

School of the Incarnation Newsletter



December 5, 2019

Friday, December 6th: Spirit Wear Day

Saturday, December 7th: HSA Christmas Bazaar 9:00 AM - Noon

Monday, December 9th: Progress Reports sent home

Thursday, December 12th: School Mass 9:50 AM

Band Concert 7:00 PM

Friday, December 13th: Coffee and Conversation with Admin for Middle School Parents 8:30 AM

1st Grade Field Trip – St Johns College, Annapolis 11:00 AM – 2:45 PM

2nd Grade – Christmas Around the World

7th Grade Science Fair

Giving Back set-up 3:00 - 4:15 PM

Saturday, December 14th: Parents Night Out 6:00 – 9:00 PM - see below for more details

Monday, December 16th: Giving Back Backpack packing day!! 8:30 – 11:00 AM

Tuesday, December 17th: 2nd Grade Storyteller visit

Thursday, December 19th: Christmas Pageant 2:15 and 7:00 PM Friday, December 20th: 12:15 Dismissal – No Afternoon ESP

Band Concert 9:00 AM

Common Deadline for High School Applications

December 21 – January 1st: School Closed – Christmas Holiday

Thursday, January 2nd: Classes resume

Reenrollment for current students begins

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

I would like to express a big thank you to those who attended last night's strategic planning meeting. For the first time, Frank Donaldson, our facilitator, met last evening with the members of the nine planning area committees to kick off the next phase in the process. We are sending an update regarding the process in a separate email to share more information about what has happened so far, where we are in the process, and what are the next steps.

I also wanted to share a few personnel changes with you. Mrs. Kelly Abbott has accepted another position elsewhere and will be leaving SOTI. We are grateful for her many years of service to our students and our school community. She will be missed here, but we know that she will be a wonderful blessing to those with whom she works in her new position. We had posted her position a bit ago in the hope that we would be able to find someone to assume that position while she was still here allowing for a time of transition. However, we have not yet found a suitable candidate. In the meantime, we are securing a long-term substitute to stand in the gap as we continue our search.

Regarding the primary grades: As you know, in the Fall, we reduced the number of IA's in 1st and 2nd grade. Since the beginning of the school year, we have welcomed a few more students to SOTI and some of the other factors that informed that original decision have changed, making it possible for us to hire an additional IA that will be shared between 1st and 2nd grade. We have a wonderful primary team, and next week we are looking forward to welcoming Ms. Jeanette Jones as a primary IA. She comes to us with many years of classroom experience, and we know she will be a great addition to our school community.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Bazaar this Saturday, and I hope that everyone has a great weekend.

In Christ, Ms. Baker

Spirit Wear Day - Tomorrow, Friday, December 6th

Tomorrow, Friday, December 6th is a Spirit Wear Day. Please see page 46 in 2019-2020 Parent/Student Handbook for spirit wear guidelines.

HSA Christmas Bazaar

It's almost time - Santa is feeding his reindeer and getting his sleigh ready to visit the annual Christmas Bazaar! Saturday, December 7th 9am - Noon. Santa arrives at 9:00am and stays until 11am! Our singers start at 9:15am. Some of our fabulous vendors; The Pampered Chef, Kids Kloset, Usborne Books, Chocolates, Cookies, A Lost Sheep Catholic Store, Coffee Shop Designs, Scentsy, Diane's Brushes, various Jewelry, WabBag4Pets, Mary Kay, The Little Seamstress, Maya Herbals, Inc.

Beautifully Crafted Creations, Kelly Home Accents, Tupperware, and many more!! Contact Dana Barile with any questions: manadazzie@gmail.com

Volunteers needed for the Christmas Bazaar. Please email Dana Barile at manadazzie@gmail.com with any questions.

Parents: please use this link - https://www.sianupaenius.com/ao/20f0e45aea72fa6f49-2019

Middle School students: please use this link - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e45gea72fa6f49-middle2

Beyond Program update and information

The Guys on the Go running club had a very fun and successful inaugural season! All of the 3rd-5th graders completed a 2 mile "Fun Run" here on school grounds on Nov. 23rd to use the physical skills and mental values (such as perseverance) they've discussed during their sessions. WAY TO GO, GUYS!

