

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Thursday February 15th:

Friday, February 16th:

Monday, February 19th:

Friday, February 23rd:

Thursday, February 29th:

Friday, March 1st:

Wednesday, March 6th:

Friday, March 8th:

Saturday, March 9th:

Tuesday, March 12th:

Wednesday, March 13th:

Thursday, March 14th:

Friday, March 15th:

Monday, March 18th:

Tuesday, March 19th:

Friday, March 22nd:

Wednesday, March 27th:

Thursday, March 28th:

March 29 - April 5:

Friday, May 10th:

Due Date for Intent to Re-enroll with \$200 fee

No School for Pre-K and Kindergarten students

½ Day Dismissal - ESP in session for students in Grades 1 - 8

Spirit Wear Day

School Closed - Presidents Day

Spirit Wear Day

Last day to apply for FACTS Grant & Aid - see below for link to apply

School Closed - Professional Development

ACRE test for students in Grades 5 & 8

End of Trimester 2

First Friday Adoration in the Chapel

Spirit Wear Day

PAC Irish Fest 12:00 - 4:00 PM - see flyer for ticket sales link

Class Picture Day

8th Gr. Panoramic Photo

Spring Clubs and Sports Picture Day

School Mass 10:00 AM

Spirit Wear Day

5th Grade Drownproofing Field Trip 8:45 AM - 1:30 PM

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Living Stations of the Cross presented by 8th Grade 7:00 PM

½ Day Dismissal - ESP closes at 4:00 PM

School Closed - Easter Break

The Gala 7:00 - 11:30 PM - more details to follow



MAP Growth Contest

As a result of the MAP Growth Contest, the following awards will be scheduled:

Tuesday, February 20th: 2nd grade out of uniform

Wednesday, February 21st: 3rd & 2nd grade out of uniform

Thursday, February 22nd: 2-5th grade out of uniform

Friday, February 23rd: 2nd grade donut party!

The Gala

SAVE THE DATE! The Gala will be held on Friday May 10, 2024. Event details, ticket sales and sponsorship packages go on sale next Friday, February 23rd! Mark your calendar now so you won't miss an amazing evening celebrating with our school community dancing the night away on the waterfront to the sounds of the 90's!

Wine Food & Brew Out of Uniform Fundraiser

Purchase a pass for your student(s) to dress OUT OF UNIFORM for ONE WEEK March 4th through 8th! The cost of the out of uniform pass is only \$25!** Passes will be available to purchase until Friday 3/1/2024. **If you have two children, the cost is \$25 each (total \$50) If you have more than two children, each additional child will only cost \$15. (Example: 4 children=\$80 etc.) Click on the link below to get your out of uniform pass today!

[Wine Food & Brew Out of Uniform Link](#)

2024-2025 School Year

First day of classes for students: August 26, 2024

Christmas Break: December 23, 2024 – January 1, 2025

Easter Break: April 18 - 25, 2025

8th Grade Graduation: May 31, 2025

Last day of classes for students: June 5, 2025

SOTI Asynchronous Remote Learning Days

Per the updated AOB policy regarding inclement weather, after the first three inclement weather days of the year, the school will pivot to asynchronous learning for the next two inclement weather days. On those days, students will be expected to complete lessons provided by teachers via Google classroom and SOTI Studies.

- Daily assignments will be posted on SOTI Studies for all grade levels by 8:00 AM on asynchronous learning days.
- Attendance will be based on completion of assignments
- Assignments should be completed independently at home with minimal support needed.
 - PreK will have optional activities to be completed at home
 - K-5 will have one assignment for both math and ELA with an additional assignment from religion, science, social studies, or cross-curricular. Each assignment should take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.
 - Grades 6-8 will have one assignment for each core subject: math, ELA, religion, science, and social studies. Each assignment should be approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.
- Student work must be submitted to the teacher by the time they come to school the following day. Classwork and/or assessments that are due may be locked and marked as incomplete if not done in the expected window of time.
- Specials (art, PE, music, world cultures, Spanish) will not post assignments for weather-related school closures.
- Parents and students should communicate questions directly to the teachers.

Catholic Advocacy Day

We are sharing a link that is being circulated for Catholic Advocacy Day in Maryland: [Action Center](#)

Please take a moment to look at it, and consider adding your name to the letters that will be sent to our government representatives. It's a quick process, and by doing so, you can advocate for the continuation of BOOST Scholarships. These scholarships are crucial for many families, enabling them to afford a Catholic education. Additionally, there's an opportunity to advocate for funding for non-public school transportation and support other important causes that you may hold dear.

