

School of the Incarnation Newsletter



Thursday, September 12, 2024

Thursday, September 12th: TONIGHT!! In-Person Back-to-school Grades 1, 2, 3 and 6 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Friday, September 13th: Spirit Wear Day

Tuesday, September 17th: MAP testing for Grades 2nd - 8th 8:45 - 10:45 AM Wednesday, Sept. 18th: MAP testing for Grades 2nd - 8th 8:45 - 10:00 AM

PAC PreK, Kindergarten and New SOTI Parent Social 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Thursday, Sept. 19th: Mass for students in Grade 3-5 10:00 AM

Friday, September 20th: Spirit Wear Day

Sept. 23 - Oct. 3: Book Fair - see below for details and hours

Tuesday, Sept. 24th: AOB High School Fair 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, Sept. 25th: MAP testing for Grades 2nd - 8th 8:45 - 10:45 AM Thursday, September 26th: Cafeteria Service begins for kindergarten students

Friday, September 27th: ½ Day (Noon) Dismissal – ESP in session

House Meeting Day

Spirit Wear Day

SOTI Homecoming 2:30 - 7:00 PM

Monday, Sept. 30th: Feast Day celebration of St. Lorenzo Ruiz: out-of-uniform day for Black House members only

Thursday, October 3rd; 8th Gr. Retreat at Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church 8:30 AM - 2:10 PM

Friday, October4th: School Closed – Professional Development

Monday, October 7th: School Closed - Faculty Retreat

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

Wednesday, October 16th: House Meeting Day

Tuesday, October 22nd: PAC Uniform Exchange and Sale in Marian Hall 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Back-to-School Night

Tonight, *Thursday, September 12th 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 10th and 12th are for parents only.

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 17th 8:45 10:45 AM
- ★ Language: Wednesday, September 18th 8:45 10:00 AM
- ★ Math: Wednesday, September 25th 8:45 10:45 AM

STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-8 ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION'S CHOIR

Meetings will be held in the Music Room with Mr. Alex Ashman on Tuesdays at 7:30 AM, starting Sept. 17th. The registration form link is provided as follows: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/lm9Yh3KP

HOMECOMING 2024

Homecoming is just around the corner! SOTI soccer, volleyball and field hockey teams will be playing games throughout the afternoon. Festivities will include pony rides and a petting zoo, a moon bounce obstacle course, a beer and wine garden.

To reduce wait times, we have two ways to buy tickets for Homecoming activities and food. You can pre-purchase your tickets for Homecoming here: Homecoming 2024

Presale Tickets

You will be able to pick up at a will-call table on the day of the event.

You can also purchase tickets on site during the event.



If you plan to purchase food for the event, pre-register here. Event prices can be found in the attached flyer.

SPONSORSHIP still available!

Advertise your business at SOTI Homecoming! We still have two levels of sponsorship available. Deadline to complete the sponsor form is Wednesday, September 18th. Questions? Contact Myllisa Kennedy at mkennedy@schooloftheincarnation.org.

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Many thanks to our Homecoming 2024 Sponsors!

CSM Lawn and Landscape		
KNIGHT Sponsor		
	Triad Medical Spa	
	GOLD Sponsor	
	Design Your Destiny	
	SILVER Sponsor	

Parent Income Survey

Parents, we need your help! Please take a moment to complete the Parent Income Survey on behalf of our school. Your participation enables us to benefit from valuable State and Federal materials and services.

Survey Link

Student Directory 2024-2025

We are in the process of compiling and publishing our 2024-2025 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 <u>iravell@schooloftheincarnation.org</u> Deadline to respond is Friday, September 13th.

Book Fair is Coming!!

