

# School of the Incarnation Newsletter

January 5, 2023

Friday, January 6 <sup>th</sup> :	Spirit Wear Day
Thursday, January 12 <sup>th</sup> :	School Mass 10:00 AM Spirit Wear Day
Friday, January 13 <sup>th</sup> :	½ Day – ESP in session Spirit Wear Day
Sunday, January 15 <sup>th</sup> :	Due date for Intent to Re-enroll with \$100 fee
Monday, January 16 <sup>th</sup> :	School Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Wednesday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> :	Winter club picture day
Friday, January 20 <sup>th</sup> :	Spirit Wear Day
Friday, January 27 <sup>th</sup> :	Spirit Wear Day
Saturday, January 28 <sup>th</sup> :	Prospective Student Open House 8:30 – 11:00 AM
Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup> – Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup> :	Catholic Schools Week
Monday, January 30 <sup>th</sup> :	Due date for Intent to Re-enroll with \$150 fee School Mass 10:00 AM
Friday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Spirit Wear Day Middle School dance 3:00 – 6:00 PM



## Re-enrollment for current students for 2023-2024

The re-enrollment process to secure your child's seat at School of the Incarnation for the 2023-2024 is open now. It is important for us to know which students are returning before we begin to offer spots to new applicants. Please check for the email sent this morning with instructions on how to login to the parent portal in School Admin to complete the "Intent to Re-Enroll" Form and pay the re-enrollment fee. The re-enrollment fee will go up according to the fee schedule below.

\$100 if paid by January 15th

\$150 if paid between January 16th and January 30th

\$200 if paid between January 31st and February 15th

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

The intent to re-enroll and payment of the fee is the first step in the re-enrollment process. The second step includes the signing of your contract, initiating your FACTS agreement, and payment of the tuition deposit. This will be launched in early February with a deadline of March 15, 2023. The first tuition payment will be in July 2023.

We require the intent to re-enroll from each student who is enrolled this year. If you know you are not re-enrolling for 2023-2024, please complete the form with your intent to not enroll.

## FACTS Grant and Aid Applications

FACTS Grant and Aid Applications are now open for the 2023-2024 school year. The deadline to apply for Grant and Aid will be February 28, 2023. 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](mailto:cagresti@schooloftheincarnation.org).

## Applications for 2023-2024 school year

Applications for new students (**not current students**) are now available on our school website. Applications should be submitted by February 3, 2023, to be considered in the first round. If you know a family interested in attending SOTI, please complete the attached referral form.

## Science Fair

We are extremely proud of all the 7th grade students who created projects for the Science Fair! Congratulations to the winners, who are now eligible to compete at the county level. Please see the attached list of winners.

### **Message from the cafeteria**

Due to price increases in our products, Tommy's Food Service will be increasing our lunch price to \$6.50 effective January 1, 2023. Please Note: We have not raised our lunch price in the past 3 years and we hope you understand. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Tommy Savvides  
Tommy's Food Service

### **Substitute Teachers Needed**

SOTI is looking to build up its substitute teacher pool. If you have availability during the day and are interested in supporting our school by stepping into the gap when our teachers are out, please send your resume or reach out to Kristin Jacobs at [kjacobs@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:kjacobs@schooloftheincarnation.org)

### **Attention 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Parents!!**

3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will need a Recorder for Music class in January. Please locate your recorder from last year and bring it to school the first week back from break. If you do not have a Recorder, please use the form here to purchase one. We have ordered enough for the entire 3rd grade and any new 4th/5th grade students who may not have one. The cost is \$6.00. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter for more information. <https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/recordersales22-23>

### **New Choir Member Signup!!**

We are adding new members to the 3rd-8th Concert Choir for the Spring! If your child is interested in joining our Concert Choir (Spring Concert in May), please email Mrs. Petersen. [Spetersen@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:Spetersen@schooloftheincarnation.org). Students already enrolled do not need to contact Mrs. Petersen. Cost for new students is \$75. Rehearsals are Wednesdays after school until 4:00pm.

