

School of the Incarnation Newsletter



Thursday, September 11, 2025

Friday, September 12th: Spirit Wear Day

Monday, September 15th: Middle School Parent High School Information Zoom Session

Tuesday, September 16th: MAP testing for Grades 2nd - 8th 8:45 - 10:45 AM Wednesday, Sept. 17th: MAP testing for Grades 2nd - 8th 8:45 - 10:00 AM Cafeteria Service begins for kindergarten students

Friday, September 19th: ½ Day (Noon) Dismissal – ESP closing at 2:30 PM Students must wear regular uniform - no PE uniforms

SOTI Groundbreaking - East Field 9:00 AM

SOTI Homecoming 2:30 - 7:00 PM

Sept. 19 - Oct. 2: Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, September 22nd: School Closed - Faculty Retreat Tuesday, Sept. 23rd: AOB High School Fair 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, Sept. 24th: MAP testing for Grades 2nd - 8th 8:45 - 10:00 AM

Friday, September 26th: Spirit Wear Day

Monday, Sept. 29th: Feast Day celebration of St. Lorenzo Ruiz: out-of-uniform day for **Black** House members only

Friday, October 3rd: School Closed – Professional Development

Wednesday, October 8th: Picture Day for students in grades 5 - 8 (see below for more info)

Thursday, October 9th: Picture Day for students in grades PreK - 4 (see below for more info)

Friday, October 10th: Spirit Wear Day

Monday, October 13th: No school for Students - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, October 14th: Feast Day celebration of Saint Carlo Acutis: out-of-uniform day for Red House members only

Homecoming Countdown!

Join us **Sept. 19th from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m.** for SOTI Homecoming 2025! Festivities include a petting zoo, an inflatable obstacle course, face painting, and a beer and wine garden. Our soccer, volleyball, and field hockey teams will play throughout the afternoon.





Advance Ticket Sales

Tickets purchase food and pay for some activities. <u>Order your tickets ahead of time</u> and pick them at the will call table at the event.

Pre-register for food and help us ensure there's enough food.

Last call for Sponsors - Support a wonderful community event and advertise your SOTI family business. The deadline to complete the sponsor form is Friday 9/12. <u>Homecoming Sponsorship Link</u>

Homecoming questions? Contact Myllisa Kennedy at mkennedy@schooloftheincarnation.org.

*Thank you to our SOTI community businesses that have already purchased sponsorships!!!

KNIGHT Sponsor
OnPoint Solutions, LLC

Gold Sponsor
Caliber Tree Services

Silver Sponsor
Rinconcito Mexicano

PLEASE NOTE! Change to school calendar

Friday, September 19th: Even though it is a Friday - and Homecoming - ALL STUDENTS must wear their regular uniforms. (No PE uniforms or Spirit Wear).

Musical Theater

Musical theater will begin practices the week of September 15th. We will meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the music room from 3-5pm. Auditions will be held in the music room September 16th and 18th, with rehearsals starting on the 23rd of September. Performances will be on December 12th and 13th, with a possible matinee preview during school that week. A mandatory tech rehearsal will be the entire week leading up to the performance. Musical theater is open to 6-8th grade. Link for sign up will be available next week.

Liturgy Choir

Liturgy choir will meet Tuesday mornings from 7:30am-8:05am, starting September 9th. Additional practices will occur on days we hold Mass for extra practice, but are not mandatory. Liturgy choir is available to students 4th-8th grade. Please sign up here: <u>Lituray Choir Reaistration Link</u>

Duty Assistants for PreK, K & 1st Grade Needed

Looking for a reason to get out of the house for a few hours a day? Know someone who has some time to spare? SOTI is looking for a couple of duty assistants to help with PreK, K & 1st Grade from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday-Friday. This is a part-time, hourly position. Candidates must have a high school diploma or equivalent, a commitment to our school values, and some experience with children is preferred. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to Lisa Hanson at lhanson@schooloftheincarnation.org. Interested candidates should send a resume.