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:

Monday 9/23	Tuesday 9/24	Wednesday 9/25	Thursday 9/26	Friday 9/27 Homecoming
Preview day for students	Preview day for students	Preview day for students	Students may buy during class	Students may buy during class
Open 3-4 pm	Open 3-4 pm	Open 3-4 pm	Open 11:30-4 pm	Open 8am-12pm Open 2:30-7pm

Monday 9/30	Tuesday 10/1	Wednesday 10/2	Thursday 10/3	Friday 10/4
Students may buy during class	Students may buy during class	Students may buy during class	Students may buy during class	School Closed
Open 8am-12pm Open 3-4pm	Open 11:30-4 pm	Open 8am-12pm Open 3-4 pm	Open 11:30-3:30pm Last Day	

Book Fair EWallet

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



Book Fair Volunteers

We are also looking for volunteers to help with our fair. You can sign up here:

Book Fair 2024 Sign Up Genius

or visit our Book Fair homepage and click the "we are looking for volunteers" link

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



SOTI Middle School Winter Sports Registration

Below, you will find the registration for winter sports (basketball and hockey). Please take a moment to fully read and complete the registration. All current information regarding tryouts can be found on the registration page. Students may participate in one sport per season. Therefore, you are able to register your child for basketball or hockey. If you have any questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Keith Smith (kbsmith@schooloftheincarnation.org).



WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION

It's band registration time!

Mrs. Thamert, our band teacher, led a band demonstration today for students in grades 4-8. Mrs. Thamert will be reaching out via email/phone to assist 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 SOTI School Band Program:

- Band Website: https://sites.google.com/view/mrs-erin-thamert/home
- Registration Form click here
- Instrument Rental Flyer click here
- Instrumental rental website https://www.musicarts.com/rentals
- Email: knightchic@aol.com
- Phone: 410.486.4322



8th Grade Registration for HSPT

Registration for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) is currently open online. You may access the site via the link below, and our **deadline for registration is Tuesday, November 26, 2024**. Please, note that a \$45.00 fee is required to be paid online at the time of registration.

For students who qualify to receive accommodations, parents must upload official copies of educational test results by November 22nd. This is a firm deadline because the system will lock afterward, preventing further uploads.

https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/baltimore.php

SOTI students will take the exam in school on Wednesday, December 4th, and it is important that they register to test at School of the Incarnation. The high schools are listed in the first section on the registration site, and you will need to scroll through those choices to find the elementary/middle schools toward the bottom of the page.

As always, you may request to have results sent to three Archdiocese of Baltimore high schools. You may also select two Archdiocese of Washington schools for an additional \$10.00 each. (Please, note that there is no refund offered for the ADW school fees.)

Attention 8th Grade Parents and Students - HSPT Prep

For 8th grade students who are interested in HSPT Prep, please see the attached flyer. A private company, Achievement Associates is offering a for fee Prep Course.

The course runs from September 16th to November 16th and meets for one hour per week (M/T/W/Th evenings or Sat mornings). Additionally, an HSPT Prep Boot Camp is offered on November 23rd and 30th from 9:00-4:00.

Further information can be found here: https://HSPTPREPPROGRAMS.com

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run (GOTR) registration is starting on August 23! GOTR is a fun whole body health program for girls in grades 3 through 5. Participants learn about positive relationships, healthy habits, and girl power all while practicing for a 5K! The fall season starts on September 18. Practices will be on Wednesday's and Friday's after school until 4:15. The spring 5k will be at The University of Maryland, Baltimore County on November 24 - all team members will need a running buddy (adult to run with her) for this event. Registration is open from August 23 through September 9. Go to www.gotrchesapeake.org to register. Space is limited - after registration closes a lottery will be run to determine team members. Feel free to reach out to Sarah Spaulding with questions (sspaulding@schooloftheincarnation.org).

House Feast Day Celebrations

Monday, September 30th-

Saturday, September 28th is the Feast Day of **Saint Lorenzo Ruiz**. His Feast Day will be observed on Monday, September 30th 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.

Monday, October 14th-

Saturday, October 12th is the Feast Day of **Blessed Carlo Acutis**. His Feast Day will be observed on Monday, 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.

