

# School of the Incarnation Newsletter

February 25, 2021

Friday, February 26 <sup>th</sup> :	Spirit Wear Day
<b>Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Deadline to apply for FACTS Grant &amp; Aid</b>
<b>Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>End of Trimester 2</b>
Friday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> :	ACRE test administered to Grades 5 and 8
March 8 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> :	HSA Virtual Book Fair
Friday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> :	Spirit Wear Day
March 17 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> :	Standardized testing Grade 2-8
Friday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> :	½ Day – ESP in session
	Spirit Wear Day
April 1 – 11 <sup>th</sup> :	School Closed – Easter Break



## **FACTS Grant and Aid Applications – DEADLINE to apply is February 28<sup>th</sup>!!**

FACTS Grant and Aid Applications are now open for the 2021-2022 school year. The deadline to apply for Grant and Aid will be February 28, 2021. **IMPORTANT CHANGE:** The Archdiocese of Baltimore is requiring 2020 W2's and 2020 tax returns. This is a change from prior years. This is due to many families having a decrease in income due to COVID and the 2019 tax returns would not reflect this, so they need the most current information. The application deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup> to submit your application but you will have until March 30 to upload those tax returns. 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](mailto:cagresti@schooloftheincarnation.org). An informational flyer is attached.

## **2021-2022 School Year**

First day of classes for students: August 30, 2021  
Christmas Break: December 22, 2021 – January 2, 2022  
Easter Break: April 15 - April 24, 2022  
Last day of classes for students: June 9, 2022

## **"Taming the Turbulence: Finding Rest in God" Mini-Retreat for Parents – March 6**

Without a doubt, this has been a challenging year! Many of us are experiencing stress levels and intense emotions in ways that we are unaccustomed. Join us on **Saturday, March 6**, as we explore the power that prayer has for our spiritual healing and well-being during stressful times. This Mini-Retreat is a FREE event sponsored by Our Lady of the Fields. Our presenter, Jennifer Brinker, LCSW-C., will guide our reflections. Adoration and confession will be available. The retreat starts at 10:30 AM and continues until Noon. However, all are invited to begin with morning mass at 9:30 AM, followed by the Rosary and First Saturday prayers at 10 AM. Flyer is attached. Contact [andrea@olfparish.com](mailto:andrea@olfparish.com) to register.



## **Home and School Association (HSA) News**

### **Book Fair – March 8<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

The first virtual Spring Book Fair is happening for SOTI! For 21 days you can shop from your home - you and your children can view a 360 book fair and look at individual books and enter a gym just like you would Ms. Rich's library! Keep an eye out for more details!!

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**

We will be planning a VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION in place of the Gala. We will be sending information to each cohort/grade for volunteers as well as class baskets information. If anyone would like to donate an item to be auctioned or knows of any great auction item donations please contact the HSA. Please see the attached flyer if you would like to help plan the event.

### **COMMUNICATING WITH HSA**

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer for anything, please contact the HSA using [SOTIHSA@gmail.com](mailto:SOTIHSA@gmail.com)

### **SOTI Knights Facemask**

Please click on the link below to purchase additional SOTI Knights facemasks. Cost is \$10.  
<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/facemasks?token=369867739>

*PLEASE TAKE TIME TO JOIN THE OFFICIAL SOTI HSA FACEBOOK PAGE!!! We will keep information up to date on events coming up there.*



## Grant & Aid Assessment

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 **all 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 Temporary Assistance 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.**



## **The Show Must Go On!**

**Please join the HSA in planning a virtual  
Spring Gala Auction!**

**We are looking to form a committee to support with  
this event. Please click on the link to sign up. Thank  
you for lending your talents to help our school  
community**

**[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGrjhxdsJLNy0SX-p5Td9hyv3XfmKOFyMYfG8ymMzNy-GXDQ/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGrjhxdsJLNy0SX-p5Td9hyv3XfmKOFyMYfG8ymMzNy-GXDQ/viewform?usp=pp_url)**



# 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><b>-Office use only-</b> Form submission date _____ Contact date _____ Enrollment date _____ \$250 tuition credit date _____</p>
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# A MINI-RETREAT FOR PARENTS

OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS CHURCH

MARCH 6, 2021

10:30 AM - NOON

## Taming the Turbulence *Finding Rest in God*

A **FREE** event sponsored by Our Lady of the Fields

We invite you to join us for morning mass before the Retreat.

9:30 am - Mass

10:00 am - Recitation of the Rosary and First Saturday prayers

10:30 am - Retreat begins with Eucharistic Exposition

10:45 am - Talks and Prayer Time

11:55 am - Eucharistic Benediction

**Confession will be available from 10:45 am - 12:00 pm**

In-person in the church or livestreamed  
Email [andrea@olfparish.com](mailto:andrea@olfparish.com) to register