

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

December 8, 2022

Friday, December 9 th :	Spirit Wear Day
Tuesday, December 13 th :	6 th Gr. Field Trip– MD Science Center 8:45 AM – 2:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 14 th :	SOTI Christmas Express: I Believe! 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Thursday, December 15 th :	Giving Back backpack packing day!!
Friday, December 16 th :	Christmas Pageant performed by 2 nd Grade 7:00 PM
Monday, December 19 th :	Spirit Wear Day
Tuesday, December 20 th :	Tag Day – see below for more information
December 21 – January 2:	½ Day – No PM ESP
Tuesday, January 3 rd :	Ugly Sweater Day – see below for more information
Friday, January 6 th :	School Closed – Christmas Break
Thursday, January 12 th :	School reopens
Friday, January 13 th :	Spirit Wear Day
Monday, January 16 th :	School Mass 10:00 AM
	Spirit Wear Day
	½ Day – ESP in session
	School Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Judges are still 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 need to arrive at school by 7:30 am and will be finished at approximately 1:00 pm. A light lunch will be served. 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](#).

We're still in need of volunteers for the following clubs. The time commitment is one day per week from dismissal until 4:15 PM and help will be provided to organize activities, come up with ideas, and establish routines. If you're interested and available, please email Miss Santini ASAP. The goal is to have registration before Christmas break and start these clubs in January!

- 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, but is anticipated to start meeting in January:

- Dance and Cheer Squad

Giving Back

School of the Incarnation's 17th Annual Backpack Day is just around the corner and there is still time to make your donations. Being that the need is even greater this year, Giving Back ordered supplies for 3,000 backpacks. A \$25 donation buys a complete backpack filled with warm clothes that could be lifesaving to a

homeless person. 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 would like to help setup for Backpack Day on Tuesday, December 13th, from 3:00-5:00 PM, or to be a part of the amazing experience of helping students fill their backpacks on December 14th, from 8:00-11:30 AM, make sure to [sign up on this chart](#). Reminder – all volunteers must be Virtus certified.

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

FlynnO'Hara Uniform Ordering Information

Attached to this week's newsletter is a Ways to Order flyer. This flyer shows all the ways to shop for our school uniforms and includes a direct link to our school landing page. This page is the best place to view our school's uniform items and specifications because it automatically updates each year, and as changes are made. It is the most reliable source of uniform information! Families are encouraged to use this site, and to create an account to keep track of online purchases and student information.

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.



The God Spot

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

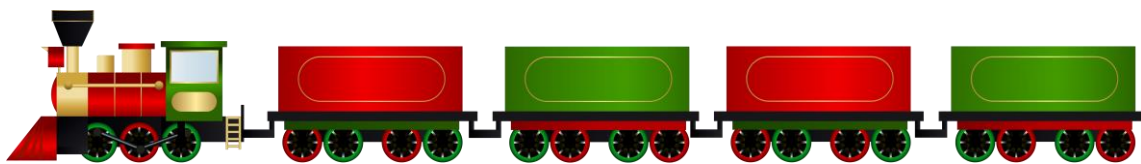
SOTI Christmas Express: I Believe!

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



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!

Honor Roll 1st Trimester 2022-2023

6th Grade Principal's Honor Roll (All A's) – 1st Trimester 2022-2023

Brigit Battaglia, Maeve Butler, Bianca Cramer, Sofia Cusumano, Nicholas D'Ambrosio, Zachary Dennis, Kara Haight, Sadie Kollias, My-Tam Nguyen, Brandon Oakley, Victoria Rahim, Lidia Schroeder, Madeleine Shahady, Annabelle Shai, Michael Villareal, Benjamin Wells, Rachel Wells

6th Grade Honor Roll – 1st Trimester 2022-2023

Patrick Arendes, Lucas Benton, Victor Bittner, Matthew Boniface, Amelia Cattungal, Sean Crowley, Victoria Gilmore, Jonathan Govoni, Molly Green, Annalise Hilton, Dominic Hislop, Chloe Hurst, Drew Maggitti, Mathias Motley, Dalton Piotrowski, Angelina Saah, Jackson Schwab, Ekamjot Singh, Thomas Wheeler

