

School of the Incarnation Newsletter



March 9, 2023

Friday, March 10th: End of Trimester 2

Spirit Wear Day

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 PM

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

Thursday, March 16th: T2 Progress reports emailed to parents/guardians

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

Spirit Wear Day and may accessorize with green

Monday, March 20th: School Closed Friday, March 24th: Incarnation Day School Mass 1:30 PM

Spirit Wear Day

Wednesday, March 29: Class Picture Grades PK – 3rd

8th Grade Panoramic PAC Parent Social 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 30th: Class Picture Grades 4 – 7 and spring clubs

Friday, March 31st: Deadline to sign tuition contract and finalize FACTS

Spirit Wear Day

Monday, April 4th: Summer Uniform begins Friday, May 12th: The Gala 7:00 – 11:00 PM



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 <u>cagresti@schooloftheincarnation.org</u> or calling the school office at 410-519-2285.

Class Pictures

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

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ day – ESP is in session.

TOMORROW NIGHT!!! Annual SOTI Basketball Games



The Annual Basketball Games featuring student-athletes, teachers, staff, and coaches are here once again! The fun is scheduled for tomorrow night, **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

The Gala

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.

Would your company like to sponsor *The Gala*? Be sure to check out the sponsorship packages that are available. Sponsorship packages are also moving quickly.

Do you have a vacation beach home that you would like to donate for the Live Auction? Contact Development Director, Kristina Rykiel at krykiel@schooloftheincarnation.org to discuss!

You can find all the details on our website under the Giving Tab or by clicking on the link below!

https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/giving/gala

Incarnation Day March 24, 2023

The Development Office is planning a school wide day of giving on Incarnation Day to support the Incarnation Fund. More details to follow regarding a special giving opportunity that will help our students continue to bloom!

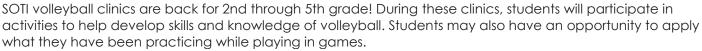


Student Service Project

I am Samantha Bouchard, an 8th grader at SOTI, and I am working on my Girl Scout Silver Award. I want to do a project that will give back to SOTI. My plan is to raise money for new library books, which will benefit every student at SOTI and give them more opportunities to read what they love. My goal is to raise \$1,000, which should be enough to purchase approximately 75 new books. One way I am raising money is to sell baked goods at the Student - Faculty Basketball games on March 10th, at 6pm. The games will be held at Archbishop Spalding High School. The games are a fun SOTI tradition, so please come to support the students and teachers, and to enjoy the bake sale, as all proceeds will be going to the school library! If you or your middle

school student would be willing to help by baking items for the bake sale, that would be amazing! We welcome any donation of homemade cookies, brownies, muffins, rice cereal treats, or any items compatible for a bake sale. PLEASE NO PEANUTS OR PEANUT PRODUCTS!!! It would be helpful to package your items in bags/containers for an individual serving size, as each bag or container will be sold for \$1. If you choose to help, please bring the baked items to the Student-Faculty Basketball games at 6pm. IF YOU HAVE AN 8TH GRADE OR NJHS STUDENT WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP, THIS COUNTS AS SERVICE HOURS!!! Thank you very much for your support in expanding our school library.

Volleyball Clinic Opportunity



If your child is interested, please register them using this link.

<u>Art Club – Grades 3-5 registration</u>

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

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

<u>Vision and Hearing Screening - Volunteers still needed - Can you help??</u>

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

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

<u>Summer Social 2023 Registration</u>

Summer Date Night Sign Up 2023

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

On April 28, 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 <u>form</u>.

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 on the following dates:

- Science Club on Tuesday, March 14th
- Arts and Crafts Club (Preschool/Kindergarten) on Thursday, March 9th
- Knights on a Mission Outreach Club on Tuesday, March 14th

<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.

<u>Note for 8th grade students</u>: 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.

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

SAVE THE DATE! Mother Son Game Night

Get ready to "Glow Crazy" at the upcoming SOTI Mother/Son Night on Friday March 31st. More details and ticket sales coming soon!

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.



<u>Lenten Prayer</u>

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 <u>Church website</u> 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 <u>liz@horizonbuildersinc.net</u>

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

Spalding High School All Sports Summer Camp

Dates: June 19-22 and 26-29 Time: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Ages: 8 – 12 Cost: \$200

https://www.archbishopspalding.org/athletics/athletic-summer-camps/summer-camp-all-sports-camp

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

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.

MOTHER/SON GAMES, DANCING & FUN!

PRAGA!

3.31.2023.

SAVE THE DATE!
\$10 PER TICKET
TICKETS ON SALE SOON!

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



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Thursday, March 9, 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:

• Sixth grade student in Mrs. Rahim's classroom. Last day in school was 3/2/23.

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



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	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
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<u></u>	\$250 tuition credit date

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ALL SPORTS SUMMER GAMP

DATES: JUNE 19-22 & 26-29

TIME: 9:00-12:30 PM

AGES/GRADES: 8 - 12 Y/O

PRICING: \$200