### **Have you lost your key (work, not car) fob??**

A key fob was found in our parking lot before Christmas break. Please pick up in the school office or call the school office if you think it belongs to you.

### **BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION**

If you have any questions about or ideas for a club, please contact our school's Auxiliary Services Coordinator, [Amy Santini](mailto:Amy.Santini).



### **Weekly Rosary**

Parents, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in saying the rosary on Wednesday morning 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! With any questions, please contact Mr. Stehle at [cstehle@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:cstehle@schooloftheincarnation.org)

### **Adoration Volunteers Needed**

We will be having 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 8:30-2:30. 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, Mr. George Fritz- (301)440-2342 or [George@Horizonbuildersinc.net](mailto:George@Horizonbuildersinc.net)

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/>



# Parent Advisory Council News

## **Save the Date – Father/Daughter Dance**

Save the date for SOTI Father/Daughter Dance presented by the PAC on Friday, February 10, 2023, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in Marian Hall. Girls in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to enjoy an enchanted night filled with dancing, light refreshments, crafts, and fun! Girls may be accompanied by their dad, grandfather, uncle, brother, or another responsible adult. More information coming soon!

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CONGRATULATIONS

# Science Fair Winners

AIDEN GILMORE & GAVIN WALDMAN:  
HOW DO DIFFERENT STRUCTURES IMPACT WAVES?

OLIVIA SWARTZ & AVA SWARTZ: VEGALOCKS AND  
THE THREE FOODS

PEYTON PADGETT: DO TYPES OF WATER IMPACT  
CELL GROWTH?

LANDON MCDONALD: GRASS-TASTIC

## HONORABLE MENTIONS

MICHELE MCGEEHAN: CANDY VS. WATER

ALLIE DUNCAN & MADELINE MARTINEZ: WHAT  
SHAMPOO WILL DO?

VINCENT GILMORE & NICHOLAS KOENIG: WATER  
TYPES

OWEN CLINE & DOMINIC CALABRESE: HOT OR  
COLD? WHAT WILL MAKE YOUR PLANT GROW?

KAYLA KELLY: HOW MUCH CARBONATION?

STELLA FARR AND LEAH YODER: DOES BAKING  
POWDER AFFECT THE HEIGHT OF A CUPCAKE?



You're invited to School of the Incarnation's  
4th Annual



**WINE  
FOOD  
& BREW**

Your ticket includes Food & Drink and raffle  
for door Prizes and Drawings Every Hour

This is a 21 and over event.

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**FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

7:00-11:00 PM

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**MARIAN HALL**

2601 Symphony Lane  
Gambrills, MD

**TICKETS**

\$40 in advance  
\$50 at the door

Tickets sold online until the day of the event.

Link coming soon!

**January 2023 Lunch Menu**  
**TOMMY'S FOOD SERVICE @ School of the Incarnation**  
**"Great Food for Great Kids"**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>  <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	3 <b>Cheese Ravioli</b> with marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	4 <b>Chicken Tenders,</b> mashed potatoes with gravy and veggie	5 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	6 <b>Pizza Day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
9 <b>Chicken Patty Sandwich,</b> French fries and veggie	10 <b>Rotini pasta</b> with marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	11 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	12 <b>Pizza Day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.	13 <b>12:15 DISMISSAL</b>  <b>CAFETERIA CLOSED</b>
16 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</b>	17 <b>Spaghetti</b> with marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	18 <b>Walking taco,</b> Spanish rice and corn	19 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	20 <b>Pizza Day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
23 <b>Chicken Nuggets/Corn dogs,</b> macaroni and cheese, veggie	24 <b>Cheese Ravioli</b> with marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	25 <b>Philly Cheesesteak,</b> French fries and veggie	26 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	27 <b>Pizza Day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
30 <b>Cheeseburger,</b> French fries and veggie	31 <b>Rotini pasta</b> with marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	1 <b>FEB</b> <b>Baked Potato Bar</b> with cheddar cheese, bacon bits, broccoli, butter and sour cream	2 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	3 <b>Pizza Day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.