7th Grade Principal's Honor Roll (All A's) – 1st Trimester 2022-2023

Demilade Adegboyega, Jason Ayers, Maria Benassai, Anna Boretti, Jenna Camus, Owen Cline, Ashlynn Cooke, Parker Coriell, Allie Duncan, Molly DuPee, Stella Farr, Michael Feranec, Kassidy Galvin, Aiden Gilmore, Riley Gilmore, Remy Gonzaludo, Kayla Kelly, Vera Kennedy, Lillian Kratzen, Madeline Martinez, Rosa Mastripolito, Michele McGeehan, Joseph Miller, Landon O'Hara, Joel Olubi, Xander Schinkel, Ava Swartz, Olivia Swartz, Josephine Trancucci, Alana Wells, Layla Worthington, Leah Yoder

7th Grade Honor Roll – 1st Trimester 2022-2023



Palmer Arbogast, Chloe Bailey, Chase Brookman, Wyatt Conlan, Meredith Futch, Julia Grayson, Juliana Halligan, Ivy Luedtke, Alyssa Marcalus, Trey McNemar, Peyton Padgett, Chace Parker, Abygail Petersen, Kyle Sargent, Matthew Seghetti, Aidan Sheldon, Sofie Sims, Olivia Smigal, Sarah Smigal, Patrick Tallon, Lily Thomas, Vincent Trimble, Abby Walsh

8th Grade Principal's Honor Roll (All A's) – 1st Trimester 2022-2023

Isabelle Ambrosio, Aidan Ascherl, Jacqueline Asher, Edaena Battaglia, Jackson Bohn, Samantha Bouchard, Declan Butler, Dieter Butler, Domenic Catignani-Craig, Eli Christ, Connor Dovi, Maria Esposito, Emilia Fuchs, Nicholas Gardiner, Zachary Hall, Allison Heath, Margaret Holt, Navkiran Kaur, Ava Long, Jack May, Patrick McGuire, Brian Miller, Olivia Murphy, Caroline Polucha, Niall Porter, Emma Rice, Jackson Rice, Temiloluwa Shobayo, Alyssa Skelly, Ava Smith, Cadence Spaulding, Brady Swartz, Gwen Walker, Aidan Wasta, Clara Weaver, Lucy Wells

8th Grade Honor Roll – 1st Trimester 2022-2023

Grant Bodendorf, Allison Cumberledge, Davina Darko, John Decker, Angelina di Meo, Brody Dlugokeski, Alyssa Felder, Zachariah Good, Teresa Ibanez, Carson Jarboe, Michael McGuire, Riley McKee, Trevor McNemar, Benjamin McPherson, Danielle Mish, Liam Mixter, Erin Parry, Zachary Perlin, Connor Shahady, Lilliana Steinmetz, Zoe Thomas, Gabrielle Walsh, Darius White, Allison Yung Salazar

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 8, 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 Ms. Colclough's homeroom. Last day in school was 12/2/22.

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



STAY INFORMED

Sign Up for Uniform Updates!

First things first: opt-into School of The Incarnation's uniform newsletter to stay in-the-loop on important information and promotions. Make sure to enter your school code listed below to ensure you only receive information relevant to your school!

[JOIN HERE](#)

SCHOOL CODE: MD143



School Uniform Shopping

Whether you're brand new to school uniforms or a returning shopper preparing for the school year ahead, FlynnO'Hara makes it safe & easy to shop for back-to-school.

1 ONE

Review Your Uniform Requirements

Click the link below & enter your student's Grade & Gender to view their specific uniform requirements, products, and pricing.

FIND YOUR
UNIFORM

IMPORTANT NOTE: We recommend families get their uniform shopping done at least **ONE MONTH** before the first day of school to ensure your students have everything they need!

2 TWO

Shop For Your Uniform!

IN-STORE

1608 W. FURNACE BRANCH ROAD
GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061
(410) 684-2816

HOURS & DIRECTIONS

ONLINE

FLYNNOHARA.COM



Additional Resources

Need Help with Sizing?

Visit the link below for fitting tutorials and other resources to help you choose the right sizes for your student's uniform.

FITTING
TUTORIALS

Questions? We're Here to Help!

atyourservice@flynnohara.com
(800) 441-4122



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.



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Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

Starting January 1, 2023

By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded

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