

School of the Incarnation Newsletter



Thursday, January 25, 2024

Friday, January 26th: Purple Friday or 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

Wednesday, January 31st: Due Date for Intent to Re-enroll with \$150 fee

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 26th

Tomorrow, Friday, January 26th 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 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.
- 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



Catholic Schools

United in Faith and Community

- 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

TOO NERVOUS TO AUDITION & SING ALONE BUT STILL WANT TO BE IN THEATER CLUB?? JOIN THE ENSEMBLE!!

Whoville Citizens, Jungle Citizens, Bird Girls, or Wickersham Brothers (Monkeys)

WHO: 5th-8th Graders WHEN: (see calendar)

Rehearsals: After School Various Days beginning Mon. Jan. 29th

Performances: Fri. May 17 & Sat. May 18, 2024

COST: \$85

REGISTER HERE (PLEASE SIGN UP BY FEBRUARY 1ST)

What is an Ensemble?

- No lines or solos
- Acting in a group, Singing in a group, and Dancing in a group
- Students will be placed in either the Whoville, Jungle, Bird Girl, or Wickersham Ensemble. For more information, please email Mrs. Petersen spetersen@schooloftheincarnation.org

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.factsmgt.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.

Wine, Food & Brew

FINAL WEEK TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET! 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 price is \$50 per person. **Ticket sales will close on February 1st and no tickets will be sold at the door.**



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 4th-March 8th. 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

WE ARE EXTENDING THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE SPONSORSHIPS UNTIL WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31st! Only 3 GOLD packages remain and tickets to the event are included! See flyer for additional details!

Link for sponsorships: Wine Food and Brew Sponsorships 2024

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 <u>www.gotrchesapeake.org</u> 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).

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).



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 410-267-6090

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.

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 for more information.



BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION

UPDATES

The Golden Knights of SOTI Robotics Team (6th graders Lily Cancienne, Isabelle Flaherty, Nate Canestrari, Andrew Perrelli, and William O'Neil, 8th graders Liam Brownell, Irelynn Flaherty, and Nick Koenig) along with Miss Santini and their coaches (Ryan Rich and Owen Coffee) participated in an all day event in Montgomery County this past Saturday. Team members shared an innovation project (their topic focused on the strength/weakness of Lego bricks based on the colors) and robot design with judges. They also competed in 3 rounds of robot coding challenges and interacted with 23 other teams from throughout the region. We're proud of their efforts and representing SOTI well!

Preschool and Kindergarten Arts and Crafts Club members have had a fun time with many projects during their meetings. Snowflakes, snowpeople, Arctic animals, sock puppets, scratch art, and picture frames are some of the wonderful creations they made this winter.

The Knights Chess Club members continue to learn about the game and are enjoying playing against one another to try out new strategies and improve their success.

The Coding and Technology Club members have been exploring and learning about ASCII, Morse Code, Makey Makey kits, Little Bits kits, and Scratch coding.

Our Lego Discover and Lego Explore Teams are finalizing their projects in preparation for sharing all that they've learned and created during their meetings with family members. The Explore Teams have also developed coding skills to bring some of their builds to life!

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).

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



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 8:30-1:45. 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

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



Parent Advisory Council News

Father/Daughter Dance

Tickets are 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, so make sure to secure your tickets early!

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

We are looking for additional assistance from parents to help create an enjoyable event for everyone at the dance. If you can volunteer, please click this link to lend a helping hand: https://www.sianupaenius.com/ao/5080A4CA4AF2BA5FE3-47240605-father#/

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/pacvolsian

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!