**Combo lunch** is \$6.50 it includes the **entrée**, choice of milk or juice or bottled water. **Hotdog or grilled cheese**, plus a side & drink (milk, juice or bottled water) is also combo lunch. **Available daily except pizza day:** variety of subs, hotdog, and grilled cheese sandwich, homemade soup, pretzel and **freshly baked cookies daily**. Nachos on Wednesdays, ice cream on Tuesdays & pizza days. We do not deep fry any food. **Prices and menu may change without notice.**

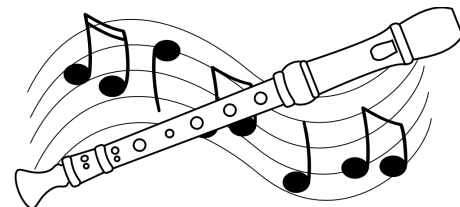
**Ala Carte Price List Only - Not available daily**

Available Daily		Available Daily		Not Available Daily	
Hot dog	\$2.75	Cookies	\$1.25	French Fries	\$2.75
Grilled Cheese	\$2.75	Chips	\$1.25	Rice or Mashed Potato	\$2.75
		Soft Pretzels	\$1.25	Waffle/Curly Fries/Tater tots	\$2.95
<b>Homemade Soup</b>		Pretzel Logs/Bites	\$1.75	Buttered Noodles	\$2.75
Chicken Noodle	\$2.75	Fruit (Apple or Orange)	\$1.40	Chicken Patty Sandwich	\$3.95
Tomato	\$2.75	Fresh Fruit in a Cup	\$1.75	Chicken Tenders (3 pcs)	\$3.50
Vegetable	\$2.75	Yogurt (Yoplait)	\$1.50	Cheeseburger/Hamburger	\$3.75
		GoGurt Yogurt Tube	\$1.00	Corn dog	\$2.75
<b>Salad</b>		String cheese	\$0.60	Meatballs (4 pcs)	\$2.50
Greek, Chicken, Tuna or Egg	\$4.25	Veggie (tossed salad, carrots or sliced cucumber)	\$2.00	Meatball Sub	\$3.00
		<b>Tuesdays and Pizza Days ONLY</b>		Pancakes (3)/French toast sticks (3-4)	\$3.25
<b>Beverage</b>		Ice cream cup	\$1.00	Philly Cheesesteak	\$4.00
Milk or Juice	\$0.90	Twister	\$1.75	Pizza (1 slice)	\$2.50
Bottled Water	\$1.00	Scooter Bar	\$1.50	Mac and Cheese	\$3.75
Gatorade/Propel	\$1.50	<b>Wednesdays ONLY</b>		Cheese Ravioli (7 pcs)	\$3.75
		Nachos, Chips and Cheese	\$2.50	Walking Taco	\$4.00

Please call us at the school cafeteria 410-519-2285 Ext. 2504 or E-mail us at [lunch@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:lunch@schooloftheincarnation.org) for any inquiries.

*Thank you, Tommy and Ivanna*

**Dear 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Families,**



Students will begin playing Recorders in January! Recorders are an essential part of the music curriculum because it teaches students music literacy, rhythm, and fine motor skills on an instrument. All students are required to have their own Recorder–no sharing between family members please. It is very important that students bring their own recorder to class each week. Students will be allowed to bring their recorder home to practice or they may leave it at school so it is here for Music Class each week. If they bring it home, please make sure they bring it back to school on their Music Day.

**If you have a recorder from a previous school year, you may use the one you purchased that year.**

**If you need a recorder:** Go to the Diamondmind link below and fill out the form and payment information to order a recorder. The cost is \$6.00.



**Please do not purchase a recorder online or at another store.** We are ordering enough for the entire 3rd grade and any new students in 4th & 5th.

