

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

December 1, 2022

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 6:30 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! 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Wednesday, December 14 th :	Giving Back backpack packing day!!
Thursday, December 15 th :	Christmas Pageant performed by 2 nd Grade 7:00 PM
Friday, December 16 th :	Spirit Wear Day
Monday, December 19 th :	Tag Day – see below for more information
Tuesday, December 20 th :	½ Day – No PM ESP
December 21 – January 2:	School Closed – Christmas Break
Tuesday, January 3 rd :	School reopens



Reminder

For the safety of all – please **do not park in the fire lane** when signing in/out your child/ren from school, practices, clubs or ESP. Parents/guardians should park in a designated parking space and walk up to the building to sign in/out or pick up their child/ren.

Giving Tuesday Success!

A big THANK YOU to our SOTI community! We were blessed with an outpouring of gifts to the Incarnation Fund. Every gift matters, and we appreciate all who participated and invested in our mission!

Theater Club - Friday and Saturday night!!

The SOTI Middle School Theatre Club presents 2 One-Act plays on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3, both at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 and can be pre-purchased by using the link below or purchased at the door.

"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

To purchase tickets:

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/theaterclubfall2022?token=772590836>



Judges Needed for 7th Grade Science Fair

The 7th grade Science Fair will be held on Friday, December 16th and we are looking for parents who are VIRTUS certified to serve as judges. 7th grade parents may not participate, but all others are welcome to volunteer.

Judges will need to arrive at school by 7:30 am and will be finished at approximately 1:00 pm. A light lunch will be served during the break. Please, contact Kristin Jacobs if you are interested: kjacobs@schooloftheincarnation.org

Tag Day - Monday, December 19th

Monday, December 19th will be a Tag Day. The theme is Pajama Day – students may wear their favorite pajamas to school. Slippers may be worn but must be brought to school in a bag and changed into once your child is in their homeroom. Students who have PE on Mondays must wear sneakers. **The cost to dress out-of-uniform is \$1 – dollar bills only please – no coins.** The money collected will be donated to Giving Back. Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for tag day/out-of-uniform guidelines.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day – Tuesday, December 20th – ½ day dismissal for all students – No PM ESP

On Tuesday, December 20th students may dress out of uniform. This is a free out-of-uniform day. Students are asked to wear ugly Christmas sweaters, other Christmas themed clothes or simply red and/or green. Please remember the dress guidelines for a tag day/out-of-uniform apply – refer to the Parent-Student Handbook.

BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped make the Trimester 1 clubs happen! The members enjoyed the activities while learning about the various topics, developing new skills, and spending time with other club members.

Based on the information from the interest forms that were included in this newsletter prior to Thanksgiving break, we have many students who'd like to participate in the different clubs that were proposed for the Trimester 2/winter session.

We are grateful that adult volunteers have been confirmed so that registration form links were able to be sent for those able to be accommodated for the following clubs:

- Knightly Readers Book Club (3rd/4th grade)
- Arts and Crafts Club (Preschool/Kindergarten and a 1st grade group)
- Cooking Club (5th grade group on Mondays, 5th-7th grade group on Thursdays)

Unfortunately, we don't have enough volunteers confirmed yet for the following clubs, which may mean that they won't be able to be offered this trimester. If you're interested and available, please email Miss Santini ASAP.

- Chess Club on Tuesdays (biggest interest groups are 2nd and 3rd graders)
- Coding/Technology Club on Thursdays (3rd-5th grade)

The following club is still in the planning stages due to the coordination discussions with ASHS as well as determining the date of the Faculty/8th grade basketball games. The anticipated start for the meetings is in January:

- Dance and Cheer Squad

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 was just before Thanksgiving and all students came 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. A \$25 donation buys a complete backpack filled with 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/>

All donations will need to be made online [Donate here](#) (Please choose *School of the Incarnation* as your group in the 4th box.)

If you have any questions, please contact Sandi Dlugonski sdlugonski@schooloftheincarnation.org

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!

Click on the link below to make a donation -

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

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.



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

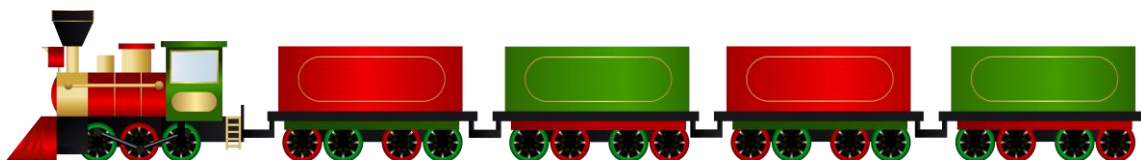
SOTI Christmas Express: I Believe!

All aboard! Join the PAC for our first ever "Come Aboard the SOTI Christmas Express: I Believe!" Children will be able to board the "SOTI Express Train" for a ride around the school parking lot, join Santa in the library for a snack and make and wrap a craft to give as a gift for Christmas. Enjoy a Christmas performance from our Concert and Cherub choirs!

Where: SOTI Library & parking lot

When: Tuesday, 13 December from 4-6 PM

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



SOTI THEATRE CLUB PRESENTS...

