

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

September 12, 2019

Thursday, September 12 th :	Back-to-School Night Grades 1, 2 and 3 - 6:30 to 8:30 PM
Tuesday, September 17 th :	Individual Student Pictures Grade PreK- 4 th - starting at 8:30 AM 8 th Grade Parent Information Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, September 18 th :	Individual Student Pictures Grades 5 - 7 and 8 th Grade Cap & Gown
Thursday, September 19 th :	School Liturgy 9:50 AM
Friday, September 20 th :	Spirit Wear Day - see details below
Wednesday, September 25 th :	4 th Grade Field Trip - Annapolis 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM HSA Chick-fil-a Spirit Night 4 - 8 PM - see below for more info
Friday, September 27 th :	6 th Grade Field Trip - Biz Town 8:30 AM - 2:45 PM
September 30 - October 4:	Scholastic Book Fair Preview Week
Tuesday, October 1 st :	HSA Informative Social 7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 2 nd :	2 nd Grade Field Trip - Kenney/Shallow Homeroom - Jug Bay 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Thursday, October 3 rd :	2 nd Grade Field Trip - Richards - Jug Bay 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM ACRE testing - Grade 8
Friday, October 4 th :	Spirit Wear Day/Homecoming/Oktober Fest - more info to come!
Mon - Thurs, Oct 7-10:	Scholastic Book Fair sales begin 3:00 - 6:00 PM
Friday, October 11 th :	Scholastic Book Fair sales 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Scholastic Book Fair sales last day 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

What a full week! Classes are in full swing, clubs and athletics are gaining momentum, we have had one back to school night and our final coming up tonight for grades 1-3. Last night, we held our first meeting of the executive and steering committee for the strategic planning process for the school which is being facilitated by The Institute for School and Parish Development. As I mentioned previously, this process formally began in June with interviews of various stakeholders and the collection of data. This is truly an exciting time ripe with potential for the entire community. Over the next seven months, we have the opportunity to capitalize on what is already awesome about our school, tap into new resources, and plan for growth in our challenge areas to allow SOTI to continue to grow and become even better! **Everyone will be involved** - and the first way that we will be reaching out will be with the **Ultimate Question Survey** coming soon to an email near you.

The Ultimate question is literally just that - we will be asking one question...(and two follow up questions based on your response). Curious? We hope so! Keep an eye out for the email - and we look forward to hearing from you.

Have a great weekend.

In Christ,
Ms. Baker

Back to School Nights - Tonight for Grades 1, 2 and 3!!

Parents are invited to meet with classroom teachers, Ms. Baker and Mr. Lorenz tonight, Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 PM for Grades 1, 2, 3. This program is limited to parents only (no students please) due to available seating in the classrooms and begins with a general presentation by the administration in Marian Hall.

Student Picture Information

Individual student portraits will be taken on Tuesday, September 17th for Grades PK - 4th and Wednesday September 18th for Grades 5-8. ALL students will be photographed for the yearbook. Students MAY come out of uniform for their portrait. If they have PE, please make sure they wear or bring sneakers. Please make sure you follow the handbook for appropriate out of uniform guidelines. 8th graders will be wearing a graduation gown and holding a graduation cap for their portrait, provided by the school. 8th graders should wear their button down collared shirt and boys should wear their tie. 8th graders may bring their polo shirt to change into afterwards. We are using a different photography company this year. Look for an order form in your child's take home folder. You have the option of different backgrounds and to pay online. If you pay online, you do not need to bring the order form on the day of the portraits. Make-up portraits will be on Wednesday, October 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Oshenska at joshenska@schooloftheincarnation.org.

New Spirit Shirt Design! Orders due Sunday September 15th!

See the attached flyer for our newest spirit shirt option! Orders turned in by Sunday will be delivered to classrooms before Homecoming. Shirts are available with short sleeves for \$12 or long sleeves for \$15.

Student Early Dismissal and Late Pickup Information – Please read!!

If your child needs to leave for an appointment, a note should be sent requesting the child's release from school. Individual students will not be released after 2:30 PM.

