

# School of the Incarnation Newsletter

## Thursday, October 24, 2024

Friday, October 25th:	Spirit Wear Day PM ESP - closing at 5:30 PM PAC Trunk or Treat 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Monday, October 28th:	5th Gr. Field Trip (½ grade) - Drownproofing - Arundel Swim Center 8:45 AM - 1:30 PM
Tuesday, October 29th:	5th Gr. Field Trip (½ grade) - Drownproofing - Arundel Swim Center 8:45 AM - 1:30 PM 1st Gr. Field Trip - Ft. McHenry 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Thursday, October 31st:	Mass for students in Grades 6 - 8 10:00 AM Wear Black & Orange Day - Halloween parade at 2:15 PM
Friday, November 1st:	School Closed
Monday, November 4th:	Winter Uniforms begin Parent Teacher Conference Week begins Feast Day celebration of St. Martin de Porres: out-of-uniform day for Teal House members
Tuesday, November 5th:	Make-up Picture Day
Wednesday, Nov. 6th:	Fall Clubs Picture Day
Thursday, November 7th:	½ Day (Noon) Dismissal – ESP in session - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, November 8th:	½ Day (Noon) Dismissal – ESP in session - Parent/Teacher Conferences Spirit Wear Day
Thursday, November 14th:	Mass for students in Grades K - 2
Friday, November 15th:	Remote Day for Students End of Trimester 1
Tuesday, November 19th:	7th Gr. Field Trip - Gallery of Art, Washington DC 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 20th:	House Meeting Day- students may wear their house color
Thursday, November 21st:	Hearing & Vision Screening for students in PreK, K, 1st, 8th and new students
Tuesday, November 26th:	Grandparent & Special Friends Day - stay tuned for more details



### Thursday, October 31st

On Thursday, October 31st students may dress in orange and/or black and wear Halloween accessories – hair ribbons, necklaces, socks, ties, etc. (no masks or props). Students also have the choice to wear Spirit Wear or their regular uniform. Please refer to the Parent and Student Handbook for out of uniform guidelines.

Students in PreK – 3<sup>rd</sup> may wear the regular clothes-like parts of their costume to school if it makes it easier to change. For example, if a student is dressing like a cat and is wearing leggings and a sweatshirt, they could wear that all day and add the ears and tail for the parade. Or if a student is dressing like a minion and wearing overalls and a yellow t-shirt, they could wear that all day. Otherwise, students should wear black and/or orange or Spirit Wear and change into their costume for the parade.

### Dismissal on Thursday, October 31st

- Since the parade begins at 2:15, parents who need to sign their children out for an **early dismissal must do so BEFORE 2:00 PM.**
- **Any parents who want to join us on the field for the parade** may do so. The gates will open at 2 PM. Please park as you would for dismissal - and you can just walk over to the athletic field. The "spectators" will line the perimeter of the field.
- **Parents who are arriving earlier in the afternoon for the party.** Please park in the spaces as far up at the top of the parking lot (closest to the school) as possible. Depending on what party you are helping with, if you have time between the party and the parade, please move your car to the bottom of the lot into dismissal formation.
- **After the parade, ALL STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM** and dismiss as normal.

### **Attention ESP Parents**

Trunk or Treat will be held here in SOTI's parking lot tomorrow, Friday, October 25th. The gates open for participants at 5:30pm.

For the safety of our students and staff we are going to close ESP at 5:30pm. Please make arrangements to arrive no later than 5:30pm to sign out and pick up your students.

### **Vision and Hearing Screening – Volunteers needed – Can you help??**

On Thursday, November 21, 2024, we will be conducting hearing and vision screenings for our PreK, Kindergarten, 1st, 8th grade students and all new students joining SOTI this year. The screenings will be organized and supervised by the Lion's Association for Sight and Hearing of Maryland, Inc. (L.A.S.H.), who will also provide training for our volunteers.

To make this important event successful, we are seeking 15-18 VIRTUS-certified parent volunteers. 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 training session for volunteers from 8:00 to 8:30 AM, after which screenings will continue throughout the school day until all students have been seen. Volunteers are welcome to participate for the entire day or for a portion of it.

Your support is crucial for this event to take place. We hope you will consider volunteering to help our students receive these essential screenings. **Contact Sue Toth, RN at [stoth@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:stoth@schooloftheincarnation.org) if you can help** or for any questions.

### **Duty Assistants for PreK, K & 1st Grade Needed**

Looking for a reason to get out of the house for a few hours a day? Know someone who has some time to spare? SOTI is looking for a couple of duty assistants to help with PreK, K & 1st Grade from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday-Friday. This is a part-time, hourly position. Candidates must have a high school diploma or equivalent, a commitment to our school values, and some experience with children is preferred. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to Lisa Hanson, [lhanson@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:lhanson@schooloftheincarnation.org). Interested candidates should send a resume.

### **Save the Dates!! More Details to Follow**

- Tuesday, November 26th: Grandparents & Special Friends Day
- Friday, May 9th: The Gala 2025  
The Westin, Annapolis  
Room Blocks & VIP Packages Available



### **8th Grade Registration for HSPT**

Registration for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) is currently open online. You may access the site via the link below, and our **deadline for registration is Tuesday, November 26, 2024**. Please, note that a \$45.00 fee is required to be paid online at the time of registration.

For students who qualify to receive accommodations, parents must upload official copies of educational test results by November 22nd. This is a firm deadline because the system will lock afterward, preventing further uploads.