The Knightly Readers Book Club and the Environmental Club: Caring for Creation completed their fall session and will hopefully be able to create a spring session with returning and new members. Both groups had wonderful learning experiences, discussions, and completed various projects.

Our Catholic Robotics League/FIRST Lego League Teams (Juniors in K-3rd grades and Seniors in 4th-8th grades) continue to work each week on the various parts of this season's challenges. Some members and coaches attended a workshop/scrimmage event sponsored by Archbishop Spalding High School on Nov. 23rd to gain knowledge and skills, as well as test out their own ideas for completing the challenges.

The Knights on a Mission Outreach Group has been busy discussing ideas and creating projects to make a positive impact on others. At a recent meeting, each member made cards and gave special treats to people in the community they are thankful for. Be on the lookout for when and where to bring in items for the school's annual "Warmth Tree!"

The Winter session (Dec-Feb) for Chess Club as well as Dance and Cheer began this week!

Clubs/Teams in need of parents (or other family members, friends, babysitters, etc.) to volunteer as moderators before formal registration links can be made available:

- Art Clubs (3 different grade level groups)
- Languages/Cultures Clubs (3 different grade level groups)
- Running Club (for grades Preschool-2nd)
- Guys on the Go (grades 3rd-5th)
- Co-ed Golf ****also needs additional student participants and certified drivers****
- Co-ed Bowling ****also needs additional student participants and certified drivers****

If you are able to volunteer for any of the Beyond Program groups, have any questions, or need more information, please contact Miss Santini - <u>asantini@schooloftheincarnation.org</u>

Giving Back - Holiday Help for the Homeless of Baltimore and Annapolis

Pledge forms came home last week and were due back yesterday, Wednesday, Dec 4th. On line donations are encouraged at www.homelessdrive.org. (Please choose School of the Incarnation as your group.) If you need to send your donation in check form, please be sure it is made out to Giving Back, Linda's Legacy.



Mark your calendars to volunteer for Set Up Day on Friday, December 13 from 3:00-4:15 PM or Backpack Packing Day on Monday, December 16 from 7:30-11:30 AM. (Adult volunteers with current certification in VIRTUS needed.)

Contact Sandi Dlugonski with any questions - salugonski@schooloftheincarnation.org

Parents Night Out! Hosted by the SOTI Destination Imagination Firebirds

If you have ever wondered what **Destination Imagination** is all about this is a great way for your children to find out. They will be entertained by a **Science Max** video (a Fan Favorite of the *Firebirds*), and participate in STEM instant challenges and projects. The children will also be treated to Pizza and Popcorn. Don't miss the opportunity to wrap up **Holiday Shopping** or enjoy a **Date Night**. The event is December 14, 2019 from 6pm – 9pm. Cost is \$15.00 per child or \$40.00 for a family of 3 children or more. Register online by using this link or by form included in the newsletter. **There are also Service Hour **Opportunities for SOTI Middle Schoolers!** Contact Jackie Snell (mdsnells@gmail.com) or Caroline Moore (whiteautumndeer@gmail.com).

Are You Ready to Party??

To kickoff Gala 2020, the HSA is holding a table raffle. Buy a raffle ticket for \$25 and one lucky winner will receive a table for 10 to the Gala. You can purchase raffle tickets here https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schoo.../galatableraffle2020... or

via cash/check to the office marked "Table Raffle" in the memo. Checks should be made payable to "School of the Incarnation." Drawing will be held on December 7th at the Christmas Bazaar.

Lights of Kindness

In art class, students in Kindergarten - 5th grade have designed ornaments for our tree in the Lights of Kindness event at Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville. Our tree's theme is focused on Angels and Stars to highlight the event of the Incarnation. Our colors match our own school colors! Come out to see all our hard work and vote on our tree this weekend! Our tree is sponsored by CAM and Associates. Please see attached flyer for more information on the event and how to vote.

