

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Thursday, November 9th:	PAC Used Uniform sale 5:30 - 6:30 PM in the Gym
Friday, November 10th:	Spirit Wear Day or wear camouflage - see below 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:	1st Gr. Field Trip - Ft. McHenry, Baltimore 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM 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
Friday, December 8th:	Spirit Wear Day 10:00 School Mass 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



Honoring our Veterans

To honor our veterans, tomorrow, Friday, November 10th students may wear camouflage (no face paint). Students may also choose to wear Spirit Wear. Out-of-uniform guidelines apply. Please refer to the Parent Student Handbook.

Reminder

As a reminder, even during the Halloween season with candy readily available, we are a peanut free school.

Individual Student Make-up/Retake Picture Day

Hamilton Images will be doing a make up / retake day at school on Tuesday, November 14th. Please see below for the details.

- **Make-ups:** Any student that has not been photographed is considered a make-up. You don't need to do anything. Your child is on our list and the school will make sure the student comes to the photo station. You will receive an email once the photos are loaded into your child's private gallery (1-2 weeks after photo day).



- **Retakes:** Any student that would like a retake is invited to do so on this date. Please use this [Retake Form](#) to sign up. We will create a list and the school will make sure your child comes to the photo station. You will receive an email once the photos are loaded into your child's private gallery (1-2 weeks after photo day)
- **Picture Day/Photo Order Questions:**
info@hamilton-images.com
410-267-6090
www.hamilton-images.com

Absence Policy

This school year, the AOB tightened its policy regarding absences. This policy can be found in the [Parent Student Handbook](#). Below are a few items of note as we approach the holiday season:

- Permission may not be given by any teacher or administrator for students to be absent for extra vacations or holidays.
- **Prolonged unauthorized absences can and does affect students' grades and academic standing.**
- Students who are absent from school may not participate in any after school or evening school sponsored events such as sports, dances, etc.
- Personal instruction delivered by the teacher cannot be replicated. Missed work and assignments may only be obtained upon return and provided that missed work assignments may not be available for all absences, as they are dependent upon the nature of the work. Teachers are not responsible for creating alternative assignments or experiences for absent students.
- When he/she returns to school, the student must bring a written note to his/her homeroom teacher signed by a parent/legal guardian stating the reason for absence.
- Per the AOB policy, a student marked absent for more than 20 instructional days in one school year is considered excessively absent and may result in the student being retained. The administration reserves the right to request a conference with parents of a student with excessive absences and tardies at any point during the school year in order to make parents and students aware of the possible consequences of not attending school on a consistent basis.

To clarify the policy on work missed due to absence. A change was made to the last two sentences to make the distinction between absence due to illness and prolonged absence NOT due to illness (such as a family vacation). The last sentence referred to an "above policy: but it was not clear as to which policy it referred to. The last two sentences now read:

Typically, students have one day per day absent **due to illness** to make up work. Missed work related to extended absences not related to illness are subject to policies listed in the above **absence policy**.

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.

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

Turkey Trot

We are over 1/2 way to our goal of \$30,000 with one week left until the big day! It is not too late to set up your PIGGYBAKR family fundraising page and join the fun to help our school and have your student earn prizes as we trot our way to the finish line!

<https://www.piggybackr.com/users/soti/fundraisers/school-of-the-incarnation-2023-december/public>

Reminder, If we reach our challenge goal of \$40,000, the top 10 family teams will enjoy a special day out to Monster Mini Golf with a friend! Lunch included! We will reach this goal if EVERY student receives \$52 in donations!

Deadline to purchase sponsorships is TOMORROW NOVEMBER 10TH.

We have 2 Fitness Station sponsorship packages available along with our Turkey Trot Treat sponsor.

Click here for more information: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/uiku453k>

We have several event day volunteer spots to fill. Please consider signing up for a 1/2 day or full day spot. Volunteers will be served a continental breakfast and lunch is also provided! Must be VIRTUS certified.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AFA92AA5F5C25-45411719-2023>

Race Day Reminders coming next week! Questions? Contact Development Director Kristina Rykiel. GOBBLE! GOBBLE!



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.

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

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/pEB9bFyn3EJ8gJPF8>
 - Knights' Chess Club (2nd-8th)
<https://forms.gle/cuMwfvktCwAQ4a7m8>
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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

Uniform Sale TODAY!

Thursday, November 9th 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Gym
It's time to shop for your winter uniform needs!

Reminders:

1. Please label your good condition items *before* dropping them off.
2. Uniform sales are cash or check only.
3. Be kind. The sale is run by volunteer parents and students.
4. Please refrain from selling directly in the gym, the proceeds from uniform sales are a fundraiser for the school.

PAC Social Date Night

Hello Parents! We are excited to be moving the PAC Social out of Marion Hall and into Molloy's Irish Pub & Restaurant! Please join us on November 14th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Molloy's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 1053 Rt. 3, Gambriels. Meet other parents, hear PAC updates and learn about ways to volunteer. The PAC will provide appetizers, including Boneless Buffalo Wings, Irish Wontons and Gaelic Nachos (GF). A cash bar will also be available.

Child care will be available at SOTI from 6:00 to 8:45 for \$20 per child. Pizza dinner will be provided! Students will also participate in a craft. **Online registration for child care will close tomorrow, November 10th.** Please use the sign-up link below to register!

[PAC Social Child Care](#)

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

Upcoming Spirit Night

Nando's Peri Peri Waugh Chapel on November 16th. 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!

From the Community

Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church, Millersville

Middle school students are invited to attend the next Edge Night gathering at Our Lady of the Fields tonight, Thursday, November 9, 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the parish hall.

Any middle schooler is welcome to attend regardless of parish, as long as they have a permission from that can be found on our website: <https://www.ourladyofthefields.org/youth-ministry/>

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





2023 SOTI TURKEY TROT SPONSORSHIPS

Contact Information:	
Name	
Email	
Phone	
Business Information:	
Name	
Address	
Phone #	

Turkey Trot Treat Sponsor

***\$750- ONLY 1 AVAILABLE!** Sponsor the snack bag the students receive on event day! Sponsorship receives an exclusive banner displayed on campus the day of the event next to the snack tent. After the event, the banner will be moved next to our school sign on Waugh Chapel Road until Christmas break! Also included is a newsletter announcement and social media recognition.

Fitness Station Sponsor

***\$200- ONLY 5 AVAILABLE!** Sponsor a Fitness Station on the Turkey Trot Loop! Sponsorship will receive a sign placed at one of the fitness stations that entertain the students during the trot. After the event, your sign will be displayed on our school campus! Also included is a newsletter announcement and social media recognition.

Response needed no later than Friday, November 10th

Attention: Kristina Rykiel, Development Director

Payment requested to be paid online, if possible

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/uiku453k>



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 _____</p> <p>Enrollment date _____ \$250 tuition credit date _____</p>
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