Annual SOTI Faculty vs. Students Basketball Games

Ready for some March Madness?! The Annual Basketball Games featuring student-athletes, teachers, staff, and coaches are almost here! The fun is scheduled for Friday, March 8th at 6:30pm @ Archbishop Spalding High School. The event tips off with the Boys' A Basketball Team v the SOTI Men. Followed by the Girls' A Basketball Team v the SOTI Women.

Come cheer on your fellow students and some of your favorite teachers during one of the best events of the school year! Admission for this event is on sale now (\$7 per adult; \$5 per child).

Link to purchase tickets in advance: [Basketball Game Tickets](#)

*Ticket prices at the door will be \$10 per adult and \$5 per child - cash only!



FACTS Grant and Aid Applications

FACTS Grant and Aid Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 school year. **The deadline to apply for Grant and Aid will be February 29, 2024.** There will not be any exceptions to this deadline. FACTS is the validation software used by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the school, and the parishes to verify the applications. FACTS does not provide any aid. Aid is awarded by the AOB, the school and parishes. The application can be found through this link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3C65P> If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to Caroline Agresti, Business Manager at cagresti@schooloftheincarnation.org.

Re-enrollment for current students for the 24-25 school year

The re-enrollment process for current students at School of the Incarnation for the 2024-2025 school year has begun. It is important for us to know which students are returning before we begin to offer spots to new applicants. The "Intent to Re-Enroll" Form and re-registration fee must be submitted electronically through your SchoolAdmin parent portal account if you plan for your child/children to return to School of the Incarnation next year.

*The re-enrollment fee is now \$200 per student if paid by February 15th. See below for the complete fee schedule and deadlines.

Re-enrollment fee schedule:

\$100 if paid by January 15th

\$150 if paid between January 16th and January 31st

\$200 if paid between February 1st and February 15th

If not paid by February 15th, your child's spot will be released.

SOTI Summer Camp 2024 Dates and Themes

Below are the dates and themes for our summer camp – check future newsletters for more information!

- June 17-21 Maryland Week
- June 24-28 Lego Week
- July 1-5 Sports Spectacular Week (Closed July 4)
- July 8-12 Winter Wonderland Week
- July 15-19 Science/Discovery Week
- July 22-26 Under the Sea Week
- July 29- August 2 Saints Alive!



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

UPDATES:

The Maroon Knights of SOTI Robotics Team (5th graders Nyla Newton, Colton Cleland, Parker Davies, Aiden Garcia, Andrew Seghetti, and Paul Yoder, along with their coaches Mrs. Martin and Mr. Kerley) participated in The Qualifier Event at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab this past Saturday with 24 other teams. Many family members attended to cheer on the team with Miss Santini. Team members shared their art themed innovation project and robot design with the judges and competed in three rounds of robot challenges. We're very proud of them for their efforts with great teamwork and for representing SOTI well!" Great job, Knights!

Our 3rd and 4th grade Lego Explore teams (Incarnation Exploring Knights and Knight Explorers of SOTI) are creating display boards and final projects to share all that they've accomplished and learned. Families and teachers will be invited to come see their presentations next week. On March 16th, team members, their coaches, and anyone interested in attending, will participate in a special showcase event at Archbishop Spalding High School with other Lego Explore Teams. Look for details in upcoming newsletters!

The Coding and Technology Club finished up their meetings last week by coding iRobots to perform various tasks. Scratch coding, Little Bits kits, Makey Makey kits, as well as learning about ASCII and Morse Code were other topics and activities team members enjoyed exploring during this Winter session. Thank you to Mr. Meidenbauer and Mrs. Shobayo for their willingness to volunteer in order to make it a fun, educational, and successful club for all!

The Knights Chess Club will wrap up their meetings with a final session on February 23rd.

Next week, look for Interest Form links in the school newsletter for proposed Spring/Trimester 3 clubs. Adult moderators are vital to the creation and success of these groups, so please consider sharing your time and talents with our students!

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).

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



The God Spot

Invitation: Bishop Barron's "The Mass" Study for Lent

We are excited to announce a special initiative for adults to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Holy Mass. Our school and parish community is embarking on a study program centered around Bishop Robert Barron's insightful and inspiring series, "The Mass" (<https://mass.wordonfire.org/study>).