Safety reminder when picking up students from ESP, at the end of club meetings, and sports practices

Students are brought to the front lobby or outside near the flag poles to meet parents for pick up. Thank you for being on time, parking in a designated area in the lot, and walking to the sidewalk to let the volunteers know that you're taking your child.

HSPT Prep Class Opportunity for 8th Graders

As shared in our email to 8th grade parents earlier this week, *HSPT Prep by Student Achievement Associates* is offering a 9-week fall class for students preparing to take the HSPT this November. Families from School of the Incarnation who register by Thursday evening, September 11 will receive priority consideration. Participation is optional; students may also prepare individually by using resources such as the *Barron's HSPT Test Prep* book.

For details, cost information, and the registration link, please refer to the email or visit https://hsptprepprograms.com.

Back-to-School Nights

Tonight, *Thursday, September 11th parents of students in grades 1, 2, 3, 6* are invited to attend Back-to-School Night beginning at 6:30 PM.

- For grade 6: the teacher presentations will begin at 6:30 PM and end at approximately 7:50 PM.
- For grades 1, 2 & 3: Teachers will present two identical sessions. 6:30-7:00 PM and 7:10-7:40 PM. Announcements will be made to indicate the ending of each session. This allows parents to move to other grade levels if they have multiple children.



^{**}Due to space limitations, Back-to-School Nights on September 9th and 11th are for parents only.

Parent Income Survey

Each year, our school has the opportunity to receive important funding and services through federal and state programs. To ensure we qualify for the maximum benefits, we need your help by completing the 2025–2026 Income Survey, which directly supports programs that provide textbooks, technology, and building improvements. Please complete this important survey by Sept. 18th: Parent Income Survey Link



Picture Day is Coming

Dates:

- Wednesday, October 8th for students in grades 5 7 and 8th grade
 Cap & Gown
- Thursday, October 9th for students in grades PreK 4

There is no pre-ordering for individual picture day. Each family will receive an email within 2 - 3 weeks of picture day with a link to a private gallery. Packages, digital downloads and prints will be available. Orders will ship to the school, if placed by the deadline.

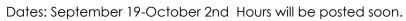




8th grade students must wear their white button-down (winter uniform) shirt and boys must wear ties. The school will give students a graduation gown to wear over the winter shirt. 8th grade students can wear non-uniform shorts or pants with their uniform shirts. They can also wear a white t-shirt underneath their uniform shirt and take their uniform shirt off after their portrait. Please see the Parent Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

Book Fair is Comina!!

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school. Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place:



We are open during Homecoming!!

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We are also looking for volunteers to help with our fair. You can sign up here: <u>Book Fair 2025 Sign Up Genius</u> More volunteer spots for middle schoolers who are looking for service hours have been added.

<u>EWallet</u>

Volunteers

Say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

EWallet

Book Fair Online

If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Book Fair online. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school. Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping: Book Fair Homepage



Dress as your favorite book character day - Thursday, September 25th

Mark your calendars because Thursday, September 25 is a special day! You may dress like your favorite character from a book. Look around your house and throw something together, your child must be able to tell us which character and what book they are from. There will be prizes for costumes and all who dress up will get put in a drawing for a prize as well. Please remember that all costumes still need to follow School policy (Pg 62 in student/parent handbook) Please no face masks or makeup, no weapons or scary things.

Book Fair Hours:

Friday 9/19 Homecoming	Tuesday 9/23	Wednesday 9/24	Thursday 9/25 Dress as your favorite book character day!	Friday 9/26
Students	Students	Students	Students	Students may
will make	will make	will make	will make	buy during
wish lists	wish lists	wish lists	wish lists	class
Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
2:30pm-6pm	8am-4pm	8am-4pm	8am-4pm	8am-4pm

Monday 9/29	Tuesday 9/30	Wednesday 10/1	Thursday 10/2	Friday 10/3
Students may buy during class	Students may buy during class	Students may buy during class	Students may buy during class	School Closed
Open 8am-4pm	Open 8am-4pm	Open 8am-4pm	Open 8am-4pm Last Day	

Catch you at the Fair!
Please contact Mrs. Cunningham
scunningham@schooloftheincarnation.org with any questions.