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/recordersales22-23>

**Students should bring their recorder to school beginning in January.** Please try to order the recorder as soon as you are able so they can have it for the first lesson. We will begin learning the recorders once the order has been delivered in January.

Thank you very much for your support of the music program! I realize that Recorders can be very loud and squeaky, but, being a Flute performer myself, I work very hard to help the students sound musical. I do work on proper playing technique to avoid the squeaks and squawks. Please reach out to me if you need tips for helping them to play in a more pleasing way or if you have any questions about ordering a recorder. I hope that your child enjoys our unit on the Recorder.

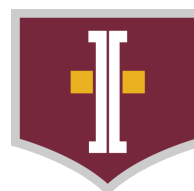
Sincerely,

**Shannyn Petersen**  
**Music Teacher**

[spetersen@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:spetersen@schooloftheincarnation.org)

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# SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION

HOLY FAMILY | OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS | OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP | ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON | ST. JOSEPH

Thursday, January 5, 2023

Dear School of the Incarnation Families,

School of the Incarnation is committed to proper safety measures, transparent communication, and adapting to changing COVID conditions. Our primary focus is on keeping the well-being of our students, faculty, and staff as our top priority.

In accord with the most recent guidance, we will report positive COVID- 19 cases on a weekly basis. **School-wide notifications of such cases will be sent out on Thursdays via the School Newsletter.** We will not be contact tracing and identifying close contacts within school.

The following positive Covid cases have been reported in our school community:

- Staff member in the Fifth grade. Last day in school was 1/3/23.
- Staff member in the Administration wing. Last day in school was 1/3/23.
- Staff member in the Business Office. Last day in school was 1/4/23.

**We encourage you to continue to actively monitor the health of your child daily and be alert to any of the major symptoms of COVID; including, but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, and shortness of breath.** Masking is optional unless directed to do so by a health official after a quarantine. The school is not responsible for enforcing any individual masking preferences or obligations. Should any concerning symptoms appear, please contact your medical professional and alert the school office at 410-519-2285.

Should you wish to review additional information to address any questions regarding your child's potential exposure to a COVID-positive individual, we encourage you to visit the CDC, Maryland Department of Health, or local health department's websites. Thank you for your assistance in this process. We are grateful for your support and partnership.

Sincerely in Christ,

Nancy Baker  
Principal

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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><b>-Office use only-</b> Form submission date _____ Contact date _____</p> <p>Enrollment date _____ \$250 tuition credit date _____</p>
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*WALKING WITH PURPOSE--“Grounded in Hope”*  
*A women’s bible study at Holy Family, Davidsonville*



This heartwarming study is based on the Book of Hebrews. Just as Hebrews was written to encourage and strengthen the faith of its readers, this study aims to help women “encounter Jesus in a very powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way.”

There are 2 meeting times from which to choose:

- **Mondays from 10:00-11:30 a.m., beginning January 9, 2023**
- **Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning January 12, 2023**

Join us at ANY time—late-comers are always welcome! Both groups meet in CR 12 & 13. To sign up, please contact **Margaret Wood @ [margaret.wood@hfccmail.org](mailto:margaret.wood@hfccmail.org)**

*This women’s study is a wonderful way to deepen your faith, draw closer to Jesus, and form even stronger bonds with your sisters in Christ!*

# LADIES!



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT!

*Featuring award-winning Catholic  
author, Liz Kelly!*

Her topic will be "Blossom and Bloom with the Holy Spirit: Nurturing a Heart that Collaborates and Co-creates with Heaven"

**When:** Saturday, January 21, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Holy Family Catholic Church

826 W. Central Ave., Davidsonville, MD 21035

**Cost:** \$20 per person (payable at the door)

*For more information and to register, please contact  
Margaret Wood at [adulted@hfccmail.org](mailto:adulted@hfccmail.org) or by  
calling 410-269-0586 x33*

*Bring a friend! Enjoy a morning with your sisters in Christ!*