

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Friday, December 8th:	Spirit Wear Day School Mass 10:00 AM SOTI Christmas Express 4:00 - 6:00 PM
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



Friday, December 8th

Tomorrow, Friday, December 8th is a Spirit Wear Day. To celebrate the annual Army/Navy football game, students may also choose to wear Army/Navy (or Air Force/Marine/Coast Guard) 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

We are so grateful to the families who supported our teachers during the Turkey Trot. Your sponsorship helped push us over the finish line and reach our goal of 40k! This would not have been possible without your teacher pledge! Please use the link below to finalize your pledge. GOBBLE! GOBBLE!

[Pledge Payment for Turkey Trot](#)

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.

Giving Back

School of the Incarnation's 18th Annual Backpack Day is just around the corner and there is still time to make your donations. Being that the need is even greater this year, Giving Back ordered supplies for 3,000 backpacks. A \$25 donation buys a complete backpack filled with warm clothes that could be lifesaving to a homeless person. 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 would like to help setup for Backpack Day on Wednesday, December 13th, from 3:00-4:15, or to be a part of the amazing experience of helping students fill their backpacks on December 14th, from 8:00-11:30, make sure to [sign up using this chart](#).

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our FIRST Lego Robotics Challenge Teams have been busy working on their Innovation Projects, using the Core Values of the program, coding and building their robots, planning strategies for the game challenges, and creating a presentation for team Qualifier Events. These events are free to attend and open to the public, so it would be wonderful to have supporters from the SOTI community come out to cheer them on. It would be especially great to have 4th-7th graders who may be interested in participating next year to come see what the program is all about! Here are the dates and locations:

- Jan. 20th (St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, MD) is the Golden Knights Team (Coaches Rich/Coffee)
- Feb. 3rd (AACC in Arnold, MD) is the SOTI's Robotic Knights (Coaches Gilmore/Peck)
- Feb. 10th (Johns Hopkins APL in Laurel, MD) is the Maroon Knights Team (Coaches Martin/Kerley)

UPDATES

Families of students able to be accommodated were emailed registration form links this week.

- Knights Chess Club (Fridays for 2nd/3rd graders and 4th/5th 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 6th/7th graders, Mondays for 1st/2nd graders, Mondays for 3rd/4th graders)

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).
- 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 January

On January 5th 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/10C0849AFA92AA5F5C25-46515370-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

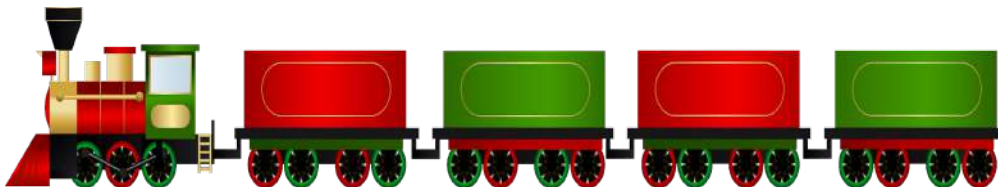
Parents, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in saying the rosary on Wednesday mornings at 7:15 a.m. in the chapel (enter through front doors – chapel through door to immediate right). We hope that you can join us for all or part of the rosary! Questions - please contact Ms. Hinton at chinton@schooloftheincarnation.org



Parent Advisory Council News

SOTI Christmas Express

Join us tomorrow, 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!



Save the Date – Father/Daughter Dance

Save the date for 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 to enjoy an enchanted night filled with dancing, light refreshments, and fun! Girls may be accompanied by their dad, grandfather, uncle, brother, or another responsible adult. More information to come!

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

Breakfast with Santa

Holy Family Catholic Church invites you to our Breakfast with Santa! Check out our website for more information: <https://www.holyfamilychurch.com/breakfast-with-santa.html>



The poster features a cartoon illustration of Santa Claus on the left. To the right, the text reads: 'YOU ARE INVITED TO...' followed by 'BREAKFAST WITH SANTA' in large, stylized letters. Below that, it says 'SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17' and '9 AM-12:30 PM | UNITY HALL'. The Knights of Columbus logo is in the top right corner. At the bottom, it says 'Enjoy a yummy breakfast and get photos with Santa!' and lists ticket prices: '\$10 for adults (13 and older)', '\$5 for ages 5-12', and 'Free for under 5'. The final line reads 'Funds Raised Support the HVAC Campaign!'.

