

School of the Incarnation Newsletter



February 23, 2023

February 10 – 25: Spring Spirit Wear store is open for orders – see below for purchase link

Thursday, February 23rd: Parent Input/Listening Session via Zoom 6:30 PM

Friday, February 24th: Spirit Wear Day

Monday, February 27th: ACRE test – students in grades 5 and 8

Tuesday, February 28th: Deadline to apply for FACTS Grant & Aid

Parent Input/Listening Session Grade 6-8 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 2nd: Tag Day – see below for more information Friday, March 3rd: School Closed – Professional Development

End of Trimester 2

March 6th – 10th: Wine, Food & Brew Out-of-uniform pass week

Tuesday, March 7th: PAC Spirit Night – Newk's in Waugh Chapel – see attached flyer for more info Friday, March 10th: Faculty/Student Basketball Game 6:00 PM Spalding HS – ticket link below

Saturday, March 11th: PAC Irish Fest 12:00 – 4:00 PM – see below for more information

Sunday, March 12th: Daylight Savings Time starts

Tuesday, March 14th: 2nd Gr. Field Trip – Chesapeake Arts Center 9:00 AM – 12:30 PI

Wednesday, March 15th: Vision and Hearing screening – see below for more info

Friday, March 17th: ½ Day – ESP in session

Spirit Wear Day

Monday, March 20th: School Closed Friday, March 24th: Incarnation Day

School Mass 10:00 AM

Spirit Wear Day

Tuesday, March 28th: Class Pictures and Spring Club picture day

Friday, May 12th: The Gala 7:00 – 11:00 PM – tickets go on sale tonight!!



The Gala - Friday, May 12th

Tickets and Sponsorship Packages will go **on sale TONIGHT at 7pm**! Be on the lookout for an email with all the information! You won't want to miss this event!

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.

Vision and Hearing Screening

On March 15th, 2023 vision and hearing screenings will be conducted for PreK, Kindergarten, 1st and 8th grades and for students who are new to SOTI this year. The Lion's Association for Sight and Hearing of Maryland, Inc. (L.A.S.H.) will oversee and train volunteers who will then do the screening.

In order to make this event possible, we need 15-18 parent volunteers who are VIRTUS certified to help. While some parents will screen students, we also need additional hands to keep things flowing and walk students to and from the screening. There will be a parent training session from 8 am to 8:45 am and then screening will take place for the remainder of the school day. You can stay for the entire day or for a portion of the day. Please consider volunteering for this event, it can't happen without your assistance. Please contact Sue Toth, RN if you can help. stoth@schooloftheincarnation.org

Student Service Hours Opportunity: Contribute Home Baked Goods to the Irish Festival

Students are invited to earn service hours by baking for the Irish Festival. They may bring their home baked treats to the event on March 11th or drop them in the lobby on between 9:00 am -2:00 pm on March 10th.

Participants should have their service hours forms completed in advance and be ready to receive a signature. The adults in charge may sign forms "on the spot" if time allows. Otherwise, forms will be collected and returned with a signature at a later date. PLEASE, ADD YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER'S NAME TO THE FORM IN CASE IT NEEDS TO BE RETURNED TO YOU.

SOTI Summer Camp

Good New! 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

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!! - STORE CLOSES ON THE 25TH!!

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, <u>Amy Santini</u>.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, the following groups will start meeting in March.

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

<u>Reminder for ESP families:</u> If your child(ren) is in ESP and participates in a club, they are dismissed to the club first at dismissal and afterwards they are taken back to meet up with their ESP classes.

Note for 8th grade students: If any 8th graders or NJHS members need service hours, there may be opportunities to work with the younger students in certain clubs to fulfill that time. Email Miss Santini at asantini@schooloftheincarnation.org if you are 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.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.

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

Spirit Night at Newk's Eatery Waugh Chapel

Busy night ahead? No time to make dinner for the family? SOTI Spirit Nights are back! Stop by to dine in or carry out dinner from Newk's Eatery in Waugh Chapel on <u>Tuesday March 7th</u>. 20% of all proceeds are donated back to SOTI! Be sure to mention School of the Incarnation when you order! See attached flyer for more information.

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/lrishFestHelp2023

The God Spot

Lenten Prayer

Oh God of second chances, Lent is made for me. Fill me, direct me, empower me, bless me that I may walk in the way of the cross.

