

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

March 16, 2023

Friday, March 17 th :	½ Day – ESP in session Spirit Wear Day and may accessorize with green
Monday, March 20 th :	School Closed
Wednesday, March 22 nd :	Tag Day – see below for more information
Friday, March 24 th :	Incarnation Day School Mass 1:30 PM Spirit Wear Day
Wednesday, March 29:	Class Picture Grades PK – 3 rd 8 th Grade Panoramic Picture PAC Parent Social 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 30 th :	Class Picture Grades 4 – 7 and spring clubs
Friday, March 31 st :	Deadline to sign tuition contract and finalize FACTS Spirit Wear Day PAC Mother/Son Let's Glow Crazy 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Monday, April 3 rd :	Summer Uniform begins
Wednesday, April 5 th :	4 th Gr. Annapolis Walking Tour 7:45 AM – 1:30 PM 8 th Gr. Living Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
Thursday, April 6 th :	½ Day – ESP in session
April 7 – 14:	School Closed Easter Break
Friday, April 21:	Spirit Wear Day
Friday, April 28 th :	Spirit Wear Day Arts and Culture Festival 3:30 – 6:00 PM Theater Club production of Annie 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 29 th :	Theater Club production of Annie 7:00 PM
Friday, May 12 th :	The Gala 7:00 – 11:00 PM
Monday, May 15 th :	School Closed – “No snow Snow Day!” – **change in school calendar



Happy
St. Patrick's Day!!

Late Pick-Up Policy Change

The following policy has been included in the handbook for several years. We have made changes to the policy (highlighted in gray below). These changes go into effect immediately. For those who pick up student(s) after 3:15 pm on a regular school day or after 12:30 pm on an early dismissal school day, please see below:

- All students will be brought inside the school building at approximately 3:15 pm (or 12:30 on an early dismissal day)
- Due to a supervision need, students will wait either in the front lobby or the front office conference room.
- Parents/guardians are now required to “sign out” student(s) if pick up is after the times listed above.
- Parents/guardians are required to park their vehicle and fill out the sign out form via your smartphone. See link here: [Late Pick-Up Form](#) (select the “Late Pick up from Dismissal” to complete the form)
- Once the sign out is completed, the student(s) will be dismissed.

Additionally, please see the financial policy for late pick up as found in the handbook:

Number of late pickups per school year (after 3:15, 12:30 on Early Dismissal Days)	Fee per child late (pick up between 3:15-3:45)	Fee per child per additional half hour (3:45 - 6:00)
1-3	\$0	\$10
4-6	\$5	\$10
7+	\$10	\$20

Friday, March 17th

Happy St. Patty's Day!! **On Friday, March 17th students may accessorize their Spirit Wear with green.** Please remember the dress guidelines for Spirit Wear attire apply – pg. 49 in Parent Student Handbook.

****Reminder – Friday, March 17th is a ½ day – ESP is in session.**



Incarnation Day

The Development Office is in full bloom, but we need your partnership to help it truly blossom! The week of March 20-24th, we invite you to join us in a special giving opportunity. Students will watch a decorative garden grow in our Rotunda throughout the week. Each family that participates will receive a signature flower in the garden acknowledging your donation to the Incarnation Fund!

SOTI helps to nourish your child's faith. Together, let's watch their faith continue to grow and bloom like flowers in the springtime!

A \$10 donation will add 1 flower to the garden and a \$20 donation adds a bundle of 3 flowers.

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



All families who have made a gift to the Incarnation Fund this year will receive special recognition in our garden. A special thank you to those families who have made a gift to *The Foundational Gift Society* as we continue to build on our foundation and watch SOTI flourish. *The Foundational Gift Society* was established last year and recognizes gifts made to the Incarnation Fund at a level of \$1,000 or more.

**As we honor Mary's willingness to answer God's call, a portion of the donations received will be used to plant flowers near our Mary statue on campus.*

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

We are in need of some peanut free "grab and go" food donations that represent a specific region or culture for the Arts and Culture Festival on April 28 from 3:30 until 6. Please fill out this [form](#) with your name and food item you would be willing to donate. Thank you so much!