There will be 6 sessions from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at SOTI

- Tuesday February 20- Session 1: A Privileged Encounter
- Wednesday February 28 - Session 2: Called Out of The World
- Tuesday March 5- Session 3: God Speaks Our Story
- Tuesday March 12- Session 4: Responding to God
- Tuesday March 19- Session 5: Preparing for Sacrifice
- Tuesday March 26- Session 6: The Real Presence Creates Communion

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Lisa Delgado at lisa.delgado@hfccmail.org. Please complete the form here to let us know what sessions you are interested in attending. An out-of-uniform pass will be given out for parent attendance.

Adoration Volunteers Are Needed for March

On March 8th 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 8:30-1:45. 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/10C0849AFA92AA5F5C25-47785696-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

14th Annual Irish Fest

Please join us for the 14th Annual Irish Fest on March 9th from 12-4 for music, food and family fun! More details, volunteer opportunities and ticket sales link in the attached flyer.



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

Our Lady of the Fields Altar Server Training

- Monday, February 26th 6:30 - 8:00 PM
- Thursday, February 29th 6:30 - 8:00 PM
- Must attend both sessions
- Wednesday, March 6th 5:30 - 7:00 PM (make-up date if needed)
- Open to parish boys and girls in the 4th grade and above
- RSVP by Friday, February 23rd to erica@olfparish.com or 410-923-7019

Presents

14TH ANNUAL

9
MAR



12-4
PM



IRISH FEST!



LIVE BAND • DANCERS • SPIRITS • FOOD • FUN

Our school community again invites you to rejoice in the boundless spirit of Ireland. Come, bring kin and comrades, and let us revel in the mirth and magic of this cherished occasion. Entertainment will include McGrath Morgan Irish Dancers, live music from Def Leprechaun, a Magic show, Face Painting, Balloon Artist, catering from Molloy's Irish pub, arts and crafts, and more.
Sláinte!



**SCHOOL OF THE
INCARNATION**

2601 Symphony Lane
Gambrills, Maryland, 21054

BUY TICKETS ONLINE NOW



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Tickets for general admission, meals, bottomless beer, and whiskey flights can be purchased in advance.
<http://tinyurl.com/IrishFest2024>
Meals purchased on-site will be limited - **order your tickets online by Sunday, March 3 to secure your spot!

Volunteers are **NEEDED!** Please sign up [HERE](#).



SOTI HOCKEY FANFEST

MONDAY, MARCH 4 @ 6:30PM

SOTI VS CENTRAL

Neon Out

Fill the rink with neon colors to support your SOTI hockey team!

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 @ 6:30PM

SOTI VS ARUNDEL

Spirit Wear

Come to the game decked out in your spirit wear!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 @ 6:00PM

SOTI VS BROADNECK

White Out

Wear all white to the game to support your SOTI hockey team.

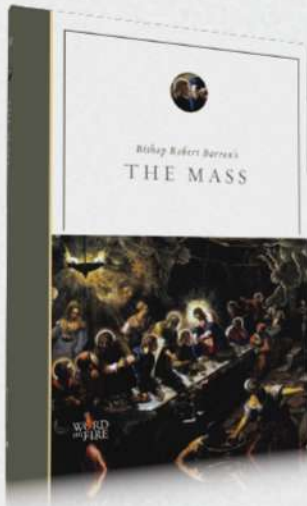
**ALL GAMES AT PINEY ORCHARD
ICE ARENA**

8781 Piney Orchard Pkwy, Odenton, MD 21113



Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program

THE MASS



Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

WWW.WORDONFIRE.ORG ✦ MASS.WORDONFIRE.ORG

DATE, TIME, LOCATION

SOTI

6 sessions 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Tuesday, February 20

Wednesday, February 28

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26

REGISTRATION



SCAN TO REGISTER

CONTACT

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Brian Ten Eyck

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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 ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

**Monday February 26-
6:30pm- 8:00pm**

**Thursday February 29-
6:30 pm- 8:00pm**

Must attend both sessions

**Wednesday March 6-
5:30 pm- 7:00pm
(make-up date, if needed)**



So you want to be an altar server?

The Altar Servers assist the priest and deacons during the parish liturgies and is open to parish boys and girls in the fourth grade and above.

RSVP by Friday February 23 to erica@olfparish.com or 410-923-7019