Community News

Basket Bingo at Holy Family Parish

- * Friday, February 2, 2024 Doors Open: 5:30 pm In Unity Hall Games Start: 7 pm
- *Join us for a fun night of 20 games of bingo, 2 specials and 2 raffles. Come out and support Holy Family while having a blast! Get your tickets- it's sure to be a sell out! Purchase after ALL Masses starting January 13 & 14 in Upper Gallery OR visit Parish office M-F after Jan. 15.
- **★**Ticket Information: \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door
- *Contacts:

Margaret Wood: margaret.wood@hfccmail.org

Beth Supple: beth.supple@hfccmail.org Phone: (410) 269-0586 or (301) 261-7399

February 2024 Lunch Menu

TOMMY'S FOOD SERVICE @ School of the Incarnation

"Great Food for Great kids"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Chicken Patty Sandwich, homemade mac & cheese and veggie	6 Spaghetti in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	7 7th Field Trip Baked Potato Bar with bacon bits, cheddar cheese, steamed broccoli, butter and sour cream	8 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	9 Father-daughter dance Pizza Day PAPA JULIS Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
Chicken Tenders, mashed potatoes and veggie	Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	14 Ash Wednesday Rotini in marinara sauce and tossed salad	Pizza Day PAPA JURIS Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.	16 Early Dismissal Cafeteria Closed
19 SCHOOL CLOSED President's Day	Pasta shells in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	Cheeseburger, French fries and veggie	Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	Pizza Day PIZZA PAJOHIS Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
Corn dogs/Chicken nuggets, homemade mac & cheese and veggie	Cheese Ravioli in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	Pizza Day PAPA JOHES Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.	1 March SCHOOL CLOSED Professional Development Day

Combo lunch is \$6.50 it includes the entrée, choice of milk or juice or bottled water. Hotdog or grilled cheese, plus a side & drink (milk, juice or bottled water) is also combo lunch. Available daily except pizza day: variety of subs, hotdog, and grilled cheese sandwich, homemade soup, pretzel and freshly baked cookies daily. Nachos on Wednesdays, ice cream on Tuesdays & pizza days. We do not deep fry any food. Prices and menu may change without notice.

Available Daily		Available Daily		Not Available Daily	
Hot dog	\$2.75	Cookies	\$1.25	French Fries	\$2.75
Grillled Cheese	\$2.75	Chips	\$1.25	Rice or Mashed Potato	\$2.75
		Soft Pretzels	\$1.50	Waffle/Curly Fries/Tater tots	\$2.95
Homemade Soup		Pretzel Logs/Bites	\$1.95	Buttered Noodles	\$2.75
Chicken Noodle	\$2.75	Fruit (Apple or Orange)	\$1.50	Chicken Patty Sandwich	\$3.95
Tomato	\$2.75	Fresh Fruit in a Cup	\$2.50	Chicken Tenders (3 pcs)	\$3.50
Vegetable	\$2.75	Yogurt (Yoplait)	\$1.75	Cheeseburger/Hamburger	\$3.95
		GoGurt Yogurt Tube	\$1.00	Corn dog	\$2.75
Salad		String cheese	\$0.60	Meatballs (4 pcs)	\$2.50
Greek, Chicken, Tuna or Egg	\$4.75	Veggie (tossed salad,	\$2.00	Meatball Sub	\$4.00
		carrots or sliced cucumber		Pancakes (3)/French toast sticks (3-4)	\$3.50
Beverage		Tuesdays and Pizza Days ONLY		Philly Cheesesteak	\$4.50
Milk or Juice	\$0.90	Ice cream cup	\$1.00	Pizza (1 slice)	\$2.85
Bottled Water	\$1.00	Twister	\$1.75	Mac and Cheese	\$3.95
Gatorade/Propel	\$1.75	Scooter Bar	\$1.50	Cheese Ravioli (7 pcs)	\$3.95
		Wednesdays ONLY		Walking Taco	\$4.25
		Nachos, Chips and Cheese	\$2.75	Fish sandwich	\$4.00

Please call us at the school cafeteria 410-519-2285 Ext. 2504 or E-mail us at lunch@schooloftheincarnation.org for any inquiries.

Thank you, Tommy and Ivanna

AT SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION IS COLLECTING FOR OUR ANNUAL

CEREAL DRIVE





JANUARY 22

TO BENEFIT THE FOOD BANKS IN OUR COMMUNITY



2024 Father-Daughter Dance

PreK - 5th 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 <u>not</u> 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 and Michele Ciapa mserricchi@yahoo.com.

You're invited to School of the Incarnation's



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.

FEBRUARY 10, 2024

7 -11 o'clock in the evening

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! <u>Deadline is Friday, January 26th.</u>

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	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		
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