Funds for Library Books

Student-Faculty Basketball Game Bake Sale Results

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the bake sale at the student-faculty basketball game. In total, we raised \$725! Congratulations to Amelia Sheppard (6th grade) who had the winning raffle ticket for the Harry Potter book series!

Tag Day - Wednesday, March 22nd

There will be a tag day on Wednesday, March 22nd to support the library book funds. There is no theme, and the cost to participate is \$1 (bills only please). Please make sure that your child follows the winter out-of-uniform guidelines in the student handbook.



John Paul II Scholarship

Applications for the 2023-2024 JP II Scholarship will be available beginning March 27, 2023. To qualify for the scholarship, a student must:

- be a current 5th, 6th or 7th grade student and have attended SOTI for at least 3 years
- be in good academic and disciplinary standing
- not be related to a member of the School Board
- submit a completed application packet no later than April 24, 2023

Please contact Development Director Kristina Rykiel with any questions – krykiel@schooloftheincarnation.org



Soccer Clinic Opportunity

SOTI soccer clinics are back for 2nd through 5th grade! During these clinics, students will participate in activities designed to help develop skills and knowledge of soccer. Students may also have an opportunity to apply what they have been practicing while playing in games.

If your child is interested, you can register them using [this link](#). Please register your child by 3/25/23 for an opportunity to have them included in their group's yearbook photo.

Class Pictures

Class pictures will be taken on Wednesday, March 29th for grades PK – 3rd and Thursday, March 30th for grades 4th – 7th. The 8th grade panoramic photo will be taken on Wednesday, March 29th. Please see attached flyer for information on purchasing class photos.

The Gala Live Auction and Sponsorships

The live auction team is working on some great items to bid on at *The Gala*, but they need your help! They are looking to secure a beach home and ticket donations for the Commanders, Nationals and DC United sports teams.

Interested in sponsoring *The Gala*? We have 1 Maroon, 2 Incarnation, as well as the Paddle and Entertainment sponsorship packages remaining, all of which include tickets to *The Gala*!

Please Contact Development Director Kristina Rykiel at krykiel@schooloftheincarnation.org if you can help or to discuss!

The Gala tickets

Please join us on Friday May 12, 2023, from 7:00 – 11:00 PM for an elegant evening that includes a cocktail hour, 3 course seated surf & turf dinner (catered by Blackwall Barn & Lodge), a live auction, and entertainment provided by the best 80's cover band on the east coast THE REAGAN YEARS!

Single Tickets for *The Gala* have **SOLD OUT**. Only TWO (2) VIP Table packages remain available, each seating 8 guests. If the tables are not purchased by Monday April 17th, those seats will be converted to single tickets. Please contact Development Director Kristina Rykiel at krykiel@schooloftheincarnation.org to place your name on the waiting list.

Have you completed your child's re-enrollment checklist for the school year 2023-24?

Re-enrollment contract emails have been sent. The enrollment process for returning students is a two-stage process. The first stage was the "Intent to Re-Enroll Form" and the re-enrollment fee which occurred in January. The second stage includes two steps:

1. Contract – Complete in the parent portal. Tuition contracts for the 2023-24 school year have been generated and are ready for you to complete. To access your contract, you will need to log back into your parent portal account using the following link: https://schooloftheincarnation.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in

2. FACTS agreement (this must be completed each year) through SchoolAdmin. When you activate your account a \$300 tuition deposit will be taken at that time via FACTS.

- If you have more than one child, all contracts must be completed before the system will transfer you to FACTS.
- Please do not try to sign onto FACTS directly as you will not have access to the 2023-2024 school year. It must be accessed through SchoolAdmin.