Lenten Resources

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Attached are a few websites where you can find lots of information about Lent, including facts and customs. Additionally, there are ideas for crafts, prayers and activities that can be incorporated into daily life at home.

- An explanation of Ash Wednesday: https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php
- https://www.catholic.org/lent/livinglent.php
- https://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/lenten-season-resources.html
- https://www.elizabethclareblog.com/lent-in-our-catholic-home/
- https://www.catholicicing.com/catholic-mardi-gras-ideas/

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/

March 2023 Lunch Menu

TOMMY'S FOOD SERVICE @ School of the Incarnation

"Great Food for Great kids"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	. accuracy	1 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	Pizza Day PAPA JOHIS Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.	3 SCHOOL CLOSED
Cheeseburger, French fries and veggie	7 Cheese Ravioli with marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	8 Walking taco, Spanish rice and corn	9 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	Pizza Day Pizza Day PAPA JOHNS Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy and veggie	14 2 nd Grade Field trip Rotini pasta with marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	15 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	Pizza Day PAPA JOHES Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.	17 12:15 DISMISSAL CAFETERIA CLOSED
SCHOOL CLOSED	Spaghetti with marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	Baked Potato Bar with cheddar cheese, bacon bits, broccoli, butter and sour cream	Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	School Mass Pizza Day PARJOHS Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
27 Corn dogs/Chicken nuggets, homemade macaroni and cheese with veggie	Cheese Ravioli with marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	Philly Cheesesteak, French fries and veggie	Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	Pizza Day Pizza Day PAPA JOHNS Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.

Combo lunch is \$6.50 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
Grillled 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)	\$1.25	Chicken Patty Sandwich	\$3.95
Tomato	\$2.75	Fresh Fruit in a Cup	\$2.25	Chicken Tenders (3 pcs)	\$3.50
Vegetable	\$2.75	Yogurt (Yoplait)	\$1.50	Cheeseburger/Hamburger	\$3.95
		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,	\$2.00	Meatball Sub	\$3.00
		carrots or sliced cucumber		Pancakes (3)/French toast sticks (3-4)	\$3.25
Beverage		Tuesdays and Pizza Days Ol	NLY	Philly Cheesesteak	\$4.00
Milk or Juice	\$0.90	Ice cream cup	\$1.00	Pizza (1 slice)	\$2.60
Bottled Water	\$1.00	Twister	\$1.75	Mac and Cheese	\$3.75
Gatorade/Propel	\$1.50	Scooter Bar	\$1.50	Cheese Ravioli (7 pcs)	\$3.75
		Wednesdays ONLY		Walking Taco	\$4.00
		Nachos, Chips and Cheese	\$2.50	Fish sandwich	\$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.



LIVE BAND • DANCERS • DRINKS • FOOD • FUN

After a three year hiatus, we welcome you to join our school community for a day of celebrating with friends and family. There will be fun for all ages with Irish Dancers, Live Music, a Magician, Face Painting, Balloon Artists, Crafts, Food, Spirits, and much more.

McSOTI's Pub

- \$6 Irish coffee
- \$7 Irish beer or cider
- \$7 Wine
- \$7 Irish Whiskey
- \$25 Bottomless beer/cider
- \$15 Whiskey Flight (limit 2)

SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION

2601 Symphony Lane Gambrills, Maryland, 21054

BUY TICKETS ONLINE NOW

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!

Donate goods for the

Irish Fest BAKE SALE

Saturday

March # 11th #

12 PM - 4 PM

Cookies – Candy Cake – Irish treats & MORE!

Gift the Luck of the Irish this St. Patrick's Day!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SOTI

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Carissa Landymore at CarissaLandymore@gmail.com



Unable to make the event or want to drop off goods ahead of the event...no worries! Feel free to drop off your sweet treats any time during school hours in the SOTI lobby on Friday, March 10th between the hours of 9 AM - 2 PM!

We sincerely appreciate all your help in bringing the luck of the Irish to this event!

Reminders:

- Each item must be individually wrapped
 no exceptions.
- SOTI is nut free, so no treats that contain nuts.
- We would welcome gluten free treats to offer a variety for guests that have allergies.

