

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

November 17, 2022

November 7 – 18:	NJHS Cereal Drive
Friday, November 18 th :	Spirit Wear Day
Wednesday, Nov. 23 rd :	School Closed – Professional Development
November 24 – 25:	School Closed – Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 27 th :	Advent begins
Wednesday, Nov. 30 th :	HSPT – 8 th Grade students
Thursday, December 1 st :	7 th Grade Field Trip – Museum of the Bible 8:30 AM – 2:15 PM
Friday, December 2 nd :	Spirit Wear Day
	T1 Progress Reports emailed to parents
	First Friday Adoration 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
	Theater Club production 7:00 PM
Saturday, Dec. 3 rd :	Theater Club production 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 6 th :	Band Concert 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 8 th :	School Mass 10:00 AM
Friday, December 9 th :	Spirit Wear Day
	6 th Gr. Field Trip – MD Science Center 8:45 AM – 2:00 PM
Tuesday, December 13 th :	SOTI Christmas Express: I Believe! 4:30 – 6:00 PM
Thursday, December 15 th :	Christmas Pageant performed by 2 nd Grade 7:00 PM
Friday, December 16 th :	Spirit Wear Day
Tuesday, December 20 th :	½ Day – No PM ESP
December 21 – January 2:	School Closed – Christmas Break
Tuesday, January 3 rd :	School reopens



GIVING TUESDAY

Mark your calendars! SOTI will again be participating in Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving, on Tuesday November 29, 2022. We invite you to invest in our mission. Many employers will match donations on Giving Tuesday, so check with them to see if your gift can make an even greater difference!

Click on the link below to make a donation -

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/incarnationfund22-23?token=460744547>

NJHS Cereal Drive – Last Day to send in cereal is tomorrow!!

Please, help the NJHS collect boxes of cereal for the hungry between Monday, November 7th and Friday, November 18th. The entire school will earn an "out of uniform day" for November 22nd if the goal of 1,000 boxes is collected by the deadline!

BEYOND PROGRAM INTEREST FORMS (Complete by tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 18th...registration links would then be sent to those who are able to be accommodated)

Here are the clubs proposed for Trimester 2/Winter session, which would begin after Thanksgiving break for groups that have parent volunteers. Please consider sharing your time and talents to give as many students as possible the chance to participate!

- Knightly Readers Book Club (3rd-8th grade): <https://forms.gle/VL4kjpKgw47UEi5c6>
- Chess Club (2nd-8th grade): <https://forms.gle/npFfK8SCBe7NpcZC9>
- Arts and Crafts Club (Preschool-Kindergarten): <https://forms.gle/pCF9k1gnPLfUHRtr5>
- Arts and Crafts Club (1st-2nd grade): <https://forms.gle/Cw3Ce53bEXgRSCGV6>
- Coding/Technology Club (3rd-5th grade): <https://forms.gle/Wyw3eWBSSRd2wgJBA>
- Cooking Club (5th-8th grade): <https://forms.gle/pcqr4SkDQU4PaAsj9>
- Dance and Cheer Squad (3rd-8th grade): <https://forms.gle/z8FzPiCKkdfbMSDp8>

Holiday Help for the Homeless of Baltimore and Annapolis

To celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, School of the Incarnation will celebrate our 17th year supporting the Giving Back organization with their annual Holiday Help for the Homeless drive. Our annual Kick Off will be during morning prayer on Monday, November 21st. Students will be coming home with the Holiday Help for the Homeless information sheet. We ask that you prayerfully discuss as a family what you can do to help. Even with the inflation we are all experiencing, a \$25 donation will still purchase a complete backpack filled with new, warm clothes that could be lifesaving to a homeless person. As you can imagine, the need is even greater this year.

You can find information about this year's drive and how to get involved on <https://www.homelessdrive.org/> If you have any questions, please contact Sandi Dlugonski sdlugonski@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.

**Reenrollment for current students begins on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Save the Date!

The SOTI Middle School Theatre Club presents 2 One-Act plays on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3, both at 7pm.

"A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens; Adapted by: Nicholas Petersen

"The Quiz that Almost Killed Me" (a parody of "A Christmas Carol") by: M.G. Davidson



Incarnation Fund

We have officially launched the Incarnation Fund for the 2022-23 school year! We would like to thank those members of our community who have already made a gift to the Incarnation Fund. Every gift counts and makes a difference to the families we serve.

A special thank you to those who have made a gift to the Foundational Gifts Society. The Foundational Gifts Society was established last year and recognizes gifts made to the Incarnation Fund at the level of \$1,000 or more. Our goal for the Incarnation Fund this year is \$65,000. We hope you will prayerfully consider investing in our mission!

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Attention 8th Grade Parents and Students - HSPT Registration

Registration for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) is now open. You may access the form via the following link, and our deadline for registration is Wednesday, November 23, 2022. Please, note that a \$40.00 fee is required to be paid online at the time of registration.

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

All our students will take the exam in school on Wednesday, November 30th, and it is important that they register to test at School of the Incarnation. High schools are listed first on the registration site, so you will need to scroll through those choices to find the elementary/middle schools toward the bottom of the page.

For students who qualify to receive accommodations, parents must upload official copies of educational test results by November 18th. This is a firm deadline because the system will lock afterward, preventing further uploads. Per Archdiocese requirements, a doctor's note or a copy of an accommodation plan will not suffice, and test results must be from at least 5th grade or more recent.

For questions or further assistance, you may contact Kristin Jacobs: kjacobs@schooloftheincarnation.org



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

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

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/>



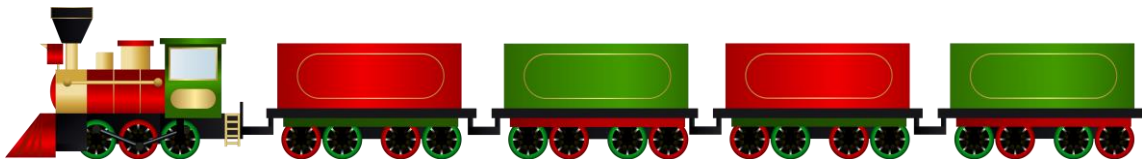
Parent Advisory Council News

Volunteers Needed - SOTI Christmas Express

All aboard the "SOTI Christmas Express"! The PAC is seeking an event chair, co-chair, and several "elves" to plan our upcoming Christmas event. Middle school students may also sign up to volunteer and receive service hours during the event.

Those interested in volunteering may sign up here: [SOTI Christmas Express Sign-Up](#)

Questions? Please contact the PAC at pac@schooloftheincarnation.org





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 _____</p> <p>Enrollment date _____ \$250 tuition credit date _____</p>
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HOLY FAMILY | OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS | OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP | ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON | ST. JOSEPH

Thursday, November 17, 2022

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:

- Siblings in 3rd grade (Mrs. White's homeroom) and 4th grade (Mrs. Dlugonski's homeroom.) Last day in school was 11/10/22.
- Staff member in Mrs. Smith's homeroom. Last day in school was 11/11/22.

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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