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

**BREAKFAST WITH
SANTA**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
9 AM-12:30 PM | UNITY HALL**

Enjoy a yummy breakfast and get photos with Santa!

Tickets (Per Person & Sold at the Door):
\$10 for adults (13 and older)
\$5 for ages 5-12
Free for under 5

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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.



The School of the Incarnation

CHRISTMAS

Express



DECEMBER 8TH

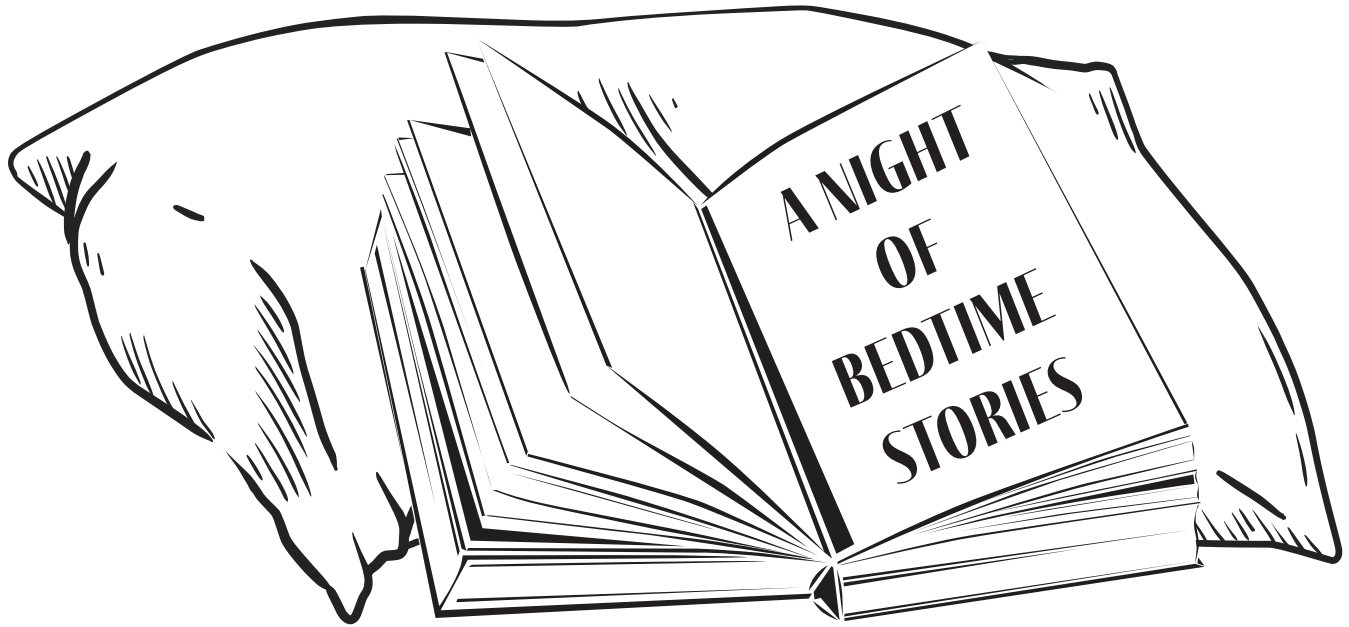
4:00 - 6:00 PM



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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



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

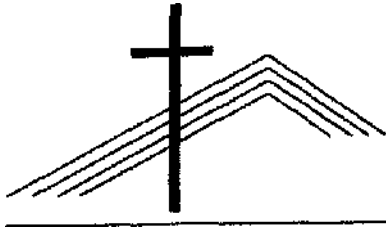
Church Community Other _____

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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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: _____