Save the Date-Spring Gala!

Mark your calendars for the biggest event of the year at SOTI! It's going to be totally awesome! Enjoy an evening of dinner, open bar, live music and dancing! Friday, April 24th, 7-11 p.m. at the Graduate Hotel in Annapolis. More to come...

Have you purchased a Yearbook?

Yearbook prices have increased to \$35. This price is good until January 31, 2020. Yearbook recognition ads are a nice way to celebrate your child's time at School of the Incarnation. Please visit the yearbook page on our website to order your yearbook and recognition ad: https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/resources/yearbooks

FACTS Grant and Aid Information for 2020-2021

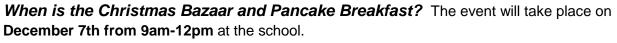
FACTS Grant and Aid Applications are now open for the 2020-2021 school year. The deadline to apply for Grant and Aid will be February 29, 2020. There will not be any exceptions to this deadline. FACTS is the validation software used by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the school and the parishes to verify the applications. FACTS does not provide any aid that is awarded by the AOB, the school and parishes. An information flyer is attached to this week's newsletter. The application can be found through this link:

ttps://online.factsmgt.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.



Questions & Answers - 2019 Christmas Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast





Why is the HSA hosting a Christmas Bazaar and Pancake Breakfast? As you know, the HSA is responsible for raising money for the school budget. We think this is a great way to raise money while spending time with SOTI friends.

How can I help? Volunteers make this event possible – without your help we cannot continue to have great events to spend time with our SOTI community. Coming to the event to visit with Santa, make a child's craft, and support the vendors are all great ways to be involved. Please see Dana Barile, at the Bazaar, if you can give an hour of your time.

Santa Questions

Will Santa be at the Christmas Bazaar? Visit Santa from 9am-11:00am, in the Library.

Can I buy photos of my child with Santa? Of course not! Please feel free to bring a camera, you can take as many photos as you like.

Christmas Bazaar Questions

What type of vendors will be at the Bazaar? A variety of different items will be sold. A few examples are Christmas crafts, wooden cutting boards, children's books, decorative glassware, jewelry, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, chocolates, cookies, and lots more.

Do I have to pay to go to the Bazaar? No – this is a community event filled with Santa, children singing, vendors, and our SOTI community!

Can my friends and neighbors come to the Christmas Bazaar? Yes, we want them to come. Please let everyone you know about this great event.

Snacks

We have popcorn, pretzels, coffee, and water for sale (\$1). Pancake breakfast tickets are presale only, these sales close December 2nd.

Children's Craft Room

What is the children's craft room? A child can pay to make a craft for a loved one. The craft will be wrapped.

How much does a craft cost? Each craft is \$5.00. No money is exchanged at the craft room. Tickets for the crafts can be bought at the admission door / ticket table.

Do I stay with my child in the craft room? You do not need to stay with your child in the craft room. You can shop while your child makes a craft.



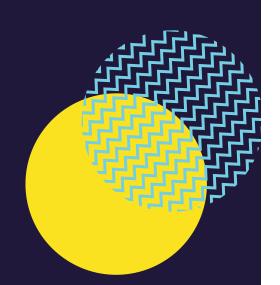


TABLE RAFFLE

\$25/TICKET

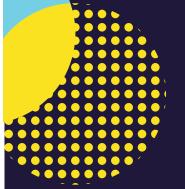
SOTI'S EPIC NIGHT

A Totally 80's Gala



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT FAMILY BINGO OR

schooloftheincarnation.org/resources/home-school-association



WINNER IS ANNOUNCED AT THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ON DECEMBER 7.

WINNER RECEIVES A TABLE FOR 10 GUESTS AT THE GALA!













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SOTI Destination Imagination Firebirds

Present the

Holiday STEM Edition

December 14, 6:00-9:00 pm



Finish your Holiday Shopping or have a Special Date Night while your Kids enjoy Pizza,
Popcorn and STEM activities including a Science Max video, STEM challenges,
Games and More!

