

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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 & Choir Christmas Concert 6:30 PM
Thursday, Dec. 7th:	7th Grade Science Fair
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
Thursday, December 14th:	Giving Back Backpack Packing Day Tag Day - see below for details
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
Wednesday, January 3rd:	School reopens Re-enrollment for current students begins
Friday, January 5th:	Spirit Wear Day First Friday Adoration in the Chapel



Reminder

For the safety of all – please **do not park in the fire lane** when signing in/out your child/ren from school, practices, clubs, ESP or when dropping off forgotten items. Parents/guardians should park in a designated parking space and walk up to the building.

Friday, December 8th

Friday, December 8th is a Spirit Wear Day. To celebrate the annual Army/Navy football game, students may also choose to wear Army/Navy gear. Please refer to the Parent Student Handbook for tag day/ out-of-uniform guidelines.

Tag Day - Thursday, December 14th

Thursday, December 14th will be a Tag Day. The theme is Pajama Day – students may wear their favorite pajamas to school. Slippers may be worn but must be brought to school in a bag and changed into once your child is in their homeroom. Students who have PE on Thursdays must wear sneakers. **The cost to dress out-of-uniform is \$1 – dollar bills only please – no coins.** The money collected will be donated to Giving Back. Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for tag day/out-of-uniform guidelines.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day –Wednesday, December 20th – ½ day dismissal for all students – No PM ESP

On Wednesday, December 20th students may dress out of uniform. This is a free out-of-uniform day. Students are asked to wear ugly Christmas sweaters, other Christmas themed clothes or simply red and/or green. Please remember the dress guidelines for a tag day/out-of-uniform apply – refer to the Parent-Student Handbook.

SOTI Theatre Club Presentation

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

Link to purchase tickets: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/bsfyQtjd>

Turkey Trot

An amazing time was had by our school community at the Turkey Trot! We met our challenge goal and received over \$41,000 in donations! Thank you again to those who sponsored our event and to those who volunteered to help make the day a memorable one for the students and faculty! The following winners were announced to the students before the Thanksgiving break:

◊\$25 Gift Card Winners: PK-2- Lola Wilson; 3rd-5- Noah Tucker; Middle School- Patrick O'Leary

◊Homeroom Pajama Day Winners (Date TBD):

PK- Seitler; 1st- All; 2nd- Shallow; 3rd- Compher; 4th- Ricardi; 5th- Mulville; 6th- Brundidge; 7th- Oxner; 8th- Keil

◊The Top 10 who will enjoy lunch and Monster Mini Golf with a friend:

Cheyenne Manley; Everly, Connor, Jake and Will Pryor; Molly Yearick; Khloe and Kelsi Medina; Kiptyn and Piper Benedict; Kanaan and Lola Wilson; Violet Flood; Sofia Lopez; Jordan and Jenna Erzen; David and Aleksandra Callanan!

◊Prize cards for Out of Uniform, Mr. Tommy's and Chick-fil-A have been distributed to homeroom teachers for distribution.

◊Congratulations to the following faculty/staff teams for top dollars raised for number of laps run/walked:

1st Place (lunch off campus and afternoon off): Christina Padgett, Natalie Shallow, Gina Goodman, Marianne Morton, Julie Guenther, Allison Kavanaugh and Christine Hinton

2nd Place (DoorDash Lunch in): Brittany Musgrove, Amy Santini, Margaret Nappi, Allison Franklin, Janay Oxner, Kristin Bidinger and Janice Corrigan

3rd Place (DoorDash Lunch in): Lauren Smith, Carin Ferrante, Katy Compher, Sarah Spaulding, Katie Keough, Amy Mautino and Jessica Gruner

◊Congratulations to the following faculty/staff for most laps run/walked:

Christine Hinton (21.5), Sarah Spaulding (21), Kristen Noll (20), Gina Goodman (19.5), Kelly Murphy and Brittany Musgrove (18) - all won a pair of turkey socks and a Tropical Smoothie Cafe gift card

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL! GOBBLE! GOBBLE!

Incarnation Fund

Giving Tuesday may be over, but annual giving goes through June! We invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to our Incarnation Fund that reflects your commitment to Catholic education and invest in the heart of our mission and the students we serve. Every gift makes a difference!

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



Can you help?? Judges are still 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

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.

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 was just before Thanksgiving and all students came 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. A \$25 donation buys a complete backpack filled with 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/>

All donations will need to be made online [Donate here](#) (Please choose School of the Incarnation as your group in the 4th box.)

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

Picture Day/Photo Order Questions

info@hamilton-images.com

410-267-6090

www.hamilton-images.com

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

UPDATES:

Based on the interest forms completed for the proposed T2/Winter clubs, the following groups are in the process of being finalized. Families of students able to be accommodated will be emailed the registration form link the week of Dec. 4th:

- Knights Chess Club (Fridays for 2nd/3rd graders)
- Coding and Technology Club (Fridays for 4th/5th graders)
- Arts and Crafts Club (Thursdays for PreK/K)

In the works (pending approval and confirmation of volunteers):

- Creation and Imagination Club (Thursdays for 7th graders, Mondays for 1st/2nd graders, Mondays for 3rd/4th graders)

The SOTI Scientists Club as well as other grade level groups not listed above are not able to be offered at this time due to either a lack of interest or volunteers. If circumstances change, those details will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

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 should 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.



