FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE 2024**

# **WINTER WONDERLAND**

*Friday, February 9th*

*6:30 - 8:30PM*

*Marian Hall*

**TICKETS \$12 PER PERSON**

**TICKET LINK IN NEWSLETTER**

**TICKETS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**

**SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE REQUIRED**



# *2024 Father-Daughter Dance*

**PreK - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Friday, February 9, 2024**

**Marian Hall, School of the Incarnation**

**6:30pm–8:30pm**

## **Father Daughter Dance FAQs**

### **What is the Father Daughter Dance?**

The Father Daughter Dance is a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) event for fathers to spend a special evening with their daughter(s). This is a school community event hosted by the PAC to provide an evening of fun and special memories between fathers and daughters. Girls may be accompanied by their dad, grandfather, uncle, brother, or another responsible adult.

### **What should I wear?**

The attire is semi-formal. Dress up because the night is about making your daughter feel special! Semiformal is less formal than cocktail attire. For the dads it could include button-down shirts (with or without a blazer or sports coat), dress pants or a suit and dress shoes. For the girls examples include dresses, pantsuits, or jumpsuits with flats, sandals or comfortable heels.

### **What happens at the Father Daughter Dance?**

A lot of fun of course! There will be a DJ to keep everyone dancing the night away. When they need a break there will be crafts. There will also be a photo booth for pictures to take home as a special keepsake.

### **What type of food and drink will be served?**

Dinner is not served at this event. Please plan to eat dinner before you arrive. We will provide appetizers and some sweet treats! Water will also be available.

### **How can I get tickets?**

Tickets for the Father Daughter Dance are \$12 per person. Dad/adult and girl(s) must each have a ticket to attend. You may purchase your tickets online at

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/fddance2024>

Tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable.



If you have further questions, please contact Wendy Marshall [wendyrose.marshall@gmail.com](mailto:wendyrose.marshall@gmail.com) and Michele Ciapa [msurricchi@yahoo.com](mailto:msurricchi@yahoo.com).

You're invited to School of the Incarnation's



**WINE  
FOOD  
& BREW**

Your ticket includes...  
You guessed it, wine, food, and brews! Come  
join us and dance the night away.  
New this year 50/50 Raffle.

This is an over 21 event.

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**FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

7 -11 o'clock in the evening

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**MARIAN HALL**

2601 Symphony Lane  
Gambrills, MD

**TICKETS**

\$50 per person

Tickets on sale now through February 1st  
<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/TNOBVSKV>



## **2024 Sponsorship Opportunities**

**Please use the link found in the newsletter or on the website to purchase!  
Deadline is Friday, January 26th.**

### **Knight Entertainment Sponsor \$500 (One available)**

- Indoor signage displayed by the stage for the duration of the event
- Outdoor sign recognition to remain on campus throughout the month of February
- 2 tickets to the event and 4 complimentary SOTI signature drink glasses

### **Gold Sponsor \$300 (Five available)**

- Recognition signage displayed during the event at one of the dinner stations
- Outdoor sign recognition to remain on campus throughout the month of February
- 2 tickets to the event and 2 complimentary SOTI signature drink glasses

### **Maroon Sponsor \$100 (Unlimited)**

- Recognition signage displayed during the event at the dessert display
- Outdoor sign recognition to remain on campus throughout the month of February

**Questions? Contact Kristina Rykiel, Development Director**





# 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><b>-Office use only-</b> Form submission date _____ Contact date _____</p> <p>Enrollment date _____ \$250 tuition credit date _____</p>
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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
DAVIDSONVILLE, MD



JOIN US FOR OUR  
**Women's  
Retreat!**

Featuring guest speaker  
**Dr. Barbara Nicolosi, PhD,**  
author and public speaker on art, culture,  
media, and spirituality

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**Saturday, January 20, 2024**  
**8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Our annual retreat begins with Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast in Unity Hall, then an inspiring talk by our guest speaker, and concluding with the opportunity to partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Registration fee is \$15 per person.

**Visit: [www.holyfamilychurch.com](http://www.holyfamilychurch.com) to learn more, or contact Margaret Wood: [margaret.wood@hfccmail.org](mailto:margaret.wood@hfccmail.org).**