

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

February 16, 2023

February 10 – 25: Friday, February 17 th :	Spring Spirit Wear store is open for orders – see below for purchase link ½ Day Dismissal – ESP in session No school for PreK and Kindergarten students Spirit Wear Day
Monday, February 20 th :	School Closed – Presidents' Day
Tuesday, February 21 st :	Parent Input/Listening Session Grade 3-5 6:30 PM
Wednesday, February 22:	Ash Wednesday – School Mass 10:00 AM
Thursday, February 23 rd :	Virtual Parent Input/Listening Session 6:30 PM
Friday, February 24 th :	Spirit Wear Day
Tuesday, February 28 th :	Deadline to apply for FACTS Grant & Aid Parent Input/Listening Session Grade 6-8 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 2 nd :	Tag Day – see below
Friday, March 3 rd :	School Closed – Professional Development End of Trimester 2
March 6 th – 10 th :	Wine, Food & Brew Out-of-uniform pass week
Friday, March 10 th :	Faculty/Student Basketball Game 6:00 PM Spalding HS – ticket link below
Saturday, March 11 th :	PAC Irish Fest 12:00 – 4:00 PM – see below for more information
Sunday, March 12 th :	Daylight Savings Time starts
Tuesday, March 14 th :	2 nd Gr. Field Trip – Chesapeake Arts Center 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Friday, March 17 th :	½ Day – ESP in session Spirit Wear Day
Monday, March 20 th :	School Closed
Friday, May 12 th :	The Gala 7:00 – 11:00 PM – tickets go on sale February 23 rd



SOTI Summer Camp

Good News! SOTI Summer Camps are back, and registration is now open! Attached is a detailed letter regarding our Summer Knights Camps (Grades K-4), Summer Social Camps (Grades 5-8) and our New Summer Date Night (Grades K-4). Click on the links below to register.

[Summer Camp 2023 Registration](#)

[Summer Social 2023 Registration](#)

[Summer Date Night Sign Up 2023](#)

SAVE THE DATE – Friday, May 12th

Formal Invitations for *The Gala* are coming home this week. Single Tickets, VIP Tables and Sponsorship Packages will go on sale next Thursday February 23rd at 7pm!

The Gala sold out last year, so get your tickets fast! You don't want to miss out on an amazing evening with our school community!

Tag Day – Thursday, March 2nd

Thursday, March 2nd will be a Tag Day to show support for and wish Happy Birthday to one of our students, Nathan Reavey. Students may wear orange (the color for Leukemia) or purple (Nathan's favorite color). Students who have PE on Thursdays must wear sneakers. **The cost to dress out-of-uniform is \$1 – dollar bills only please – no coins.** The money collected will be donated in Nathan's name to Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology Department. Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for tag day/out-of-uniform guidelines.

We need your help! Coming in April - Arts and Culture Festival

On April 26, from 3:30 till 6 PM SOTI will be having our first ever Arts and Culture Festival to spotlight diversity and cultural appreciation. We are in need of performers and artists! If you know of anyone or group that we can reach out to, please complete this [form](#).

We Love Spirit Wear!!

The spring spirit wear store is open now! The online store will close next week on February 25th! Orders placed online will be delivered before spring break! This is the last spirit wear sale of the school year.

<https://incarnation23.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

Wine, Food & Brew ONE WEEK Out-of-Uniform fundraiser

The link to purchase the out-of-uniform pass will close on March 2nd. Students may be out of uniform the week of March 6th. Homeroom teachers will receive lists of those who have purchased passes. Please follow the out of uniform guidelines in the student handbook. Thank you for supporting our school.

AFTER EVENT PRICE - Available until 3/2/2023

*If you have two children, the cost is \$25 each (total \$50) If you have more than two children, each additional child will only cost \$15. (Example: 4 children=\$80, 5 children=\$95 etc.)

*Staff members may purchase an out of uniform for the week too! The price structure will work the same. Staff member will be \$25, first child would also be \$25, and additional children would be \$15 each.

Link to purchase out-of-uniform pass:

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/outofuniform23?token=1790881124>

Used toys wanted

Mrs. Pietrowski is looking for used electronic small toys that light up and make noise and can be easily disassembled. Example to the right.

Eighth grade students will disassemble these toys, identify the components and their uses, and connect their knowledge to a previous lesson. They will then create a "new" item based on what they have and other materials in the Makerspace.

Please send in any donations to Mrs. Pietrowski in the Maker Space.



Annual SOTI Basketball Games



It's baaaaaack! The Annual Basketball Games featuring student-athletes, teachers, staff, and coaches are here once again! The fun is scheduled for **Friday, March 10th at 6:00pm @ Archbishop Spalding High School**. The event tips off with the Girls' A Basketball Team v the SOTI Women. Followed by the Boys' A Basketball Team v the SOTI Men.