Students must be picked up by 3:00 in the dismissal lots. Parents arriving after 3:00 will be directed to the Late Lot. Late lot pickup will be available until 3:15. After 3:15, parents are considered "late" for pickup. Parents who are consistently late in arriving after 3:15 to pick up their children will be assessed an aftercare fee in their next scheduled FACTS payment. The fee structure is laid out below:

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

Liturgy Choir & Band – Students in Grades 3-8

Does your child love to sing or play at Mass? We have a growing praise group that leads the music for each monthly Mass here at SOTI. Rehearsal is before school, 7:30-8:15 AM on Tuesdays for singers, and on Thursdays for instrumentalists. If you are new to the Liturgy Band, Mrs. Harper will need to hear you play before she can accept you to the group. Please contact her for an audition time. Registration link is below-

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wG5SJkTRtJe0NJ6b8J9aoAljF9reC80KzI4WiLKazw/edit>

Beyond Program Update

This week we launch our first Beyond Program group: The Dance and Cheer Junior and Senior Squads! Next week will be the first meetings for the Environmental Club: Caring for Creation and the 5th-8th grade Knightly Readers book club. One Destination Imagination Team for middle school has already started their meetings (the members first began the program when they were in Kindergarten or 1st grade and have remained together through the years).

*****Volunteers Still Needed*****

Please open the following link to choose specific availability days and groups so that we can continue with formal registration. As a reminder, each Beyond Program club/team has a registration fee between \$80 and \$150 per trimester, which includes, use of school materials and space, consumable supplies, administrative costs and salaries, and some groups have additional expenses to consider such as team shirts, outside vendor registration, program kits, and tournament fees.

<https://forms.gle/fcgrY1yZTPkpB4ub9>

School Yearbook FYI

Don't wait to purchase your school yearbook! If you order before September 27th and add personalization to your cover, you can choose up to four icons for free. You can also save \$10 if you purchase a yearbook before November 1. Yearbook recognition ads are a nice way to celebrate your child's time at School of the Incarnation. Please visit the yearbook page on our website to order your yearbook and recognition ad: <https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/resources/yearbooks>

NJHS Rainbow Dash – Saturday, October 5th

National Junior Honor Society invites you, your family and friends to participate in the Rainbow Dash to benefit Catholic Charities on Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM on our school grounds. Walk, run, skip or hop on the one-mile campus loop as many times as you choose. Dash through "rainbow zones" where you will run through clouds of color or stay clean and choose the "no color" option. Completed registration forms with cash or check payment (made payable to SOTI) are due by Thursday, September 26th. We cannot guarantee tee shirts if your registration form/payment is received after that date. Registration form is attached to today's newsletter.

Still Needed

Mrs. Harper is looking for an accompanist/pianist to play for Concert Choir and Musical Theatre. Please contact her at bharper@schooloftheincarnation.org if you are interested in volunteering or would like more information before volunteering.

Very Important Parent (V.I.P.) Volunteer Program

Please see the attachment to find out how you can be a VIP of the month or win your child's class an ice cream sundae party. You can sign-up at <https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/resources/home-school-association>

HSA Needs You!

In addition to the many opportunities for parents to get involved at school, the HSA is in need of Chairs for the following:

~SCRIP - Kim Gonzales is looking for a Co-Chair or two to help run our SCRIP program. Please consider working along side of her this year as next year, her daughter graduates. Kim can be reached at km68gonzales@gmail.com
Irish Fest - HSA is looking for someone to plan and lead this fun day of Irish merriment. Please contact Lisa Hanson at lvestoski@gmail.com if you are interested.

~Spring Gala - Mike Bodendorf would love to have a Co-Chair to help plan and organize our biggest adult evening and fundraiser for the school. For more information, please contact mbodendorf@hotmail.com or Deb Asher at dabradly99@yahoo.com.

HSA Wants Your Feedback!

The Spring Gala is the HSA's largest fundraiser of the year and we are looking to you, our parents and caregivers, for feedback. This is an anonymous survey. 7 easy to answer questions and should take no more than 2 or 3 minutes of your time! The HSA would like to thank you in advance for your time! The survey will stay open until Friday, September 20th.