The deadline to complete these steps listed above is March 31, 2023. After this date there will be a late contract fee of \$150.00 per student billed to your FACTS account. Unless the contract is signed and the deposit in FACTS is paid you will not be considered enrolled. Please note that we do have candidates on a waitlist. After March 31st, we will be offering any available seats to those candidates.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Business Manager, Caroline Agresti, with any questions about your child's contract by emailing cagresti@schooloftheincarnation.org or calling the school office at 410-519-2285.



Volleyball Clinic Opportunity

SOTI volleyball clinics are back for 2nd through 5th grade! During these clinics, students will participate in activities to help develop skills and knowledge of volleyball. Students may also have an opportunity to apply what they have been practicing while playing in games.

If your child is interested, please register them using [this link](#). If you would like to be a coach for Grade 2/3 coed group, please email our Athletic Director, Mr. Smith – kbsmith@schooloftheincarnation.org

Anne Arundel County Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to the following students for their placements at the Anne Arundel County Science Fair:

Allie Duncan and Madeline Martinez	<i>Which Shampoo Will Do?</i>	2 nd place – Animal Science
Stella Farr and Leah Yoder	<i>Baking Powder and Cupcakes' Height</i>	3 rd place – Chemistry
Aiden Gilmore and Gavin Waldman	<i>How Do Different Structures Impact Waves?</i>	3 rd place – Environmental Engineering
		Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge
		Friends of Jug Bay: Outstanding Environmental Research Honorable Mention: Middle School
		US Public Health Service Honorable Mention
Michele McGeehan	<i>Candy vs. Water: Who Will Win?</i>	2 nd place – Chemistry

Art Club – Grades 3-5 registration

3rd through 5th grade Art Club with Mrs. Murphy starts soon! The dates are March 22nd, 29th, April 5th, 19th, 26th, and May 3rd. The club will be after school until 4:15. Students will create a canvas painting, a clay sculpture and try out the pottery wheel. To sign up, use the link below:

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/artclub3-52023>

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](#).

Club Activities Update

- Guys on the Go Running Team and Junior Joggers Running Clubs have been enjoying their time together discussing such topics as healthy eating and managing their breathing while running, learning proper stretching techniques, warming up at the start of their meetings, relay races and games, as well as running laps.
- Environmental Club members have been learning about the different aspects of the weather. Some activities have included wearing bracelets made of UV activated beads to watch them change colors outside, completing a weather booklet, and learning about rainbows.
- The preschool and kindergarteners in the Arts and Crafts Club are doing fun activities such as dot painting dragonflies using ink stamp pads, painting bookmarks with paper watercolors, and creating St. Patrick's Day themed projects.
- Knights on a Mission Outreach Club members brainstormed ideas for what they'd like to do and groups they'd like to help during this Spring session. Their first activity involved making posters related to Lent and putting them up around the school to encourage everyone to pray, fast, and give alms.
- The Science Club began their meetings by learning about how scientists learn about God's world and sharing some favorite things in nature that they enjoy. The members are also conducting and observing experiments related to solids, liquids, and gasses.

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 be

BOOST Scholarship Coalition

Consider advocating for the continuation of BOOST Scholarships, which have historically been funded by the State of Maryland. This scholarship fund enables many deserving students to attend Catholic and other non-public schools, including our own school.

Currently, this program is in jeopardy of being discontinued, and you can learn more and add your voice to advocate here: [BOOST Action Network](#)

FACTS Grant and Aid for 23-23

The deadline to apply for Grant and Aid was 02/28/2023. If you missed this deadline please contact Caroline Agresti, Business Manager at cagresti@schooloftheincarnation.org as the application portal is now closed. For those that checked the box that they self-prepare their tax returns please upload the tax transcript for the same year as the tax return you submitted. You can obtain your tax return at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>

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](#)

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



Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

Mother Son Game Night - Tickets on Sale NOW!

Let's Glow Crazy! Please join us for a Mother/Son night of games, dancing and fun on Friday, March 31st from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Tickets include entry, entertainment and snacks and drinks. Tickets may be purchased using the link below.

Mother/Son "Let's Glow Crazy" Ticket

Sales: <https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/motherson2023>

No formal dress code is required but we do recommend wearing neon colors and/or white to really "GLOW" during the event.