(School age children only)



Register Early - Limited Space (click link)

\$15 per Child \$40 for 3 or more children

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For more information:

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Register online or send in form. See link in newsletter or we can email it to you.

Number of children attending:				
Child 1:	Age	Grade	Special condition/dietary restriction	on
Child 2:	Age	Grade	Special conditions/dietary restrict	ion
Child 3:	Age	Grade	Special conditions/dietary restrict	ion
Child 4:	Age	Grade	Special conditions/dietary restrict	ion
Child 5:	Age	Grade	Special conditions/dietary restrict	ion
Parent 1 Name:	Relationship		Home/Cell phone night of event	
Parent 2 Name:	Relationship		Home/Cell phone night of event	
Parent email to send reminder:				
***Emergency Contact other than Parent:			Relations	hip
***Emergency Contact Home/Cell phone night of even	t			
Name of adult picking up child after event:			RelationshipHome	/Cell phone

**Picture ID will be required for drop off and pick up of children. Only parents or emergency contact on registration form will be allowed to pick up child unless otherwise indicated on form.

SCRIP TO GO

- Payable by cash, check, credit card or Presto-Pay (set up online and deducted directly from your bank account)
- Orders placed by 9:00am MONDAYS & FRIDAYS will be sent home the same day in your child's folder

Your First/Last Name:	Date:
Youngest Child's First/Last Name:	
Youngest Child's Grade/Teacher:	

New to SCRIP to GO!

*Royal Farms

SCRIP TO ORDER

- Can be ordered on this form or online
- Complete list of available retailers can be found at shopwithscrip.com

Your SCRIP Coordinator Kim Gonzales (km68gonzales@gmail.com)

SCRIP TO GO

* your portion of the rebate at the end of the school year

<u>MERCHANT</u>	% *	CARD VALUE \$	# OF CARDS	TOTAL \$	MERCHANT	% *	CARD VALUE \$	# OF CARDS	TOTAL \$
Amazon	1.5	100			Michael's	2.0	25	-	
Amazon	1.5	25			Nordstrom	3.0	25		
Amazon	1.5	100			Outback	4.0	25		
Applebee's	4.0	25			Panera Bread	4.5	10		<u> </u>
Applebee's	4.0	50			Panera Bread	4.5	25		
Barnes and Nobles	4.5	10			Papa John's Pizza	4.0	10		
Bath and Body Works	6.5	10			Pottery Bar/William-Sonoma	4.0	25		
Bath and Body Works	6.5	25			Red Robin	4.5	25		
Bed, Bath and Beyond	3.5	25		1	Regal/United Artists	4.0	25		
Bed, Bath and Beyond	3.5	100			Robert Andrew	5.0	25		
Best Buy	1.5	25			Robert Andrew	5.0	50		
California Pizza Kitchen	4.0	25			Royal Farms	2.0	25		
Chili's	5.5	25			Safeway	2.0	25		
Chili's	5.5	50			Safeway	2.0	100		
Chipotle	5.0	10,			Shell	1.2	50		
Cold Stone	4.0	10			Shell	1.2	100		
CVS	3.0	10		٤.	Starbucks	3.5	10		
CVS	3.0	25			Starbucks	3.5	25		
Dick's Sporting Goods	4.0	25			Stop & Shop/Giant Foods	2.0	25		
Dick's Sporting Goods	4.0	100			Stop & Shop/Giant Foods	2.0	50		
Dunkin Donuts	1.5	10			Stop & Shop/Giant Foods	2.0	100		
Exxon/Mobil	0.5	50			SuperValu/Cub	2.5	25		
Food Lion	2.5	100			SuperValu/Cub	2.5	100		
Fuji Steakhouse	4.5	25			T.J. Maxx/ Marshalls/Home Goods	3.5	25		
Game Stop	1.5	25			T.J. Maxx/ Marshalls/Home Goods	3.5	100		
Gap/ Old Navy/ Banana Republic/ Athleta	9.5	25			Target	1.0	10		
Gap/ Old Navy/ Banana Republic/ Athleta	9.5	100			Target	1.0	25		
Hallmark	2.0	25			Target	1.0	50		
Houlihans	4.0	25			Target	1.0	100		
IHOP	4.0	25			The Home Depot	1.0	25		
iTunes	2.5	15			The Home Depot	1.0	100	Ì ""	
J. Crew	6.5	25			Under Armour	5.5	25		
Kohl's	2.0	25			Ulta	2.0	25		
Kohl's	2.0	100			Walmart/ Sam's Club	1.3	25	 	
Krispy Kreme	4.0	10			Walmart/ Sam's Club	1.3	100		† — — —
Ledo's (Crofton)	10	25			Wawa	0.5	25		
Little Caesar's	4.0	20			Wawa	0.5	100		
Lowe's	2.0	25			Whole Foods	1.5	100	 	
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Macy's	5.0	25		1			† 	<u> </u>	

