

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Thursday, November 16th:	SOTI Spirit Night at Nando's Peri Peri in Waugh Chapel 5 - 9 PM
Friday, November 17th:	SOTI Turkey Trot
Wednesday, Nov. 22nd:	End of Trimester 1
November 22 - 24:	School Closed - Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, Nov. 29th:	8th Grade HSPT
Friday, December 1st:	Spirit Wear Day First Friday Adoration in the Chapel
Sunday, December 3rd:	Advent Begins
Tuesday, December 5th:	Vision & Hearing Screening for students in grades PreK, Kindergarten, 1st, 8th and all new students Band Christmas Concert 6:30 PM
Friday, December 8th:	Spirit Wear Day School Mass 10:00 AM SOTI Christmas Express 4:00 - 6:00 PM ~ more information to come
Wednesday, Dec. 13th:	6th Grade Field Trip - Maryland Science Center 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday, December 15th:	Spirit Wear Day Theater Club Production 7:00 PM
Saturday, December 16th:	Theater Club Production 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 19th:	2nd Grade Christmas Pageant 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 20th:	½ Day Dismissal - No PM ESP
December 21 - January 2:	School Closed - Christmas Break



Turkey Trot

We will TROT TOMORROW! Turkey Trot reminders were sent yesterday so check your email for all the important details of the day! Turkey Trot t-shirts have been distributed. Please have your student come to school in their official Turkey Trot Tee!

Turkey Trotting Times:

8:45 - 9:45 AM	2nd and 3rd Grade
9:50 - 10:20 AM	Preschool
9:50 - 10:50 AM	8th Grade
11:30 AM - 12:05 PM	Kindergarten and 1st Grade
12:10 - 1:10 PM	6th and 7th Grade
1:15 - 2:15 PM	4th and 5th Grade

For those VIRTUS certified parents who wish to walk with their student, we ask upon arrival that you check in at our front desk and receive a visitor badge.

We would like extend a special thank you to the following organizations for their sponsorship and helping to make our event a success:

Triad Medical Spa
CSM Lawn and Landscape
Kovach Chiropractic and Wellness Center
Mr. Tommy's Food Service



Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is on Tuesday November 28th. Please prayerfully consider making a gift on that day to our Incarnation Fund that reflects your commitment to Catholic education and invest in the heart of our mission!

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/LXAFaeMS>

Judges Needed for 7th grade Science Fair

Please, consider volunteering to serve as a 7th grade Science Fair Judge this year. The event is scheduled for Thursday, December 7th with a snow date of Friday, December 15th.

We are looking for approximately 16 judges who would be required at school from 8:00 am to approximately 1:00/1:30 pm. Judges are not required to work in a particular field and all VITUS certified parents are eligible with the exception of those who have a child in 7th grade. Students will present their projects on a rotating basis and criteria will be provided for scoring. Please respond ASAP to kjacobs@schooloftheincarnation.org

Holiday Help for the Homeless of Baltimore and Annapolis

To celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, School of the Incarnation will celebrate our 18th year supporting the Giving Back organization with their annual Holiday Help for the Homeless drive. Our annual Kick Off will be during morning prayer on Monday, November 20th. Students will be coming home with the Holiday Help for the Homeless information sheet. We ask that you prayerfully discuss as a family what you can do to help. Even with the inflation we are all experiencing, a \$25 donation will still purchase a complete backpack filled with new, warm clothes that could be lifesaving to a homeless person. As you can imagine, the need is even greater this year.

You can find information about this year's drive and how to get involved on <https://www.homelessdrive.org/>

If you have any questions, please contact Sandi Dlugonski sdlugonski@schooloftheincarnation.org

Attention 8th Grade Parents and Students - HSPT Prep

An optional 8th grade HSPT Boot Camp is being offered by an outside provider on Saturday, November 18th and Saturday, November 25th from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Students can register for one or both of these sessions, and the cost is \$135 per day. The courses are run through Zoom, and recordings are shared with families after the class.

Please, see the attached flyer for more information or visit <https://HSPTPREPPROGRAMS.COM> to register. Additional questions can be sent to eric@hsptprepprograms.com.