Room Parents, Birthday Parents & Gala Parents Signup

Are you interested in volunteering in your child's classroom? The HSA supports our teachers by requesting volunteers to serve as room parents (all grades), birthday parents (grades 1-5 only), and gala parents (all grades). Room parents primarily organize class parties and coordinate food and supply donations from parents before each party (4-5 per year, depending on the grade). Birthday parents work with classroom teachers to coordinate low-key monthly or quarterly birthday celebrations for the students. Gala parents organize a class basket to auction off at the spring gala. For more information and to sign up, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B45ADA72AA4FA7-classroom>. Please contact Frannie Schneider at frannieschneider@gmail.com with questions.

Hospitality Committee Sunshine Program

Help the HSA spread sunshine around SOTI! Sign up to bring treats to the faculty lounge to celebrate teacher birthdays, or join the committee in serving beer and wine at the HSA Parent Informative Socials. For more information and to sign up, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B45ADA72AA4FA7-hospitality>. Please contact Frannie Schneider at frannieschneider@gmail.com with questions.

HSA Spirit Night – EAT MOR CHIKIN!!!

HSA has scheduled the first Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a (either location: Waugh Chapel or up on the hill in Crofton) on Wednesday, September 25th, 4:00 – 8:00 PM. You must bring the attached flyer, mention School of the Incarnation or show the Facebook Post for SOTI to receive a percentage of your purchase dollars. Please note – not valid on mobile orders. Hope to see you there!!

Does your child love to SING, ACT or DANCE? – You can still join!!

At SOTI, we have something for everyone! **Cherub Choir** (grades 1-2), **Concert Choir** (grades 3-8) and **Musical Theatre** (grades 6-8). Rehearsals are all held after school in the Music Room and all three groups are run by Mrs. Harper. Each group performs at least twice a year, Fall and Spring, and the Concert Choir also gets to sing for the Bowie Baysox. Enrollment in each group is limited, so please check out the details on the following links:

Cherub Choir – <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgRSQAbvV5GVS2FI4GpYJHM1JISptOoNT6L2DfMzKETR-JQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

Concert Choir – https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1BdqwNg8VT1nYUN9YsmS2HYZ0EZH-o4fXKEIbD9xY1_WISQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

Musical Theatre –

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9jqEiEq3JdRmd5XKyKwvuKoCnyb5we0Vb_fZhNgTx4448bw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING & OKTOBERFEST - October 4th, 2019

Join us on October 4th for our family friendly Homecoming and Oktoberfest. There will be fun, food, and games for everyone in the family to enjoy! Festivities will start with home soccer games. Come cheer on the Knights! See the attached save the date flyer and stay tuned for more details.



Spirit Wear Day – Friday, September 20th (and Friday, October 4th)

Our first Spirit Wear Day is Friday, September 20th. Spirit wear days are distinct from out of uniform days and Tag days. Spirit wear days are special days designated by the principal when the students, faculty, and staff may come to school dressed in official School of the Incarnation spirit wear. These days usually fall on Friday or may be on a spirit night or any day designated by the principal. All spirit wear days will be listed on the calendar. Spirit wear days are optional, and if a student does not choose to dress in spirit wear on these days, he/she should come to school in the regular school uniform. The following are guidelines for spirit wear days:

- Students should wear an official School of the Incarnation spirit wear shirt* which is one of the following acceptable school colors: maroon, gold/yellow, grey, white, or black.
- Any other School of the Incarnation spirit wear can be worn on these days with the exception of hats which may not be worn inside the building.
- Spirit wear that is defaced, torn, altered or written on is not permissible.
- Dresses and skirts must be of reasonable length (no more than 3 inches above the knee) and not too tight. No thin straps or bare shoulders.
- Pants - Presentable jeans or pants are acceptable, but not pants that are tight. Leggings or spandex are not allowed.
- Shorts may be worn from August-November 4th and April-1st-June. Hair may not be dyed or combed in an unusual fashion.
- When the weather turns cold, spirit wear must be visible. For example: it would be unacceptable to be wearing a SOTI t-shirt which was completely covered by a Spalding sweatshirt.
- No hats are to be worn in school unless specified within the themes.
- Any shoes may be worn, except open-toed sandals, flip flops, clogs, thick-soled or high-heeled shoes.
- Earrings: Boys are not allowed to wear earrings at any time. Earrings for girls should be small posts or hoops.

