

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Friday, October 20th:	½ Day Dismissal - ESP in session Spirit Wear Day
Monday, October 23rd:	School Closed - Faculty Retreat
Wednesday, Oct. 25th:	Kindergarten Field Trip to Maryland Zoo 8:45 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday, October 27th:	Spirit Wear Day 8th Gr. Retreat at Our Lady of the Fields 8:30 AM - 2:10 PM PAC Trunk or Treat 6:30 - 8:00 PM - see below for link to purchase ticket & pizza
Tuesday, October 31st:	Halloween Parade 2:15 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 1st:	Winter Uniform begins School Mass 10:00 AM
Thursday, November 2nd:	2nd Gr. Field Trip - Basilica, Washington DC 8:30 AM - 2:15 PM
Friday, November 3rd:	Spirit Wear Day First Friday Adoration in the Chapel
November 6 - 10:	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 9th:	½ Day Dismissal - ESP in session
Friday, November 10th:	Spirit Wear Day ½ Day Dismissal - ESP in session
Tuesday, Nov. 14th:	Individual Picture Make-up Day PAC Social Date Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 15th:	Fall Clubs/Sports Picture Day
Thursday, November 16th:	SOTI Spirit Night at Nando's Peri Peri in Waugh Chapel 5 - 9 PM
Friday, November 17th:	SOTI Turkey Trot - more information to come



TURKEY TROT

Be on the lookout for an email TOMORROW as we kick off the 2023 Turkey Trot being held on Friday, November 17th! The school community will be walking, jogging and having fun to raise funds for the purchase of engaging, interactive technology boards to use in our classrooms. **GOBBLE! GOBBLE!**

Vision and Hearing Screening – Volunteers needed – Can you help??

On Tuesday, December 5, 2023 hearing and vision screenings will be conducted for PreK, Kindergarten, 1st and 8th grade students and for students who are new to SOTI this year. The Lion's Association for Sight and Hearing of Maryland, Inc. (L.A.S.H.) will oversee and train volunteers who will then carry out the screening.

In order to make this event possible, we need 15-18 parent volunteers who are VIRTUS certified to help. 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 parent training session from 8 am to 8:30 am and then screening will take place for the remainder of the school day until all students have been screened. You can stay for the entire day or for a portion of the day.

Please consider volunteering for this event, it can't happen without your assistance. Contact Sue Toth, RN at stoth@schooloftheincarnation.org if you can help or for any questions.

Picture Day/Photo Order Questions

info@hamilton-images.com

410-267-6090

www.hamilton-images.com

Attention Middle School Students - Student Council FYI

STUDENT COUNCIL APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON YOUR STUDENT'S SOTI STUDIES GRADE LEVEL PAGE : Complete this form, along with a parent's signature, and return it by **October 31**.

PLEASE ONLY return your SIGNED APPLICATION AND REFERENCE LETTERS to the Student Council bin in your homeroom. We will not be able to accept incomplete or late applications.

Final decisions on representatives will be made by November 13th. The first meeting is December 1st with the election of Officers. Only 8th-grade students are eligible for President and Vice President positions. Only 8th grade and 7th grade students are eligible for Secretary. Students who are already officers in other school organizations such as NJHS, among others, are ineligible to run for a Student Council officer position.

Please note that the Student Council meetings will be held once a month on Wednesdays after school. If you are unable to attend due to other commitments you may wish to reconsider applying to become a representative.

Unclaimed Spirit Wear

Our spirit wear provider has some "in person" orders that were not picked up at the booth during the homecoming event. If you purchased any items from the booth during the event, but did not take them home, please contact the office to claim your gear.

SAVE THE DATE!

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Attention 8th Grade Students and Parents - HSPT Registration

Registration for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) is open. You may access the form via the link below, and our **deadline for registration is Wednesday, November 22, 2023**. Please, note that a \$45.00 fee is required to be paid online at the time of registration.

<https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/baltimore.php>

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

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



Adoration Volunteers Needed

On November 3rd, 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. To volunteer, please click on this link: [Adoration](#)

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

Trunk or Treat

The PAC is pleased to announce ticket and pizza sales for Trunk or Treat are now open! **Please note, pizza sales will be closed on 20 OCT** Tickets sales will be open until the event has sold out or 26 OCT, whichever occurs first. Join us for a night of trick or treating, fun, and music! Please use the link below to purchase an entrance ticket and pre-order pizza.



[Trunk or Treat 2023](#)

PAC Social Date Night

Hello Parents! The PAC is very excited to announce the first ever PAC Social Date Night!! Please join us on November 14th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at a nearby location TBD. Child care will be available at SOTI from 6:00 to 8:45 for \$20 per child. Pizza dinner and an ice pop will be provided! Students will also participate in a craft.

Online registration for child care will close on November 10th. Sign-up link to follow!

Please note: child care is only open to currently enrolled SOTI students. All purchases are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Volunteer Corner

Trunk or Treat is almost behind us! Still interested in volunteering for other 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!

From the Community

St. Joseph Catholic Church Trunk or Treat

St. Joseph is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29 from 1:30-4:30! We are partnering with First Evangelical Lutheran and Nichols Bethel United Methodist Churches for a 3-in-1 Trunk or Treat! Families will be able to walk between the parishes for crafts, games, contests, food, and candy! The event is open to the entire SOTI family! Use the link below to register a trunk for this free event!

<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephodenton/forms/trunk-or-treat-2023> "

Sacred Heart Council Knights of Columbus Soccer Shootout

The annual Sacred Heart Council Knights of Columbus Soccer Shootout will be held this **Sunday, October 22nd from 1:30-4:00 pm**. This is a free event, which offers an opportunity for boys and girls ages 9 -14 to demonstrate their skills, attempt to win prizes, and simply have fun! Consider stopping by to participate anytime between 1:30-4:00 pm. The event will be held in the field behind St. Pius X Church and Regional School in Bowie, MD.



Are you interested in helping SOTI raise funds to purchase engaging, interactive **technology boards** for our classrooms?

Does your child like to **win prizes** and **receive recognition**?

Would you be willing to **volunteer** and give a minimal amount of time to help our school raise the needed funds?

The **SOTI Turkey Trot** is a walk-a-thon style event where students walk or jog around the perimeter of our school parking area while also enjoying fun fitness stations along the route for about an hour.

The **SOTI Turkey Trot** will be held on **Friday, November 17, 2023.**

Students will receive **donations** from sponsors for the walk-a-thon on their on-line SOTI Turkey Trot **fundraising page!**

Potential **sponsors** include family members, relatives, close friends and neighbors. Don't forget to include out-of-state relatives and friends!

There are **prizes and incentives** to help promote the success of the SOTI Turkey Trot for both the students and homerooms.

The **SOTI Turkey Trot** will be so much fun and will truly benefit our school!

GOBBLE! GOBBLE!

SOTI PAC
PRESENTS

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

OCTOBER 27



\$20
PER CAR

SPACE IS LIMITED!
GET YOUR TICKET AT THE LINK BELOW



6:30 PM
8:00 PM

TICKETS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE



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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