Tuesday, October 22nd-

Tuesday, October 22nd is the Feast Day of **Pope St. John Paul II** and students who are members of his house (Yellow House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **YELLOW**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

1st Grade Instructional Assistant is still needed

Have you considered working at School of the Incarnation? We still need a 1st Grade Instructional Assistant. If you are interested or want more information please send your resume or questions to Mrs. Jacobs at kjacobs@schooloftheincarnation.org

ESP Teachers/Aids Needed for 24-25 School Year

2024-2025 School Year

School Closed (Professional Day)- Friday, October, 4, 2024 School Closed (Faculty Retreat) - Monday, October 7, 2024

Thanksgiving Break: November 27 - 29, 2024

Christmas Break: December 23, 2024 – January 1, 2025 School Closed (Professional Day) - Friday, March 21, 2025

School Closed - Monday, March 24, 2025

Easter Break: April 18 - 25, 2025 8th Grade Graduation: May 31, 2025

Last day of classes for students (Grade K-7): June 5, 2025



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

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 Lisa Hanson, Volunteer Screening Coordinator, at lhanson@schooloftheincarnation.org

Returning parents who have already completed Virtus training can contact Lisa Hanson to check your Virtus status.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ASAP:

Most clubs listed below are still in need of confirmed volunteers before registration and meetings can happen. Please consider giving the gift of your time and talents! VIRTUS certified family members (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, close friends) are also welcome to volunteer.

Continue to keep an eye out each Thursday for information about our extracurricular clubs, teams, service, and enrichment activities program! The goal of the Beyond Program is to provide students with a variety of opportunities to explore, be creative, and have fun with their peers while engaging in areas of interest "beyond" the regular school day.

Registration fees for clubs within this program apply towards facilities management, materials/supplies, administrative costs, paid personnel, vendor fees, prizes/treats, and some clubs will have t-shirts, program "kits" and separate organization fees.

GENERAL INFORMATION REMINDERS

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

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

For Preschool and Kindergarten families:

Although club options are not provided at this time for Trimester 1, certain clubs will become available for these grade levels during Trimester 2 and 3.

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



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

PAC Parent Social

Parents of PreK, Kindergarten and new SOTI parents are invited to attend a PAC New Parent Social next **Wednesday, September 18th beginning at 6:30 PM.** Meet the PAC and new families and attend helpful sessions led by teachers designed specifically to support families with young children and all families new to our community.

PAC Uniform Exchange and Sale

Tuesday, October 22nd in Marian Hall 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Save the Date - Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday October 25th from 6:30-8:00 PM.



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!

From the Community

STEM Day at Mount Saint Joseph High School

Mount Saint Joseph is happy to announce that they will again be holding a STEM Day for 8th grade boys! This free event will run on Friday, October 11th from 12:30-2:30 PM on their campus. Students should expect to participate in three stations while working in their newly renovated Innovation and Science lab spaces! A small snack will be provided upon arrival.

Click on this link for event flyer: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ftmeLPbuMnM5Q2137UpH3JAZXKQ w73i/view

Students can register using the link below. Space for this event is limited.

Register here: https://form.jotform.com/242473849723163

Please email Jason Ader at <u>jader@msinet.edu</u> with any questions.

Soccer Shootout Competition

Knights of Columbus Council 2577 is holding a Soccer Shootout competition on Saturday October 5, from 2:00 - 4:30 PM at St. Pius church in Bowie on the field behind the school and church. Participants will take a series of shots on goal. Participants can stop by anytime between 2:00 - 4:30 PM. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 9 - 14. Winners are eligible to move on to the state championship.



