

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Friday, February 23rd:	Spirit Wear Day
Thursday, February 29th:	Last day to apply for FACTS Grant & Aid - see below for link to apply
Friday, March 1st:	School Closed - Professional Development
March 4 - 8:	Wine, Food & Brew Out-of-Uniform for those who purchased passes - see below
Wednesday, March 6th:	ACRE test for students in Grades 5 & 8
Friday, March 8th:	End of Trimester 2 First Friday Adoration in the Chapel Spirit Wear Day Faculty vs. Students Basketball Game 6:30 PM @ Spalding High School
Saturday, March 9th:	PAC Irish Fest 12:00 - 4:00 PM - see flyer for ticket sales link
Monday, March 11th:	Student Council, Spring Clubs and Sports Picture Day
Tuesday, March 12th:	Grades PreK - 2nd Class Picture Day 8th Gr. Panoramic Photo
Wednesday, March 13th:	NJHS and Grades 3 - 7 Class Picture Day
Thursday, March 14th:	School Mass 10:00 AM
Friday, March 15th:	Spirit Wear Day
Monday, March 18th:	5th Grade Drownproofing Field Trip 8:45 AM - 1:30 PM
Tuesday, March 19th:	5th Grade Drownproofing Field Trip 8:45 AM - 1:30 PM
Friday, March 22nd:	Spirit Wear Day
Wednesday, March 27th:	Living Stations of the Cross presented by 8th Grade 7:00 PM
Thursday, March 28th:	½ Day Dismissal - ESP closes at 4:00 PM
March 29 - April 5:	School Closed - Easter Break
Monday, April 8th:	Incarnation Day - more information to follow
Friday, May 10th:	The Gala 7:00 - 11:30 PM - more details to follow



Attention 3rd Graders: IT'S RECORDER TIME!!

3rd Grade will begin their Unit on Recorders in the 3rd Trimester. All 3rd graders must purchase the Recorders provided by the school--no sharing recorders between family members. We have already ordered one for each student and they are sitting in the Music Room waiting for the start of our Unit on March 14th. Recorders will be given out to students in class on March 14th & 15th. The cost is \$8.00. [Email Mrs. Petersen](#) with any questions. Please use the link below to purchase your 3rd grader's recorder.

[Recorder Purchase 3rd Grade 2024](#)

The Gala

TICKETS GO ON SALE TOMORROW! Don't miss an amazing evening with our school community on Friday May 10th dancing the night away on the waterfront to the sounds of the 90's! Be on the lookout tomorrow with an email containing event details and links to purchase VIP tables, single tickets and sponsorship packages including an early bird discount ticket special! Gala 2024 will not disappoint!

Wine Food & Brew Out of Uniform Fundraiser

This is the last week to 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 next 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](#)

Annual SOTI Faculty vs. Students Basketball Games- Friday, March 8th

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.

SOTI Summer Camp 2024 Dates and Themes

We are so happy to share information about this year's summer camps! In addition to the traditional **Summer Knights Camps (Gr. K-4)**, we will continue to offer 4 weeks of **Summer Social Camps for students in grades 5-8!** **All grade levels refer to the 2024-2025 school year.**

Below is information for all programs, and a calendar for the scheduled camps.

Each **Summer Knights Camp** lasts one week and is independent of the other weeks. Families can choose the weeks that work best for them. These camps consist of age appropriate activities and in house field trips which follow the theme for the week. There may be the opportunity for off campus field trips as well (TBD). Off site field trips will have additional field trip fees of no more than \$30.00 per trip.

Each **Summer Social Camp** lasts one week and is independent of the other weeks. Families can choose the weeks that work best for them. There are two weeks in June and two in July. These camps will consist of age appropriate activities and games to allow the students to spend time with their peers having fun while being active indoors and out. This also includes short day trips for activities such as minigolf, bowling and movies.

*Special note for 5th grade parents. Fifth grade students participating in summer camps, will spend the morning in the older group (Summer Social Camps). You may choose to have them leave at 12:15 PM with the students in grades 6-8. If you wish for your 5th grader to remain for the full day, they would transition to the Summer Knight Camp from 12:15-4:00 PM.

The registration form and non refundable fee can be processed via the link below or from the school website under the Student Life tab. The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 27th. The payment for the remaining balance of the camp(s) will be assessed separately and will be due by Friday, May 31st.

Summer Camps registration link:

[Summer Camp-Summer Social Registration 2024](#)

Below are the dates and themes for our summer camp

- 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!



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

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 Knights Chess Club wraps up their winter session this Friday. Thank you to Mr. Marino, Mr. Kienstra, and middle schooler Nicky D'Ambrosio for teaching and monitoring the 2nd-5th grade club members as they practiced their Chess playing skills.

INTEREST FORMS FOR PROPOSED T3/SPRING CLUBS:

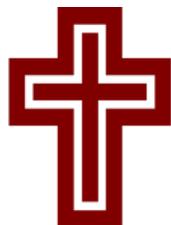
Adult moderators are vital to the creation and success of these groups, so please consider sharing your time and talents with our students!

- Co-Ed Tag Rugby Club (4th-8th gr.) <https://forms.gle/iispj4V2nz6YpdMMA>
- Guys on the Go Running Team (boys in 3rd-5th gr.) <https://forms.gle/AzTtsxsRSck3VfoG8>
- Junior Joggers Running Club (K-2nd gr.) <https://forms.gle/qFKKc7ngUgEYcFa16>
- Environmental Club (1st-3rd gr.) <https://forms.gle/3RpsW6py5oQ5iEwp9>
- Arts and Crafts Club (Preschool-2nd gr.) <https://forms.gle/1eVjaBT9m3v6ryBY9>
- Creation and Imagination Club (PK-4th gr.) <https://forms.gle/EWDJMQqjokmRQVF9>

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). Reusable water bottles with built in straws only for drinks.

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

Sacred Heart Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus is hosting a free throw contest for boys and girls ages 9-14 at the Bowie City Gym, 4100 Northview Drive on Sunday March 3, 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Participants can stop by for a 15 minute time slot between 4:00 - 5:30 pm, and there is no prior registration required. There is no charge, and the contest is open to all.



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

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.

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.

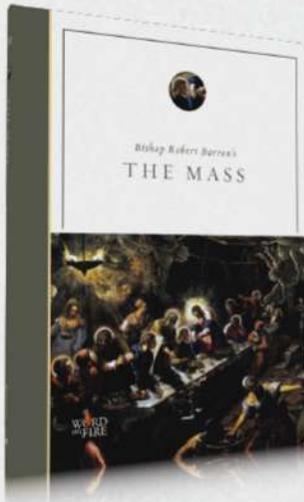
**ALL GAMES AT PINEY ORCHARD
ICE ARENA**

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

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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>