“A Christmas Carol”



By: Charles Dickens

Adapted by: Nicholas Petersen

&

“The Quiz That Almost Killed Me”

By: M.G. Davidson







December 2nd & 3rd @7:00pm

Tickets: \$5

Concessions sold at Intermission: \$1 apiece

December 2022 Lunch Menu
TOMMY'S FOOD SERVICE @ School of the Incarnation
"Great Food for Great Kids"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	2 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
5 Corn dogs/Chicken Nuggets , macaroni and cheese and veggie	6 Rotini pasta w/ marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	7 Philly Cheesesteak , French fries and veggie	8 10am Mass Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	9 6th Grade Field Trip Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
12 Cheeseburger , French Fries and veggie	13 Spaghetti w/ marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	14 Baked Potato Bar with cheddar cheese, bacon bits, broccoli, butter and sour cream	15 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	16 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
19 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.	20 12:15 DISMISSAL CAFETERIA CLOSED	21 CHRISTMAS BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED	22 CHRISTMAS BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED	23 CHRISTMAS BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED
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Combo lunch is \$5.95 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
Homemade Soup		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
Salad		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
		Tuesdays and Pizza Days ONLY		Pancakes (3)/French toast sticks (3-4)	\$3.25
Beverage		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	Wednesdays ONLY		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 for any inquiries.

Thank you, Tommy and Ivanna

Giving Back Opportunities 2022	Date and Time	Location	Who should participate?	Items to bring	Contact person
Set up for backpack day Use this sign up to let us know you will be helping.	Tuesday, Dec 13 th 3:00pm-5:00pm	Incarnation Gym	School age students, teens and adults who are VIRTUS certified (Students up through 5 th grade MUST have an adult.)	Dress comfortable	Sandi Dlugonski sdlugonski@schooloftheincarnation.org
Backpack Day Use this sign up to let us know you will be helping.	Wednesday, Dec 14 th 8:00 to 11:00ish	Incarnation Gym	Adults who are VIRTUS certified	Dress comfortable	Sandi Dlugonski sdlugonski@schooloftheincarnation.org
Cookie Bakers (Cookies will be prepared to be handed out at the 24 shelters on Christmas Eve Day.)	Drop off at school by Monday, Dec 19.	Drop off to W101	Great fun for the entire family. Going to a cookie exchange...get everyone to donate a dozen!	2-3 dozen homemade cookies in disposable containers or individually wrapped	No need to email, just drop off.
Organize Donations (Use the Signup Genius to reserve a time to help organize donations that will be delivered to shelters on Christmas Eve.)	Different dates and times available from Monday, December 19-Friday, December 23 View the sign up for details.	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ellicott City 4100 St. Johns Lane Ellicott City MD 21042	School age students, teens and adults	Dress for the weather as you will be outside. List of items needed can be found on: www.homelessdrive.org	None...just show up to help! (Please take some pictures and email them to: sdlugonski@schooloftheincarnation.org asap!
Daytime Shelter Deliveries 	Due to our need of box trucks , the details are still being finalized and will be available on the website www.homelessdrive.org when finalized.	Leaving from the stadium parking lot at UMBC. Time TBD Watch the website.	All ages: Great for families with children of all ages, even the younger children (preK-4 th) Carpooling is recommended.	*Dress for weather and good shoes for unloading trucks. *Lots of fun to bring candy canes, fruit (apples, oranges, banana's etc.) or cookies to share with residents you will meet. *If you play an instrument and know Christmas songs...feel free to bring and share! *GPS	Sandi Dlugonski sdlugonski@schooloftheincarnation.org No need to email, just come filled with Christmas spirit to share!! (Please take some pictures and email them to: sdlugonski@schooloftheincarnation.org asap!)
Christmas Eve Night Delivery 		Leaving from the stadium parking lot at UMBC. Time TBD Watch the website.	For families with older students (5 th and older) It is recommended that adult to child ratio is 1:1.	*Dress for weather and good shoes for being on the streets. *Lots of fun to bring candy canes, fruit (apples, oranges, banana's etc.) or cookies to	Sandi Dlugonski sdlugonski@schooloftheincarnation.org

Incarnation Donation Days!

Monday, Dec 19th - Tuesday Dec 20th

It is time to clean out the closets, drawers and storage areas and fill the U-Haul trucks that will be parked in the side parking lot at school. All donations will be taken to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, organized and delivered to 24 shelters by the volunteers with Giving Back during the deliveries. (Tax receipts will be available in the truck.)

Items Needed: All ages/both genders: New & Nearly New Blankets, Hats, Gloves, Thermal Socks (New), Thermal Underwear (New), Coats, Sweaters, Clothing items, Shoes, Sleeping Bags, Regular size and travel size Toiletries, Baby Items, Infant Seats, Baby Clothing, Disposable Diapers, Formula, New or gently used Toys, Strollers, Bed Linens. Women's Hygiene and New Underwear.

Food Needed: Bottled Water, bottles of juice and non-perishable cans or boxes of food.

Adult coats are desperately needed! Let's make this the year that all adults in need get a coat to stay warm!

Donations towards backpacks are still being accepted toward our School of the Incarnation yearly goal of \$20,000. (Enough to pay for the supplies brought to our school for every child to pack a backpack on Wednesday, Dec 14th.) When [donating](#) online at homelessdrive.org , please choose *School of the Incarnation* as your group. Thank you for your support!

SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION

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

Thursday, December 1, 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:

- Seventh grade student in Mrs. Corbin's homeroom. Last day in school was 11/16/22.
- Fifth grade student in Mrs. Oxner's homeroom class. Last day in school was 11/18/22.
- Staff member in the library. Last day in school was 11/22/22.
- Seventh grade student in Ms. Colclough's homeroom. Last day in school was 11/30/22.

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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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_____

-Office use only- Form submission date_____ Contact date_____
Enrollment date_____ \$250 tuition credit date _____



ADVENT

Vespers

AND COOKIE SWAP...

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022
AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON**

Vespers is a traditional evening prayer with scripture and song.

6:00 – 6:30 pm – Children and Family Prayer

6:30 – 7:00 pm – Cookies Swap – All Invited

7:00 – 8:00 pm – Adult Prayer and Social

All who would like to swap cookies are asked to bring two dozen homemade cookies and a container to take some home with you. Vespers Prayer will take place in Church and Cookie Swap will take place in the Parish Hall.