Student Directory 2025-2026

We are in the process of compiling and publishing our 2025-2026 SOTI Student Directory. If you would like any information about your child (name, address, phone number) withheld from the Directory, please complete the attached form and return the completed form to Mrs. RaVell in the school office or send Directory information to withhold via email to jravell@schooloftheincarnation.org Deadline to respond is Friday, September 12th.

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.

It's band registration time!

Mr. Learish, our band teacher, led a band demonstration on Monday, September 8th for students in grades 4-8. He will be reaching out via email/phone to assist the parents of those who are interested in registering. Please visit the band website for information regarding registration, instrument rental, and the band schedule. For more information about the School of the Incarnation Band Program:

Band Website - Click Here!

o Registration form - Instrumental Music Program

o Instrument rental - Music and Arts

o Instrument demonstration video

o Band schedule

Email: benjamin.learish@gmail.com

Phone: 443-877-9354



Our first lesson is on Monday, September 29th. Beginner Band students will have lessons every Monday or Tuesday during the school day. A schedule will be provided as soon as the students' groups are established. Concert Band students will have lessons every Monday during the school day and after school from 3:15 - 4:15.

<u>Groundbreaking Ceremony - Save the Date!</u>

We are thrilled to announce that the long-awaited day has finally arrived! After years of planning and dreaming, and thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we are breaking ground on our new dedicated cafeteria addition. Please join us as we celebrate this exciting milestone together.

Date: Friday, September 19th

Time: 9 AM

Location: The East Field

We invite our entire school community to come and share in this joyful occasion!

MAP Testing for students in grades 2 - 8

The Archdiocese of Baltimore uses the MAP assessment for standardized testing. MAP is an online, untimed assessment that will be administered three times a year in the fall, winter, and spring to students in grades 2 - 8.

- ★ Reading: Tuesday, September 16th 8:45 10:45 AM
- ★ Language: Wednesday, September 17th 8:45 10:00 AM
- ★ Math: Wednesday, September 24th 8:45 10:45 AM

Feast Day Celebrations

Monday, September 29th-

Sunday, September 28th is the Feast Day of **Saint Lorenzo Ruiz**. His Feast Day will be observed on Monday, September 29th and students who are members of his house (Black House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **BLACK**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

Tuesday, October 14th-

Sunday, October 12th is the Feast Day of **Saint Carlo Acutis**. His Feast Day will be observed on Tuesday, October 14th and students who are members of his house (Red House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **RED**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.



AOB High School Fair

On Tuesday, September 23rd, School of the Incarnation will host an Archdiocese of Baltimore High School Fair from 5:30 -7:00 pm. This year's event will be a "fair only" format for middle school families, and it's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our Catholic high schools. Additionally, the High School Guide for the 2025-2026 school year can be found <a href="https://example.com/here-new-market

2025-2026 School Year

September 22: Faculty Retreat - No school for students October 3: Professional Day - No school for students

October 13: Parent/Teacher Conferences - No school for students

October 31: School Closed

November 14: End of Trimester 1 - remote day for students

November 26 - 28: Thanksgiving break December 22 - January 2: Christmas break

February 27: End of Trimester 2 - remote day for students

April 3 - 10: Easter break
June 6: 8th Grade graduation
June 10: Last day of school

*link to school calendar: https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/events/calendar



BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION

Our school and parish communities are blessed with many gifted individuals. Please consider volunteering your time and talents with the Beyond Program! Volunteers receive 50% off the registration fee for 1 child. If you have any questions or ideas for a club, please contact our school's Auxiliary Services Coordinator, Amy Santini at asantini@schooloftheincarnation.org