We need your help to make this event a success! If you can volunteer, please visit the link below. Middle School volunteers are also welcome! We are also looking to borrow some large outdoor games such as corn hole, giant Jenga or connect four. Sign-ups for those are also in the link below.

Mother/Son Volunteer Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F44ACAD28ABF58-motherson>

Mark Your Calendars! PAC Social - 29 March 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Join the PAC on Wednesday, 29 March for our 2nd PAC Social of the school year. Socialize with fellow SOTI parents, enjoy a glass of wine or beer, grab some summer uniforms at the used uniform sale (Summer uniforms start on 3 April)! Stay to learn about upcoming PAC events and hear from a surprise guest speaker! All who attend will receive the coveted, "out of uniform pass" for your kiddos!



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.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH MISSION

Sunday, March 19-Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Davidsonville
Featuring guest speaker Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio -Catholic theologian, author, and radio & TV personality.
Google him - he is amazing and we are so lucky for him to join us at Holy Family!

What is a parish mission? It is a mini retreat for ALL parishioners and guests!

On SUNDAY, MARCH 19, AND MONDAY, MARCH 20, there will be a POT-LUCK DINNER from 6:00-6:45 PM in Unity Hall, followed by a talk by our guest speaker, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Church.

On TUESDAY, MARCH 21st, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (multiple priests available) in the Church from 7:00-9:00 PM.

If you wish to attend the Pot-Luck dinners prior to the talks, please sign up for them on the [Church website](#) or by calling the office at 410-269-0586. See the attached flyer for more information.

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, Liz Pryor via email liz@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

U.S. Census Bureau National Survey

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for parents and caregivers of children and young adults ages 4-22 to give their reactions and opinions about a national survey about children's health topics. We are specifically looking for participants who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Is the parent or caregiver of a child ages 4-17 who lives with them, either full-time or part-time.
- Is the parent or previous caregiver of a young adult ages 18-22 who still lives with them, either full-time or part-time.
- Is the parent or previous caregiver of a young adult ages 18-22 who no longer lives with them.

The research session will be conducted online using secure videoconferencing. The session will take about 60 minutes. We will provide \$50 to each eligible person who participates in the 60-minute session.

If interested, please complete this short questionnaire:

https://research.rm.census.gov/jfe/form/SV_bQJaw7zSZxKqIE2

***Federal employees are allowed to participate in off-duty time but are not eligible to receive the payment.*

Help Our Garden Grow

This Incarnation Day our development office is in full BLOOM, but we need your help to make sure our Incarnation Fund truly blossoms!

Special Giving Opportunity

March 20th-March 24th

If our garden grows to 1,000 flowers, we will receive an *EXTRA* school wide spirit wear day!

Check the weekly newsletter for even more information.

**We invite you
to give!**

Our garden will grow in the rotunda, so that our students can watch us bloom throughout the week!

1 flower for \$10

3 flowers for \$20

Thank you to those who have already given to the Foundational Gift Society. You will receive special recognition in our garden.

Let's Grow Together!



Class Photo Day is Soon



Wednesday, March 29 | PreK-3rd Grade + 8th grade panoramic
(please note all 8th grade students will receive a free copy of the panoramic)

Thursday, March 30 | 4th-7th grade + spring clubs

CLASS PICTURES MUST BE PRE-ORDERED

<https://hamilton-images.gotphoto.com/prepay>

Access Code: **SOTI23**

The deadline to Pre-Order is Monday, April 3, 2023

*Please note: When you go to the link, it will ask you to enter your student's name and homeroom. Once you enter the information, your student's name should populate in a box below. **It is very important that you "Accept " the name** rather than select "no, keep mine'. The only time you should select "no, keep mine" is if the student populated is incorrect. We need the students name as registered with the school.

* Please note all 8th grade students will receive a free copy of the panoramic.
Only make a purchase if you want more than one print.

Contact us with any questions!

info@hamilton-images.com or 410-267-6090

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.

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>
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