

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

December 15, 2022

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 Ugly Sweater Day – see below for more information
December 21 – January 2:	School Closed – Christmas Break
Tuesday, January 3 rd :	School reopens
Friday, January 6 th :	Spirit Wear Day
Thursday, January 12 th :	School Mass 10:00 AM Spirit Wear Day
Friday, January 13 th :	½ Day – ESP in session
Monday, January 16 th :	School Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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.

Attention 3rd, 4th and 5th 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. Students already enrolled do not need to contact Mrs. Petersen. Cost for new students is \$75. Rehearsals are Wednesdays after school until 4:00pm.

Message from our Athletic Director

For safety purposes, the only time students should stay after school for athletics is for their team's 4:00 PM home games and 3:00 PM practices. If your child's team does not have a study hall prior to later games or practices, they need to follow their normal dismissal procedure and return to school at the time communicated by coaches. Students interested in attending games to watch should follow their normal dismissal procedure as well. Children must be accompanied by an adult to attend games. We understand this may provide a challenge with your schedules but having students hanging around after school unsupervised is not an option.

SOTI Inclement Weather Policy

As we enter into the time of the school year with the highest probability of inclement weather, the inclement weather policy from the *Parent Student Handbook* is included below in its entirety. However, as a general rule, SOTI follows AACPS for decisions of weather-related school closures. The only exception would be in the case that AACPS is not in session on a day when there is inclement weather or if there is something significant related to SOTI's campus that warrants an independent decision. SOTI has three inclement weather days built into its calendar. The fourth day and any subsequent days would be remote learning days.

SwiftReach is the system that SOTI uses to communicate with our families whether it be the weekly newsletter, event reminders, or emergencies. Depending on the communication, we choose whether we want the communication to go out via email, text, and/or phone call. Regular communications typically only go out via email. However, when there is a school closure, SOTI uses SwiftReach to communicate that closure to families via email, text, AND phone call.

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

A key fob was found in our parking lot earlier this week. 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](#).

The Arts and Crafts club members have been having fun making ornaments, Gingerbread and Snow people, boxes made out of Christmas cards, coloring pictures, making scratch art, and creating other festive projects.

The Knights of the Kitchen Cooking Club members have learned how to make dough and sauce to create their own personal pizzas, made tasty no-bake treats, and have been developing skills such as measuring ingredients, how to repurpose food products to make various dishes, and "clean the kitchen as you go."

The Knightly Readers Book Club just began last week. Their first novel that was started is "The One and Only Ivan" and the group will have discussions as well as do various activities related to this novel.

Our Lego Robotics Explore and Challenge Teams continue to meet in order to code their robots to complete certain tasks and work together to problem solve and build various projects along the way. The two 5th-8th grade teams are preparing for their "Qualifier Event" that will take place in January.

Giving Back

Thank you so much for your support of our less fortunate neighbors. Yesterday's Backpack Day was amazing and truly shows how our students and families are the hands and feet of Jesus on earth. Even though we have packed our backpacks, there is still time to [Donate](#) (Please choose School of the Incarnation as your group in the 4th box.) as well as get involved in sorting donations and making deliveries on Christmas Eve. 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

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

The CFC Campaign is in its final weeks! If you are a federal government employee, military member, or postal worker, please consider choosing SOTI on your pledge form and help us finish our year strong! **Our school is charity code #94557.**

Incarnation Fund

Do you need to make an end of year donation for tax purposes? Consider making a gift to the Incarnation Fund for the 2022-23 school year! Our goal for the Incarnation Fund this year is \$65,000. **Every gift counts** and makes a difference!

A special thank you to the 22 donors 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.

We hope you will prayerfully consider investing in our mission as we move SOTI: Forward into the Future!

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.



The Catholic Catechism in a Year Starting January 1st

SOTI is excited to invite our community to join us in listening to "The Catechism in a Year" podcast, starting January 1st! This 365-day podcast will explain all the teachings of the Catholic Church, in a prayerful, engaging, and approachable way with Fr. Mike Schmitz. You can listen while driving to work, going on your daily walk, drinking your morning coffee, or however you like! Find it on any podcast app, or YouTube. Please see the attached flyer for more information!

The Bible in a Year by Fr. Mike Schmitz

Have you heard the buzz of Fr. Mike Schmitz's #1 Podcast? Have you ever wanted to read the Bible? What if you could do it in a year! In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes. Using an exclusive reading plan rooted in The Bible Timeline (a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by Biblical scholar Jeff Cavins) you won't just read the Bible ... you'll finally understand how all the pieces fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today! Please see attached flyer for more information!

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

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 5th 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!

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

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

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.**

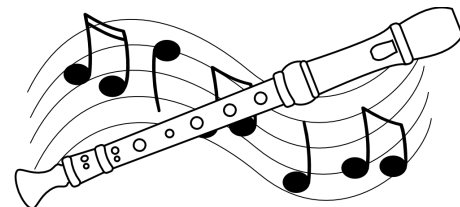
Ala Carte Price List Only - Not available daily

Available Daily	Price	Available Daily	Price	Not Available Daily	Price
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

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.

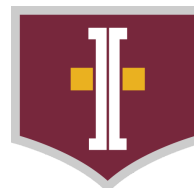
Sincerely,

Shannyn Petersen
Music Teacher

spetersen@schooloftheincarnation.org

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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 15, 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:

- Second grade student in Mrs. Shallow's homeroom. Last day in school was 12/2/22.
- Fourth grade student in Mrs. Ricarid's homeroom. Last day in school was 12/2/22.
- Kindergarten student in Mr. Rehanek's classroom. Last day in school was 12/8/22.
- Seventh grade student in Ms. Colclough's homeroom. Last day in school was 12/12/22.
- Preschool siblings in Mrs. Smith's classroom. Last day in school was 12/8/22.

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 _____

<p>-Office use only- Form submission date _____ Contact date _____ Enrollment date _____ \$250 tuition credit date _____</p>
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