GENERAL INFORMATION REMINDERS

- Middle School Students who are in need of service hours can email Miss Santini to find out more about which clubs and what days are available for this opportunity.
- At the end of each club meeting, students are brought to the front doors to meet parents for pick up.
 Thank you for being on time, parking in the lot, and walking to the sidewalk to let the volunteers and/or Miss Santini know that you're taking your child. ESP students are taken back to their ESP class if parents haven't arrived.
- Snacks are optional. If brought, it should be a quick, healthy item (fresh or dried fruit or vegetable, applesauce pouch, and a small protein bar are great options). Please...NO candy, chips, cookies, etc. Labeling the food item with "club snack" is helpful to avoid it being eaten at lunch.

For families enrolled in the school's Extended School Program (ESP):

If your child participates in Beyond Program clubs, they will listen for that club name to be called at dismissal and then meet their group's leader and Miss Santini. The ESP staff is provided with all rosters. At the end of a club meeting, students are brought to the front doors or outside near the flag poles to check if a parent has arrived for pick up. If needed, ESP students are sent back to their ESP class.





Parent Advisory Council News



PAC Contact Information

Melissa Reagan, Brittany Musgrove & Theresa Booker PAC@schooloftheincarnation.org

PAC Facebook Page

Did you know the PAC has an <u>official Facebook page</u>? Join today to stay up to date on important PAC news and events! Please make sure you answer the qualifying questions to be added.



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

From the Community

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Faith Formation

Please see attached flyer for Faith Formation information and registration.



Please join us for our SOTI Homecoming Friday, September 19th 2:30 - 7:00 PM GO KNIGHTS!!

School Directory 2025/2026

number published in the school directory and return the form to the school office or email your request to Jennifer RaVell at iravell@schooloftheincarnation.org by Friday, September 12th.						
I/We do <u>NOT</u> wish to have the following information published in the school directory. Please check the appropriate box(es) of information you <u>don't</u> want listed in the directory.						
□ Name □ Address □ Pho	ne Number					
Family Name:						
Student Name:		Grade	Teacher			
Student Name:		Grade	Teacher			
Student Name:	G	Frade	Teacher			



SAVE THE DATE

HOMECOMING 9 - 1 9 - 2 0 2 5

Celebrate 25 years
of SOTI pride
with family & friends!

Details to follow in the school newsletter.



SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION

— CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE — DEDICATED CAFETERIA ADDITION GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Friday, September 19, 2025 9:00 A.M.

> The East Field 2601 Symphony Lane Gambrills, MD

BUILDING THE FAITH





ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS

DISCOVER WHY AOB HIGH SCHOOLS RISE ABOVE

ALL ARE WELCOME.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS RUN FROM 5:30PM TO 7PM



SEPTEMBER 2025

MON 15 ST. MARK, CATONSVILLE

TUE **16** ST. JOSEPH, FULLERTON

WED 17 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TOWSON

THU 18 SACRED HEART, GLYNDON

MON 22 RESURRECTION-ST. PAUL, ELLICOTT CITY

TUE 23 SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION, GAMBRILLS

WED 24 ST. URSULA, PARKVILLE

THU 25 ST. MARGARET, BEL AIR

MON 29 MOTHER MARY LANGE, BALTIMORE

OCTOBER 2025

THU 12 ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SEVERNA PARK



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.

<u>Current Family</u>	New Family		
Parent name(s)	Parent name(s)		
Student name(s) /Grade(s)	Student name(s)/Grade(s)		
Address	Address		
City, State, MD	City, State, Zip		
Phone	Phone		
Email	Email		
How do you know this family? \square Work \square	Friend □Relative □Neighbor		
	Community Other		
Incarnation with them. I understand that an Admi	this family and have shared the good news about School of the ssions representative from the school will be contacting this new family for a tour. I have read and understand the guidelines of the well at 410.519.2285 with any questions.		
Signature			
-Office use only- Form submission date			
Enrollment date \$2	250 tuition credit date		

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

2025-2026 registration information

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton CATHOLIC CHURCH

Foundational Faith

Ideal for those... new to the parish new child of school age in between sacraments

SEEK and ROOT offer vibrant foundational catechetical experiences designed just for you! If your family has never tried family formation before, this is the perfect place to start.