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 begins on or around Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Picture Day/Photo Order Questions

info@hamilton-images.com

410-267-6090

www.hamilton-images.com

Basketball T-shirts

Basketball season is here and so are the basketball tees. The school has a limited inventory of youth sized SOTI basketball tee shirts. Let your student show their support for our middle school basketball teams and buy a shirt today! Cost is \$8

[Click here to order Basketball tee shirts](#)



Save the Date!

The SOTI Theatre Club presents "A Night of Bedtime Stories" on Friday, December 15 and Saturday, December 16, both at 7:00 PM.

"Bedtime Stories (As Told By Our Dad) (Who Messed Them Up)" by: Ed Monk

"Bestest Bedtime Stories (As Told By Our Grandpa) (He's Silly)" by: Ed Monk

Vision and Hearing Screening – Volunteers are still 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.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our school community is blessed with many gifted individuals. Please consider volunteering your time and talents with the Beyond Program so we can accommodate as many students as possible in the various clubs. If you have any questions or ideas for a club, please contact our school's Auxiliary Services Coordinator, Amy Santini.

INTEREST FORMS for Trimester 2/Winter Session (complete by noon Friday, Nov. 17th)

Interest forms are used to gauge the number of potential participants as well as adult volunteers available for each club. Registration form links are sent to those from the interest form lists who are able to be accommodated to join a club. Once a club has had their first session of the trimester, additional registrations cannot be accepted.

- Arts and Crafts Club (PreK-2nd)
<https://forms.gle/1nYLE2BvUensnheK7>
 - Creation & Imagination Club (all grades)
<https://forms.gle/nPyoD1oJ3dUDen786>
 - Coding and Technology Club (4th-5th)
<https://forms.gle/dR8WwTLNgeL99vub8>
 - The SOTI Scientists Club (3rd-4th)
<https://forms.gle/pEB9bFyn3FJ8gJPF8>
 - Knights' Chess Club (2nd-8th)
<https://forms.gle/cuMwfvktCwAQ4a7m8>
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The God Spot

Adoration Volunteers Are Needed for December

On December 1st, 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:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AFA92AA5F5C25-45863771-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

Spirit Night - TONIGHT!!!

Please join us tonight, Thursday, November 16th at Nando's Peri Peri in Waugh Chapel, 5:00 - 9:00 PM. A portion of the sales will be donated back to SOTI. See attached flyer! Please mention you are supporting the School of the Incarnation fundraiser!

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!

Serving a purpose

For one night only, we're donating **40% of our fundraising proceeds** to **School of the Incarnation**. That means every plate of flame-grilled PERi-PERi chicken that you order gives back to the community.

It's a surefire way to offer support.

Location Nando's PERi-PERi Waugh Chapel

Address 1403 South Main Chapel Way, Gambrills, MD, 21054

Date Thursday, 16th November, 2023

Time 4pm-8pm

RSVP Not Required





HSPT® PREP

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATES

REGISTER NOW

FOR THE HSPT® PREP SATURDAY BOOT CAMP

SPACE REMAINING FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Saturday, November 18th from 9:00-4:00pm

Saturday, November 25th from 9:00-4:00pm

The **ONLY** HSPT Prep program in the country that's supported by Scholastic Testing Service, the owner and administrator of the HSPT.

SATURDAY BOOT CAMPS INCLUDE:

- Live instruction provided by experienced educators through Zoom.
- Two instructors (one Math and one ELA)
- The morning will be dedicated to Math (Math and Quantitative Skills sections) and the afternoon will focus on English (Reading, Language, and Verbal Skills sections). Some classes will start with English while others will start with Math.
- Engaging lessons with opportunities for students to participate and ask questions.
- Practice modules throughout the course that provide students with immediate feedback.
- Small sections capped at 20 students.
- Students will receive practice problems and other review materials after the Boot Camp so they can continue to prepare for the HSPT until their test date.
- The opportunity for students to learn alongside classmates from across the region and country.

PROGRAM COST - \$135 PER BOOT CAMP

Additional information and registration link can be found at:

[HTTPS://HSPTPREPPROGRAMS.COM/](https://hsptprepprograms.com/)



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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