

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

March 23, 2023

Friday, March 24 th :	Incarnation Day School Mass 1:30 PM Spirit Wear Day
Wednesday, March 29:	Class Picture Grades PreK4 – 3 rd 8 th Grade Panoramic Picture PAC Parent Social/Used Uniform sale 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 Spring Sports pictures 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



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.

Archdiocese of Baltimore Department of Catholic Schools Logo Design Contest

The Department of Catholic Schools is seeking logo design submissions for the 2023-2024 School Year theme – “**The joy of the Lord is your strength.**” (Nehemiah 8:10). The contest is open to students in grades 4 through 11, currently attending an archdiocesan Catholic school. The winning design will be used as the official logo for the 2023-24 School Year theme and will be used for marketing and promotion purposes. The logo can be digital or hand drawn and should illustrate/reflect the theme. All entries must be submitted to Alex Herzberg (alex.herzberg@archbalt.org) by **Monday, June 5th**. The winner of the logo design contest will be recognized at the Catholic Schools Convocation on August 24 and receive a \$50 Amazon e-gift card. Full details can be [found here](#).

Incarnation Day

Tomorrow we celebrate Incarnation Day and *The SOTI Garden* is BLOOMING! We currently have 184 flowers in our garden. We invite you to join us in this special giving opportunity celebrating Incarnation Day through tomorrow, Friday March 24th. If we reach 1,000 flowers, we will earn an additional school wide Spirit Wear Day!



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

SOTI helps to nourish your child's faith. Together, let's watch their faith continue to grow and bloom like flowers in the springtime! Let Mary be your guide as we invite you to invest in our mission by making a gift to the Incarnation Fund tomorrow!

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/incarnationfund22-23>

A very special THANK YOU to ODENTON FLORIST for the donation of the flowers that will bless our altar during our Incarnation Day mass!

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!

John Paull II Scholarship

Attention current 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Families: The John Paul II Scholarship Application for the 2023-2024 school year will be available beginning March 27, 2023. You can print an application from our website, found in the resources section, or obtain a hard copy in the school office. Completed application packets must be turned in no later than Monday April 24th.

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

The Gala

The Gala is **SOLD OUT!** We are accepting names to be placed on a waiting list, as we may open an additional table if we are able to fill it.

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*!

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.

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

The Gala Live Auction and Sponsorships

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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.

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

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.

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](#).

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.

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.*

Honor Roll 2nd Trimester 2022-2023

6th Grade Principal's Honor Roll (All A's) – 2nd Trimester 2022-2023

Patrick Arendes, Brigit Battaglia, Lucas Benton, Victor Bittner, Maeve Butler, Amelia Cattungal, Hannah Christiansen, Bianca Cramer, Sofia Cusumano, Nicholas D'Ambrosio, Zachary Dennis, Molly Green, Kara Haight, Annalise Hilton, Dominic Hislop, Chloe Hurst, Sadie Kollias, My-Tam Nguyen, Brandon Oakley, Victoria Rahim, Lidia Schroeder, Madeleine Shahady, Ekamjot Singh, Michael Villareal, Benjamin Wells, Rachel Wells, Nora Wolfe

6th Grade Honor Roll – 2nd Trimester 2022-2023

Matthew Boniface, Colin Dailey, Addison Ellis, Phoebe Ellis, Victoria Gilmore, Jonathan Govoni, Drew Maggitti, Mathias Motley, Dalton Piotrowski, Angelina Saah, Annabelle Shai

7th Grade Principal's Honor Roll (All A's) – 2nd Trimester 2022-2023

Demilade Adegboyega, Jason Ayers, Chloe Bailey, Anna Boretti, Chase Brookman, Owen Cline, Ashlynn Cooke, Parker Coriell, Allie Duncan, Molly DuPee, Stella Farr, Michael Feranec, Cassidy Galvin, Aiden Gilmore, Riley Gilmore, Remy Gonzaludo, Kayla Kelly, Lillian Kratzen, Alyssa Marcalus, Madeline Martinez, Rosa Mastripolito, Michele McGeehan, Joseph Miller, Landon O'Hara, Peyton Padgett, Chase Parker, Abygail Petersen, Xander Schinkel, Lilly Thomas, Josephine Trancucci, Alana Wells, Layla Worthington, Leah Yoder

7th Grade Honor Roll – 2nd Trimester 2022-2023

Palmer Arbogast, Maria Benassai, Liam Brownell, Jenna Camus, Louis Crivelli, Michael Davis, Meredith Futch, Vera Kennedy, Ivy Luedtke, Trey McNemar, Lucas Morley, Kyle Sargent, Ava Swartz, Olivia Swartz, Vincent Trimble, Gavin Waldman

8th Grade Principal's Honor Roll (All A's) – 2nd Trimester 2022-2023

Isabelle Ambrosio, Edaena Battaglia, Samantha Bouchard, Dieter Butler, Domenic Catignani-Craig, Ellie D'Amico, Connor Dovi, Tess Erickson, Nicholas Gardiner, Zachary Hall, Allison Heath, Margaret Holt, Navkiran Kaur, Ava Long, Jack May, Michael McGuire, Patrick McGuire, Bryan Miller, Danielle Mish, Liam Mixer, Olivia Murphy, Alexa Obara, Emma Rice, Jackson Rice, Temiloluwa Shobayo, Alyssa Skelly, Cadence Spaulding, Zoe Thomas, Gwen Walker, Gabrielle Walsh, Clara Weaver, Lucy Wells, Darius White

8th Grade Honor Roll – 2nd Trimester 2022-2023

Aidan Ascherl, Jacqueline Asher, Elizabeth Biebel, Jackson Bohn, Declan Butler, Elijah Christ, Christian D'Ambrosio, Davina Darko, John Decker, Maria Esposito, Alyssa Felder, Emilia Fuchs, Zachariah Good, Teresa Ibanez, Max Lemke, Riley McKee, Trevor McNemar, Benjamin McPherson, Olivia Meads, Erin Parry, Zachary Perlin, Caroline Polucha, Niall Porter, Nolan Sheridan, Liliana Steinmetz, Brady Swartz, Joseph Vartabedian, Aidan Wasta, Allison Yung Salazar

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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