Adoration Volunteers Are Needed for December

Tomorrow, 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

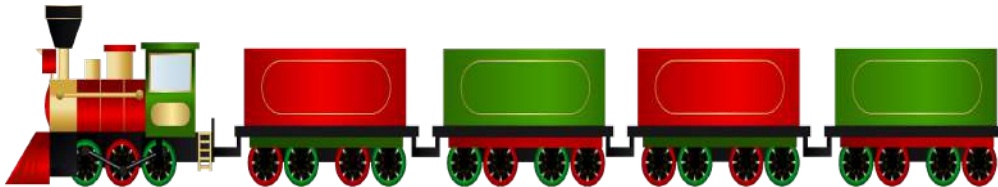
Parents, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in saying the rosary on Wednesday mornings at 7:15 a.m. in the chapel (enter through front doors – chapel through door to immediate right). We hope that you can join us for all or part of the rosary! Questions - please contact Ms. Hinton at chinton@schooloftheincarnation.org



Parent Advisory Council News

SOTI Christmas Express

Join us on Friday, December 8th, 4:00 - 6:00 PM for a ride on the SOTI Christmas Express, a cup of hot chocolate, a holiday storytime and a visit from Santa!



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!

Community News

Knights of Columbus Keep Christ is Christmas Poster Contest

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. One way to kick off the Advent season is through participation in the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.

The theme is Keep Christ in Christmas, so the drawing should have Jesus in it. However, it doesn't need to be limited to a nativity / manger scene; it could be of a Christmas tree with Jesus under it, a church with a baby Jesus, Jesus under the Christmas star, the classic Santa Claus kneeling at Jesus' manger, etc. Students can be creative, and they just need to have Jesus in the poster.

- There are four categories: K-1;2-3;4-5;6-8
- Prize for K-3 is \$25. Prize for 4-8 is \$50
- The student's name, grade and school (SOTI)- should be clearly written on the back.
- Posters can be any size and children may use any media (pencil, crayon, marker, paint, etc.)
- Posters should be turned in to the school office by Monday, December 4th

2024-2025 OLF HNS Scholarship Program





Our Lady of the Fields Holy Name Society is offering two \$1000 scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year. Application is open to all Our Lady of the Fields parishioners with children attending or planning to attend the School of the Incarnation from grade 1 to 8.

Applications are available at Our Lady of the Fields parish office or online at www.OurLadyOfftheFields.org under Announcements. Completed applications must be received in a sealed envelope at the OLF Parish office by January 30, 2024. Every attempt will be made to notify the selected recipient in order to meet the SOTI registration requirement.

All applications will be held in strictest confidence and destroyed upon completion of the selection process.

Contact Dave Demers at 410-923-3205 or david.demers@verizon.net for any questions.

December 2023 Lunch Menu
TOMMY'S FOOD SERVICE @ School of the Incarnation
"Great Food for Great Kids"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
4 Chicken Patty Sandwich , waffle fries and veggie	5 Cheese Ravioli in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	6 Baked Potato Bar , with bacon bits, steamed broccoli, cheddar cheese, butter and sour cream	7 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	8 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
11 Cheeseburgers , French fries and veggie	12 Pasta Shells in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	13 ^{6th} Grade Field Trip Walking taco or soft tacos , Spanish rice and corn	14 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	15 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
18 Chicken Tenders/Corn dogs , homemade mac and cheese and veggie	19 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.	20 EARLY DISMISSAL CAFETERIA CLOSED	21 SCHOOL CLOSED Christmas Break	22 SCHOOL CLOSED Christmas Break
25 SCHOOL CLOSED Christmas Break	26 SCHOOL CLOSED Christmas Break	27 SCHOOL CLOSED Christmas Break	28 SCHOOL CLOSED Christmas Break	29 SCHOOL CLOSED Christmas Break