Homecoming 2024 September 27 2:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Activity & Food Price List 1 Ticket = \$1

Ticketed Activities

Face Painting 5 to 10 Tickets
Caricatures 5 Tickets

Free Activities

Balloon Animals, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Obstacle Course, Spirit Nail Polish, and Temporary Tattoos

Food Concessions

Hamburgers 3 Tickets
Hot dogs 2 Tickets
Chips 1 Ticket
Bottled water 1 Ticket
COOKIES 1 Ticket
GATORADE 2 Tickets

Other Food Items

Bake Sale Items 1 Ticket
Cotton Candy 3 Tickets
Peppermint Lemon Sticks 2 Tickets

Beer & Wine Garden

Light Beer 4 Tickets Amber Beer 4 Tickets India Pale Ale 4 Tickets Oktoberfest 4 Tickets Pumpkin Beer 5 Tickets Seltzer 5 Tickets High Noon 5 Tickets Wine 5 Tickets

Snowballs Sold separately by vendor for \$4.00-6.00



2024 HOMECOMING SPONSORSHIP

Contact Information Name:
Organization Name:
Address:
Email:
Phone:

Please choose a sponsorship level and return this form with payment by <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 18th</u>

□ Knight Sponsor \$1000 (one available)

- Banner recognition in the beer garden
- Banner moved adjacent to the school sign and remain throughout October,
- 4 complimentary T-shirts and spirit items to cheer for SOTI teams

□ Gold Sponsor \$750 (one available)

- Sign recognition on the scoreboard during the event
- Sign to remain on property throughout Fall Sports season
- 2 complimentary T-shirts and spirit items to cheer for SOTI teams

□ Silver Sponsor \$500

- Sign recognition during the event
- Sign to remain on property throughout October
- 2 complimentary T-shirts and spirit items to cheer for SOTI teams

□ Maroon Sponsor \$250

- Sign recognition during the event
- Complimentary T-shirt and spirit items to cheer for SOTI teams

School Directory 2024/2025

Please complete the form below if you do <u>NOT</u> wish to have your child's name, address and/or phone number published in the school directory and return the form to the school office or email your request to Jennifer RaVell at <u>iravell@schooloftheincarnation.org</u> by Friday, September 13 th .					
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 Phone Number					
Family Name:					
Student Name:	Grade	Teacher			
Student Name:	Grade	Teacher			
Student Name:	Grade	Teacher			





REGISTER NOW

FOR THE HSPT® PREP FALL AND BOOT CAMP COURSES

The ONLY HSPT Prep program in the country that's supported by Scholastic Testing Service, the owner and administrator of the HSPT.

BOTH PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Live instruction provided by experienced educators.
- Two instructors (one Math and one ELA).
- Engaging lessons with opportunities for students to participate and ask questions.
- Small classes capped at 20 students.
- All class sessions are recorded.

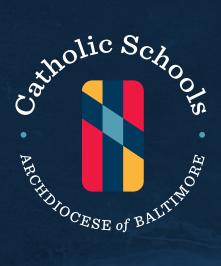
HSPT Prep Fall runs from September 16th to November 16th and meets for one hour per week (M/T/W/Th evenings or Sat mornings)

HSPT Prep Boot Camp is offered on November 23rd and 30th from 9:00-4:00.

PROGRAM COST - \$160

ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE STUDENTS
RECEIVE \$15 OFF REGISTRATION USING THE
CODE "AOB15" AT CHECKOUT.

Questions can be sent to Eric Watts at eric@hsptprepprograms.com



2024 HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS

Our 2024 High School Fairs are offered from 6:00pm to 7:30pm according to the following schedule:

MONDAY, SEPT. 16, 2024 St. Mark School, Catonsville

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17, 2024

St. Margaret Middle School, Bel Air

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18, 2024

Resurrection-St. Paul School, Ellicott City

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19, 2024

Immaculate Conception School, Towson

MONDAY, SEPT. 23, 2024

St. Joseph School, Fullerton

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24, 2024

School of the Incarnation, Gambrills

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25, 2024

St. Ursula School, Parkville

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26, 2024

Sacred Heart School, Glyndon

MONDAY, SEPT. 30, 2024

Mother Mary Lange School, Baltimore City

THURSDAY, OCT. 3, 2024

Monsignor Slade School, Glen Burnie

Registration Not Required. All Are Welcome!



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? □Work □	lFriend □Relative □Neighbor
-	Community Other
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Office use only . Form submission data	Contact data
-Office use only- Form submission date	
Enrollment date \$3	250 tuition credit date