*Examples include: Always t-shirt, past school issued t-shirts of an approved color such as club shirts, SOTI PE t-shirt, or current SOTI athletic jerseys during the appropriate season.

Student Council Information

Students interested in becoming Student Council Officers should apply September 9th-16th. Completed application packet is due by September 16th. Speeches will be heard on September 18th and elections will be held on September 20th.

Homeroom Student Council Representatives should apply September 23 – 30th. Completed application packet must be received by September 30th.

Please see or email Mrs. Conti – aconti@schooloftheincarnation.org or Ms. Rich – lrch@schooloftheincarnation.org for more information.

School of the Incarnation HSA Facebook

It's official! The HSA has a Facebook group under the school page. As a parent of the school, you are welcome to join. Request to be added to the group, School of the Incarnation HSA. See everyone on Facebook!



Homecoming Tee shirt Order

Orders due Sunday September 15th

Short sleeve - \$12

Long sleeve - \$15

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/homecomingtee2019>

SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION'S
NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY
INVITES YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE

Rainbow Dash

TO BENEFIT
CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Saturday, October 5th from 9 AM- 11 AM on our school grounds
Walk, run, skip or hop on the one-mile campus loop as many times as you choose.
Dash through "rainbow zones" where you'll run through clouds of color

OR stay clean and choose the "no color" option.

*Colored powder is non-toxic colored cornstarch made in the USA and washes out.

All participants will have the chance to win door prizes! Fun, colorful, rainbow
attire is encouraged.

\$15 registration fee per participant. All proceeds benefit Catholic Charities.

Reserve your place at the Rainbow Dash by turning in payment (cash or check
made payable to SOTI) and the completed registration form by Thursday, Sept.
26th to guarantee tee-shirt! **We cannot guarantee tee shirts after Sept. 26th.**



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Registration Form

\$15 registration fee per person. Return payment (cash or check made payable to SOTI) and the completed form to School of the Incarnation Main Office- Attention NJHS Rainbow Dash by **Thursday, September 26th**.

Family Name _____

Do you have a student enrolled at School of the Incarnation? ☐ yes ☐ no

Name of Homeroom Teacher of Youngest Child in the Family: _____

(This is for delivery purposes if you have students enrolled at the school)

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Participant	Grade at School of the Incarnation (if applicable)	Shirt Size- Child	Shirt Size- Adult
		S M L XL	S M L XL XXL 3XL 4XL
		S M L XL	S M L XL XXL 3XL 4XL
		S M L XL	S M L XL XXL 3XL 4XL
		S M L XL	S M L XL XXL 3XL 4XL
		S M L XL	S M L XL XXL 3XL 4XL
		S M L XL	S M L XL XXL 3XL 4XL
Total participants x \$15=			
Additional donations (optional)=			
Total amount enclosed=			

In consideration of myself and my child participating in this experience, I hereby release School of the Incarnation, Archbishop William Lori, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, a corporation sole, and their agents, employees and principals, of and from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of actions whatsoever, arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury that may be sustained by me or my child/ children. I hereby grant permission for participation in the Rainbow Dash:

Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

School of the Incarnation Spirit Night!

Wednesday, September 25th, 4:00 – 8:00 pm



Mention SOTI or show this Facebook Image to the cashier and SOTI will receive a portion of sales!

SAVE THE DATE



SCHOOL OF THE
INCARNATION

HOMECOMING & OKTOBERFEST

**Come feel the fall vibes
and celebrate your
School of the Incarnation
pride with families and
friends!**

October 4, 2019

Stein Athletic Field

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

School of the Incarnation

Very Important Parent (V.I.P.) Volunteer Program

Objective

The Program gives parents, friends and alumni of the School of the Incarnation an opportunity to get involved in various activities and events that support our school community

Why V.I.P.?