Total # of Cards Ordered:	Payment Amount:	
Total \$ Amount of Order:	_ Payment Method:	Reviewed By:



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	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	\Box Friend \Box Relative \Box Neighbor		
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-Office use only- Form submission date	Contact date		
<u></u>	\$250 tuition credit date		





FACTS makes quality education affordable for families by assisting schools in awarding financial aid. We work with schools to create a custom application and collect financial data so schools can make accurate award decisions based on financial need.

To apply for financial aid, visit https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3C65P.

After completing the online application, you will need to upload all required supporting documentation.

The following supporting documents are required to complete the application process:

- IRS Federal Income Tax Return, including all supporting schedules (the year of the tax return depends on the tax requirements of your school). If applicant and co-applicant file separately, we require both tax returns for the same tax year.
- Copies of <u>all</u> the current year W-2 Wage and Tax Statements for both the applicant and co-applicant.
 NOTE: If you are applying before you have received all the current year W-2 Wage and Tax Statements, please submit them as soon as they become available.
- · Copies of all supporting tax documents if you have business income/loss from any of the following:

Business - send Schedule C or C-EZ and Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization

Farm - send Schedule F and Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization

Rental Property - send Schedule E (page 1)

S-Corporation - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1120S (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825

Partnership - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1065 (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825

Estates and Trusts - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1041 and Schedule K-1

IMPORTANT: If you file a tax return but do not have W-2 wages because you are self-employed, you will be required to submit a copy of your current year Federal Form 1040 Tax Return.

 Copies of all supporting documentation for household Non-Taxable Income such as:Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TemporaryAssistance for Needy Families (TANF). If you do not file a tax return, you are required to provide documentation of all income received.

All documentation received is imaged upon receipt and then destroyed.

You may log in to your FACTS user account to review the status of your application. Please allow 2 weeks processing time before inquiring further about receipt and/or status of the uploaded documents. Application deadlines are set by the institution awarding the aid. If you are applying after the deadline, contact your school to ensure that your application will be accepted.

A non-refundable application fee may be required before your application will be submitted.

NOTE: Award decisions are made by the institution providing the financial aid, not FACTS.







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Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



CASH FOR OUR SCHOOLBox Tops earnings are identified and

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You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



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Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. **You can still clip these and send them to school.** Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.









Rotary Club of South Anne Arundel County

Annual Holiday Tree Decorating Contest

Homestead Gardens, Davidsonville, MD

On-site voting hours: Dec. 6-7, 9:00 AM -8 PM

Dec. 8, 9:00 AM - 5 PM

Online voting: 24 hours a day at www.RotaryLightsofKindness.org

Online voting ends Dec. 9 at 4:00 PM

A unique Christmas tree decorating contest.

Local non-profit charities are sponsored by businesses to decorate a tree.

Tour the holiday forest at Homestead Gardens or vote on-line.

Vote for your favorite tree. Vote for the noblest cause.

Whatever your reason, every dollar donated counts as a vote,

and benefits our local community.

For more information contact... John May (410) 212-1539