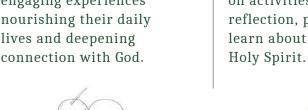
SEEK: 4 At Church Sessions

A Sacramental Path

First Reconciliation First Eucharist

MEND is a family experience of faith and forgiveness.

NOURISH offers families engaging experiences nourishing their daily lives and deepening





3 At-Church Sessions 7 Home Family Meetings & 1 Retreat

Confirmation

ZEAL is a dynamic faith formation program designed to prepare children for Confirmation. Through engaging discussions, handson activities, prayer and reflection, participants will learn about the gifts of the



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6 Home Family Meetings 6 Parent Mini-Series 3 at-church sessions



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ZEAL Confirmation

9 - 10 yrs (Gr 4 and 5) 11-12 yrs (Gr 6 and 7) 13 yrs and High School

REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 1, 2025

Interested in forming your family in the Catholic faith?

We invite you to learn more about Seton's Family Faith Formation for the upcoming school year. This style of formation is a hybrid model of ministry with gatherings at church and in the home. You are invited to meet with our Director for Marriage and Family Life, Sarah Jarzembowski to learn more and discuss how this ministry will work best with your family dynamics.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

2025-2026 Activity Schedule



THURSDAY'S 6-7:30 PM

October 2 - Session 1

October 16 - Session 2

October 23 - Session 3

November 6 - Session 4

WEDNESDAY'S 5-8 PM

(a meal will be shared) October 8 - Sessions 1&2

October 29 - Session 3&4



THURSDAY'S 6-7:30 PM

January 8 - Session 1

March 12 - Session 2

April 16 - Session 3

WEDNESDAY'S 6-7:30 PM

January 7 - Session 1

March 18 - Session 2

May 3 - Session 3



THURSDAY'S 6-7:30 PM

October 9 - Session 1

November 13 - Session 2

WEDNESDAY'S 6-7:30 PM

October 22 - Session 1

November 19 - Session 2

RETREAT OPTIONS

Saturday, December 6 (9am-12pm) Wednesday, December 10 (5-8pm)



THURSDAY'S 6-7:30 PM

January 22 - Session 1

March 5 - Session 2

April 23 - Session 3

WEDNESDAY'S 6-7:30 PM

January 28 - Session 1

March 11 - Session 2

April 29 - Session 3

RETREAT OPTIONS

Saturday, March 21 (9am-12pm) Wednesday, April 15 (5-8pm)



Confirmation for age 9 & 10

THURSDAY'S 6-7:30 PM

February 26 - Session 1

March 19 - Session 2

WEDNESDAY'S 6-7:30 PM

March 4 - Session 1

March 25 - Session 2

RETREAT OPTIONS

Saturday, April 18 (9am-12pm) Wednesday, April 22 (5-8pm)

Confirmation for age 11-13 MIDDLE SCHOOL

KICKOFF: SEPTEMBER 13

parent and student theme

TIME IS HOLY

SATURDAY'S 5:30-8:00 PM

FOLLOWING 4:30 PM MASS FOOD INCLUDED

October 11 - Session 1

January 10 - Session 2

WEDNESDAY'S 6-7:30 PM

October 15 - Session 1

January 14 - Session 2

RETREAT OPTIONS

Saturday, January 24 (Time TBD)

TIME IS HOLY

scheduled gatherings. Giving us an opportunity to learn the process of Family Formation and the value of **Kiros = God's Time**

> Thursday's 6-7:30 pm September 18

Wednesday's 6-7:30 pm

September 10

8th grade students have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Confirmation with our High School Youth Ministry. For more information check the bulletin or reach out to Michael.Fitzpatrick@seaseton.org