Come cheer on your fellow students and some of your favorite teachers during one of the best events of the school year!

Admission for this event is on sale now (\$7 per adult; \$5 per child). Please use the link below to purchase tickets in advance. Ticket prices at the door will be \$10 per adult and \$5 per child.

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/annualbasketballgames2023>

BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION

If you have any questions, have an idea for a club, or would like to offer your time and talents, please contact our school's Auxiliary Services Coordinator, [Amy Santini](#).

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, the following groups will start meeting in early March. Those who completed the interest forms in January were sent the registration links this past week.

- Guys on the Go Running Team on Wednesdays and Fridays (3rd-5th grade)
- Junior Joggers Running Clubs on Mondays (1st grade group)
- Knights on a Mission Outreach Club on Tuesdays (K-3rd grade)
- Science Club on Tuesdays (1st grade group)
- Arts and Crafts Club on Thursdays (Preschool/Kindergarten group)

The following Clubs and grade level groups are still in need of additional volunteers. **Please email Miss Santini by tomorrow if you are available so that registration can happen early next week.** Thank you for considering!

- Junior Joggers Running Clubs on Mondays (Kindergarten and 2nd grade groups)
- Environmental Science Club on Wednesdays (Preschool-1st)
- Science Club on Tuesdays (2nd/3rd grade group)
- Chess Club on Fridays (2nd/3rd grade group)
- Coding and Technology Club on Fridays (4th-5th grade)
- Arts and Crafts Club, day TBD (1st/2nd grade group)

Reminder for ESP families: If your child(ren) is in ESP and wants to participate in a club, they would be dismissed to the club first at dismissal and then afterwards they are taken back to meet up with their ESP classes.

Note for 8th grade students: If any 8th graders or NJHS members are in need of service hours, there may be opportunities to work with the younger students in certain clubs to fulfill that time. Email Miss Santini if you're interested, stating which day(s) of the week you're available to help.

FACTS Grant and Aid Applications

FACTS Grant and Aid Applications are now open for the 2023-2024 school year. **The deadline to apply for Grant and Aid will be February 28, 2023.** 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. Aid is awarded by the AOB, the school and parishes. The application can be found through this link: <https://online.factsmgmt.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.

2023-2024 School Year

First day of classes for students: August 28, 2023

Christmas Break: December 21, 2023 – January 2, 2024

Easter Break: March 29 – April 5, 2024

Last day of classes for students: June 6, 2024

Substitute Teachers Needed

SOTI is looking to build up its substitute teacher pool. If you have availability during the day and are interested in supporting our school by stepping into the gap when our teachers are out, please send your resume or reach out to Kristin Jacobs at kjacobs@schooloftheincarnation.org



Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

Irish Fest Tickets ON SALE NOW!

The SOTI Irish Fest is back! Join us on Saturday, March 11th from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. for an afternoon of music, food, and family fun! Tickets for basic entry, meals, bottomless beer, and whiskey flights may be purchased in advance by visiting the link below. Please note - meals for purchase on site will be limited. Please purchase your tickets by March 6th to secure your spot.

Irish Fest Ticket Sales: <https://tinyurl.com/SOTI-IrishFest2023>

We need your help to make this event a success! If you can volunteer just an hour of your time, please visit the link below! Middle School volunteers are also welcome!

Irish Fest Volunteer Sign-Up: <https://tinyurl.com/IrishFestHelp2023>



The God Spot

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! 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/>

Community News

School of the Incarnation
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13TH ANNUAL

11
MAR



12-4
PM

IRISH FEST!

LIVE BAND • DANCERS • DRINKS • FOOD • FUN

After a three year hiatus, we welcome you to join our school community on Saturday March 11 from 12-4pm for a day of celebrating with friends and family. There will be fun for all ages with Irish Dancers, Live Music, Face-painters, Balloon Artists, Crafts, Food, Spirits, and much more. Slainté!

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2601 Symphony Lane
Gambrills, Maryland, 21054

BUY TICKETS ONLINE NOW

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Tickets for basic entry, meals, bottomless beer, and whiskey flights can be purchased in advance at:

<https://tinyurl.com/SOTI-IrishFest2023>

****Meals purchased on-site will be limited, purchase your tickets online by March 6 to secure your spot!**

Volunteers are needed! Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/IrishFestHelp2023>

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

Thursday, February 16, 2023

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:

- Staff member who works in the Extended School Program. Last day in school was 2/8/23.
- Siblings who are in 7th grade (Mrs. Corbin's Homeroom) and 2nd Grade (Ms. Sdanowich's Classroom.) Last day in school was 2/10/23.

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>