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.**

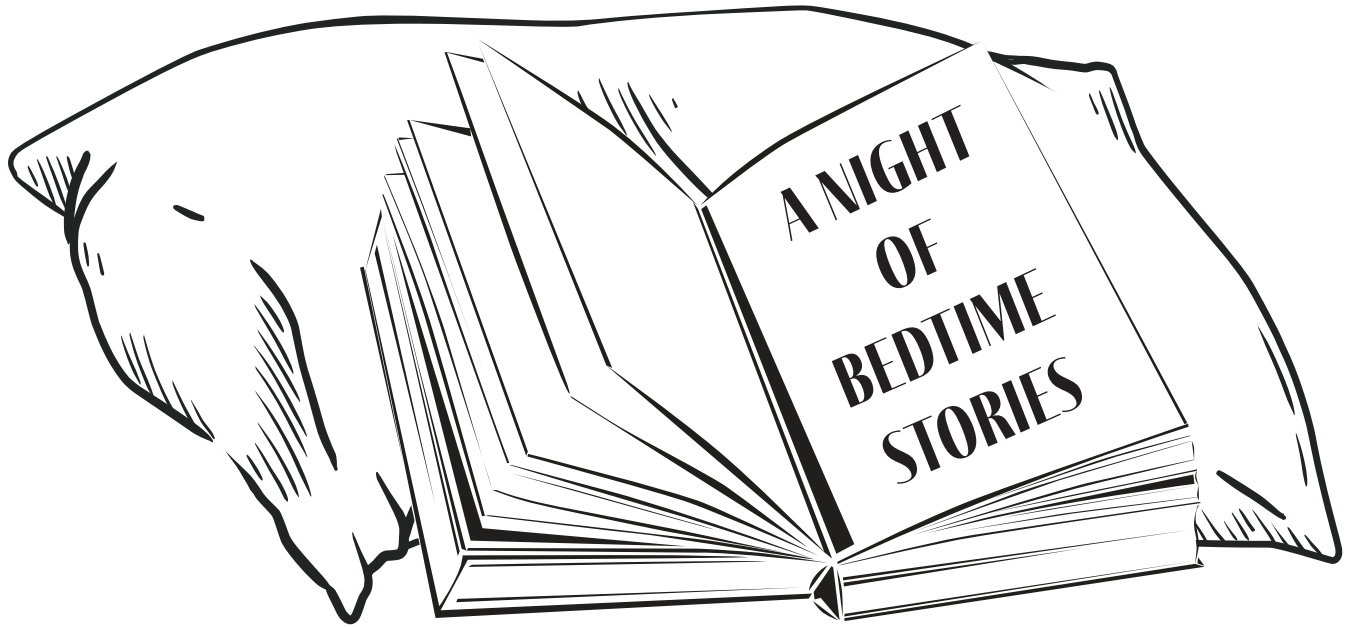
Available Daily		Available Daily		Not Available Daily	
Hot dog	\$2.75	Cookies	\$1.25	French Fries	\$2.75
Grilled Cheese	\$2.75	Chips	\$1.25	Rice or Mashed Potato	\$2.75
		Soft Pretzels	\$1.50	Waffle/Curly Fries/Tater tots	\$2.95
Homemade Soup		Pretzel Logs/Bites	\$1.95	Buttered Noodles	\$2.75
Chicken 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, carrots or sliced cucumber)	\$2.00	Meatball Sub	\$4.00
		Tuesdays and Pizza Days ONLY		Pancakes (3)/French toast sticks (3-4)	\$3.50
Beverage		Ice cream cup	\$1.00	Philly Cheesesteak	\$4.50
Milk or Juice	\$0.90	Twister	\$1.75	Pizza (1 slice)	\$2.85
Bottled Water	\$1.00	Scooter Bar	\$1.50	Mac and Cheese	\$3.95
Gatorade/Propel	\$1.75	Wednesdays ONLY		Cheese Ravioli (7 pcs)	\$3.95
		Nachos, Chips and Cheese	\$2.75	Walking Taco	\$4.25
				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

SOTI THEATRE CLUB

Presents



*“Bedtime Stories
(As Told By Our Dad) (Who Messed Them Up)”*

*“Bestest Bedtime Stories
(As Told By Our Grandpa) (He’s Silly)”*

by Ed Monk

December 15-16, 2023 7:00PM

Tickets \$5

The School of the Incarnation

CHRISTMAS

Express



DECEMBER 8TH

4:00 - 6:00 PM



Join us for a ride on the SOTI Christmas Express, a cup of hot chocolate, a holiday storytime and a visit from Santa!



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

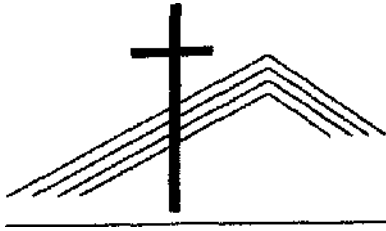
Church Community Other _____

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>



Our Lady of the Fields Holy Name Society Scholarship Application

Our Lady of the Fields Church • Millersville, Maryland

The Our Lady of the Fields Holy Name Society Scholarship shall be awarded to two deserving students who are members of Our Lady of the Fields Parish and who will be pursuing their education at the School of the Incarnation in Gambrills, MD. Both scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, shall be awarded and paid directly to the School of the Incarnation toward the student's tuition for the 2024-2025 school year.

ELIGIBILITY

Our Lady of the Fields parishioners — with children attending, or planning to attend, the School of the Incarnation in grades one through eight — are eligible to be considered for this scholarship.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete this form and return to the address at the bottom of this application no later than **January 30, 2024**. To be considered you must submit all required information by this date.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name: (First) _____ (Middle) _____ (Last) _____

Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____ Home Tel.: _____

Father's Name: _____ Email: _____ Mobile Tel.: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Email: _____ Mobile Tel.: _____

Number of children attending Catholic school; 1 2 3 4 5 more than 5

Gross annual income for household:

less than \$60,000 \$60,000 to \$80,000 \$80,000 to \$100,000

\$100,000 to \$140,000 \$140,000 to \$160,000 more than \$160,000

Are you an active parishioner at Our Lady of the Fields Church? Yes No

I hereby certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Date: _____