Tuesday, March 7th FUNDRAISER

SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Waugh Chapel

1360 Main Chapel Way • Gambrills, MD 21054

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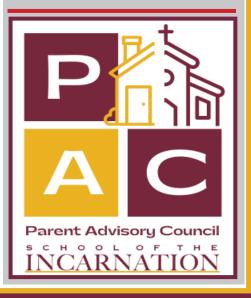
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Dear SOTI Family,

We are so happy to share information about this year's summer camps! In addition to the traditional **Summer Knights Camps (Gr. K-4)**, we will continue to offer 4 weeks of **Summer Social Camps** for students in grades 5-8! We are also introducing a **Summer Date Night** for grades K-4 on Thursday evenings! **All grade levels refer to the 2023-2024 school year.**

Below is information for all programs, and a calendar for the scheduled camps.

Each **Summer Knights Camp** lasts one week and is independent of the other weeks. Families can choose the weeks that work best for them. These camps consist of age appropriate activities and in house field trips which follow the theme for the week. There may be the opportunity for off campus field trips as well (TBD). Off site field trips will have additional field trip fees of no more than \$30.00 per trip. Vacation Bible School is actually run by St. Joseph Parish, but takes place at SOTI.

Each **Summer Social Camp** lasts one week and is independent of the other weeks. Families can choose the weeks that work best for them. There are two weeks in June and two in July. These camps will consist of age appropriate activities and games to allow the students to spend time with their peers having fun while being active indoors and out. This also includes short day trips for activities such as minigolf or bowling.

Summer Date Nights will run each Thursday evening from 6:00 pm - 8:45 pm. Come drop your child/children in grades K-4 and enjoy an evening out! The evening will include pizza and activities. There are limited openings for these evenings so register soon!

*Special note for 5th grade parents. Fifth grade students participating in summer camps, will spend the morning in the older group (Summer Social Camps). You may choose to have them leave at 12:15 PM with the students in grades 6-8. If you wish for your 5th grader to remain for the full day, they would transition to the Summer Knight Camp from 12:15-4:00 PM. See below for pricing information.

The registration form and non refundable fee can be processed via this form or the school website under the Student Life tab. The registration deadline is Thursday, March 31st. The payment for the remaining balance of the camp(s) will be assessed separately and will be due by Friday, June 2.

Summer Knight's Camp	Summer Social Camp
June 19 - 23: Around the World	June 19 - 23
June 26 - 30: Lego Week	June 26 - 30
July 3 - July 7: Olympic Week	
July 10 - July 14: Christmas in July	July 10 - July 14
July 17 - July 21: Cooking Week	July 17 - July 21
July 24 - July 28: Vacation Bible School	
July 31 - August 4: All About Animals	

PRICING INFORMATION

Below is detailed information about pricing for each program. Registration information must be complete and the registration fee (non refundable) must be paid by Thursday, March 31, 2023. Full payment (non refundable) for the camp is due Friday, June 2, 2023.

Summer Knights Camps (Gr. K-4)

Time	8:00 am - 4:00 pm (K-4th)
Registration Fee	\$40.00 per child (non-refundable)
Cost Per Week	\$275.00 per week (per child) *WEEK 3 - July 3-7: \$210.00 - four days *WEEK 6 - July 24-28: \$300.00
Before Care	\$25.00 per week per child 7:30 - 8:00 am
After Care	\$50.00 per week per child 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Summer Social Camps (Gr. 5-8)

Time	8:00 am - 12:15 pm (5th-8th)
Registration Fee	\$40.00 per child (non-refundable)
Cost Per Week	\$210.00 per week (per child) *add \$60 per week (per child) for 5th grade students who join Summer Knights from 12:15- 4:00 pm **If any day trip requires bus transportation there
Before Care	\$25.00 per week per child 7:30 - 8:00 am
After Care	*Available for 5th grade students only. \$50.00 per week per child 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Summer Date Night Camp (Gr. K-4) Limited Openings

Time	6:00pm - 8:45pm
Cost	\$30 per child per evening
Dates	Thursdays - June 22nd, June 29th, July 6th, July 13th, July 20th, July 27th, August 3rd

Summer Camp 2023 Registration

Summer Social 2023 Registration

Summer Date Night Sign Up 2023



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.

<u>Current Family</u>	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 □F1	riend □Relative □Neighbor	
□Church □ C	Community Other	
Any information we should know?	•	
Incarnation with them. I understand that an Admissi	is family and have shared the good news about School of the ons representative from the school will be contacting this new mily for a tour. I have read and understand the guidelines of the ll at 410.519.2285 with any questions.	
Signature		
•	Contact date	