

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Friday, February 9th:	Spirit Wear Day or Jersey Day PAC Father/Daughter Dance 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Saturday, February 10th:	Wine, Food & Brew 7:00 - 11:00 PM
Monday, February 12th:	School Closed - gift from Archbishop Lori - no ESP
Wednesday, February 14th:	Ash Wednesday - School Mass 10:00 AM
Thursday February 15th:	Due Date for Intent to Re-enroll with \$200 fee
Friday, February 16th:	No School for Pre-K and Kindergarten students ½ Day - ESP in session for students in Grades 1 - 8 Spirit Wear Day
Monday, February 19th:	School Closed - Presidents Day
Friday, February 23rd:	Spirit Wear Day
Friday, March 1st:	School Closed - Professional Development
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
Saturday, March 9th:	PAC Irish Fest 12:00 - 4:00 PM 
Tuesday, March 12th:	Class Picture Day 8th Gr. Panoramic Photo
Friday, May 10th:	The Gala 7:00 - 11:30 PM - more details to follow



Friday, February 9th

Tomorrow, Friday, February 9th, students may wear Spirit Wear or choose to wear a sports jersey in anticipation of the Super Bowl. Please remember the dress guidelines for a tag day/out-of-uniform apply – refer to the Parent-Student Handbook.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to sixth grader Jordan Erzen who is the 2023-2024 SOTI Spelling Bee champion! Jordan will represent SOTI in the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee for Anne Arundel County on March 9th. We are so very proud of Jordan and we wish her well in her next competition. Go K-N-I-G-H-T-S!

The Gala

SAVE THE DATE! The Gala will be held on Friday May 10, 2024. Event details will be announced in the coming weeks with an official event launch on Friday February 23rd! Mark your calendar now so you won't miss an amazing evening with our school community.

Tuesday, February 13th- Celebrate St. Valentine's Day

On Tuesday, February 13th students may wear Valentine/red/pink accessories (socks, bows, headbands, necklaces, ties, etc.) with their uniform. It is **not** a Tag Day or an out-of-uniform day.



Wine, Food & Brew Attendees

For those attending WFB on Saturday - please be on the lookout for an email with event information.

Wine Food & Brew Out of Uniform Fundraiser

Back by popular demand! We will again be hosting our **ONE WEEK Out-of-Uniform fundraiser!** Students may be out of uniform the week of March 4th- March 8th.

AFTER EVENT PRICE - Available until 3/1/2024 (the after-event purchase link will become available on Sunday, February 11th) *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.) *Staff members may purchase an out of uniform for the week too! Staff members who wish to participate will be receiving an employee link for "Out of Uniform" passes.



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!

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

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.factsmgmt.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 SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

2nd-5th grade basketball clinics and middle school spring sports are back! We are also exploring the possibility of adding middle school girls softball and co-ed flag rugby to our spring options (not a guarantee). Below, you will find the registrations for all activities. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to fully read and complete the registration(s). If you have any questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Keith Smith (kbsmith@schooloftheincarnation.org).

  [Middle School Spring Sports Registration \(Baseball and Lacrosse\)](#)  

  [Preliminary Middle School Softball/Flag Rugby Survey](#)  

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please support our FIRST Lego Robotics Challenge Teams! These events are free to attend and open to the public. It would be especially wonderful 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 host locations for Qualifier Events:

- This Saturday, Feb. 10th (Johns Hopkins APL in Laurel, MD) is the Maroon Knights Team event (Coaches Martin/Kerley)

UPDATES:

The SOTI's Robotic Knights Team (8th graders Aiden Gilmore and Gavin Waldman, 7th graders Aidan TenEyck and Nick Ollei, and 6th graders Andrew Clark, Jackson Kerley, and Jack Oliver along with their coaches Mrs. Gilmore and Mr. Peck) participated in The Battle of the Bay Qualifier Event at AACC this past Saturday with 15 other teams. Many family members attended to cheer on the team with Miss Santini. After 3 rounds in which their robot was coded to complete various challenges on a game board, the team earned the highest score and a First Place trophy for their Robot performance! Great job, Knights!

Our 2nd grade Lego Explore teams (SOTI's Lego Knights and the Golden Junior Knights) as well as our 1st grade Lego Discover Team (SOTI's Discovering Knights) created display boards and final projects to showcase all that they've accomplished and learned. Families and teachers were invited to come see their presentations at their final meeting. Thank you to the parent volunteers: Mrs. Nimo, Mrs. and Mr. Clark, Mrs. Lange, Mr. Beuerlein, Mrs. Digby, and Mrs. Abolt for a fun and successful "Masterpiece" season!

By the end of February, look for Interest Form links to be available 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 (tentative)- 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

Save the Date!!

Please save the date for the upcoming PAC Irish Fest and plan to join us on March 9th from 12-4 for music, food and family fun! More details and ticket sales link to follow!



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

Holy Family Church's Family Retreat

Go, Seek Find: The Amazing Treasures of the Catholic Faith!

Saturday, February 17, 2024 • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

You're invited to our Family Retreat! Don't miss this fun, faith-filled family event! We'll have several different stations, including Bible Story, Craft, Games, Snacks, Videos, and Adoration. There is something for everyone! Please see the attached flyer for details!

School of the Incarnation - Parent Advisory Council

Presents

14TH ANNUAL

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12-4
PM



IRISH FEST!



DANCING • DRINKS • FOOD • FUN

Mark your calendars, for a day of joyous revelry awaits! Our school community 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.

**SCHOOL OF THE
INCARNATION**

2601 Symphony Lane
Gambrills, Maryland, 21054

**SAVE THE
DATE**

**Saturday,
March 9
12-4pm**

Tickets go on sale next week!!!



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



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>

You are invited on an adventure!

Family Retreat

Go, Seek, Find: The Amazing Treasures of the Catholic Faith



**February 17, 2024
9:00 am-12:00 pm
Free Event!!**



**Don't miss this fun, faith-filled, family event!
We'll have games, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, and Adoration.**

To register: visit www.holyfamilychurch.com.



OR

**To register now,
scan the QR Code.**

**We hope to see
you there!**

RSVP Now



**Holy Family Catholic Church | Davidsonville, MD 21035
Contact: dre@hfccmail.org for more information**