Parents are an important part of the School of the Incarnation. Volunteering for the school is also very important for the school.

Goals

- Create a sense of community among the staff, parents, friends, family and alumni of the School of the Incarnation
- Meet and befriend other parents, staff and students of SOTI
- Help with fundraising efforts
- Be an example to your children
- Have fun
- Improve or increase the programs and activities available to our students

How the Program Works

Any parent, alumni of the school, or family member of a student (current or graduated) or alumni is eligible to be a VIP. VIPs must be VIRTUS certified per the Archdiocese of Baltimore. If you are not sure if you are certified or your certification has expired, please contact Jackie Haslinger (jhaslinger@schooloftheincarnation.org).

To assist our Committee Chairpersons with managing and organizing their events and activities, we ask that volunteers sign-up for opportunities found on the HSA website page (<https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/resources/home-school-association>). A volunteer may sign-up for one or more opportunities of interest and will be contacted by the Committee Chairperson or POC to get started. Periodically, throughout the school year, an additional link asking for more volunteers may be included in the newsletter and school social media if we do not have enough volunteers for an event.

VIPs who volunteer during school hours will check-in with the receptionist or front office when she or he arrives at school. She/he will be given a badge (sticker) to wear while volunteering and asked the purpose for her/his visit. The school's check-in security system allows the front office staff to capture hours for a particular volunteer category.

When the VIP leaves, she/he will return the badge so the office staff can log-out the volunteer and capture the correct number of volunteer hours.

VIPs who volunteer time during non-school hours (IE – event planning meeting, carpooling students to an away game, etc.) will complete the online Volunteer Form found on the HSA website page (<https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/resources/home-school-association>). Please round volunteer time to the nearest 30 minutes (IE – 2.75 hours is entered as 3 hours, 1hr 10 minutes would be 1hr, 1hr 30 minutes is 1.5hrs). The form will automatically email to the VIP Volunteer Committee Chairperson when it is complete and submitted. These hours will be inputted into a spreadsheet to be consolidated with the in-school volunteer hours.

Incentives

For each activity or event that a VIP volunteers in a month, a red ticket will be entered into that month's drawing for Volunteer of the Month. On the last Friday of the month, when the blue ticket (student) and gold ticket (faculty) winners are drawn, a red ticket (volunteer) winner will also be drawn and announced. Volunteers will be notified and can select a gift card of their choice.

Each month, the pool of red ticket winners will change based on volunteer levels for that month. Red tickets will not carry over from month to month.

The Volunteer Committee Chairperson will maintain a cumulative total of hours by volunteer and credit those volunteer hours to the classroom(s) in which the volunteer has children. For example, a parent (or grandparent) who has three children in three different grades at SOTI will receive credit in all three classrooms for volunteering time with the school. The exception would be for a class-specific activity or event such as a class party or field trip. The classroom with the highest amount of volunteer hours for the school year will win an ice cream sundae party at the end of the school year.

Questions regarding the VIP Volunteer Program

Please contact our VIP Volunteer Committee Chairperson, Nicole Murphy at naguiar6@hotmail.com.



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_____

-Office use only- Form submission date_____ Contact date_____
Enrollment date_____ \$250 tuition credit date _____



You're Invited!

Walking with Purpose invites all women to join us for our first Connect Coffee of the year!

Thursday, Sept 19th

9:30-11:15am

Our Lady of the Fields Hall
1070 Cecil Ave, Millersville

or

Monday, Sept 23rd

7:00-8:30pm

Our Lady of the Fields
Room 204

Come learn how this WWP bible study can take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God. Food, fellowship, and an inspiring talk await.

Kindly RSVP to: EventsatOLF@gmail.com

Please indicate if you would need childcare and we will make every effort to accommodate. This event is free and open to all women.

For details on the 2019-2020 courses offered visit:

www.ourladyofthefields.org/adult-faith-formation

or click [Here](#) for the online registration form.



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