<https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/baltimore.php>

SOTI students will take the exam in school on Wednesday, December 4th, and it is important that they register to test at School of the Incarnation. The high schools are listed in the first section on the registration site, and you will need to scroll through those choices to find the elementary/middle schools toward the bottom of the page.

As always, you may request to have results sent to three Archdiocese of Baltimore high schools. You may also select two Archdiocese of Washington schools for an additional \$10.00 each. (Please, note that there is no refund offered for the ADW school fees.)

### **House Feast Day Celebrations**

*Monday, November 4th-*

Sunday, November 3rd is the Feast Day of **St. Martin de Porres**. His Feast Day will be observed on Monday, November 4th and students who are members of his house (Teal House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **TEAL**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

*Monday, December 9th-*

Monday, December 9th is the Feast Day of **St. Juan Diego** and students who are members of his house (Orange House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **ORANGE**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

*Monday, February 10th-*

Saturday, February 8th is the Feast Day of **St. Josephine Bakhita**. Her Feast Day will be observed on Monday, February 10th and students who are members of her house (Green House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **GREEN**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

### **The Spirit Wear store is always open!!**

The new Spirit Wear store will stay open year round. Items may change based on the season or special events. These items will be shipped directly to your home.

<https://chesapeakedistribution.com/collections/school-of-the-incarnation>

### **2024-2025 School Year**

School Closed: Friday, November 1, 2024

Remote Day for Students - Friday, November 15, 2024

Thanksgiving Break: November 27 - 29, 2024

Christmas Break: December 23, 2024 – January 1, 2025

Remote Day for Students - Friday, February 28, 2025

School Closed (Professional Day) - Friday, March 21, 2025

School Closed - Monday, March 24, 2025

Easter Break: April 18 - 25, 2025

Last day of classes for 8th grade students: Friday, May 23, 2025

Last day of classes for Pre-K students: Friday, May 30, 2025

8th Grade Graduation: Saturday, May 31, 2025

Last day of classes for students (Grade K-7): Thursday, June 5, 2025



\*link to school calendar: <https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/events/calendar>

## **Volunteer Certification**

If you are new to School of the Incarnation and would like to volunteer or chaperone for an upcoming event or field trip, you must complete Virtus training. Please follow the steps outlined on our website. The link can be found here: <https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/resources/parent-volunteering>

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Lisa Hanson, Volunteer Screening Coordinator, at [lhanson@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:lhanson@schooloftheincarnation.org)

Returning parents who have already completed Virtus training can contact Lisa Hanson to check your Virtus status.

## **ESP Teachers/Aids Needed for 24-25 School Year**

Do you know a college student or older high school student who loves to work with children and is looking for some part-time work? Our ESP program is hiring staff for the afternoons (3:15-5:30 PM). In order to be considered for ESP Teacher positions, the candidate must be 18 years old. Teens 16-18 are eligible to be considered for assistant positions. Please contact Lisa Bucci, [lbucci@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:lbucci@schooloftheincarnation.org) for more information.



## **BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Please consider giving the gift of your time and talents! VIRTUS certified family members (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, close friends) are also welcome to volunteer.

### **CLUB HAPPENINGS:**

The Dance and Cheer Squad members did a wonderful job performing a short dance routine for an audience of family members as well as ESP classes who came outside to watch them. They also showed the soccer teams, who were practicing on the field, some encouragement and school spirit by doing sideline cheers for them!

The Lego Explore Teams and the Robotics Challenge Team started their season by learning about this year's theme, "Submerged," which has a focus on careers related to bodies of water as well as plants and animals that live within them. Discussions and projects during each session will be related to problems faced by people who explore the ocean.

The Arts and Crafts Club for 1st and 2nd graders have been creating a variety of Fall inspired projects such as stained glass crosses and sketch art leaves to make a hanging display. They've also used stencils of animals to make their own poster creations.

The Co-ed Tag Rugby Club has been learning about the "rules" for this sport and practicing those skills during this 4 session introductory program. Thank you to Coach Walsh for getting this group started by sharing his expertise with our students by reinforcing the basic skills while playing. The plan is to offer this opportunity again in the Spring and hopefully add more students to the group.

The Junior Joggers Running Club and the Guys on the Go running team continue to learn how to properly warm up their muscles, stretch, participate in running games, pace themselves while running laps, the importance of staying hydrated and choosing healthy snacks to provide energy to improve stamina.

The Knights Chess Club members continue to enjoy their time together practicing their skills with one another and learning some new strategies of the game. We have several middle school students volunteering as mentors and Mr. Ian Gill came to a recent meeting to help out as well.

REMINDERS:

- The next "round" for new club groups to be formed will occur during Trimester 2/Winter session. Look for Interest Forms to be posted in newsletters around mid-November.
- At the end of the club meeting, all students are brought to the front doors to check if a parent has arrived for pick up. If needed, ESP students are sent to their ESP class for regular pick up.
- Snacks are optional and are meant to be a quick, healthy food item (fresh or dried fruit or vegetable, applesauce pouch, tree nuts, and a small protein bar are great options). Please...NO candy, chips, cookies, etc. Labeling the item with "club" is helpful to avoid it being eaten at lunch time.

If you have any questions or ideas for a club, please contact our school's Auxiliary Services Coordinator, Amy Santini at [asantini@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:asantini@schooloftheincarnation.org)

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The God Spot

**Adoration Volunteers are Needed for Friday, December 6th**

On Friday, December 6th we will have 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.

To volunteer, please click on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AFA92AA5F5C25-52458768-volunteers>

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/>

**Weekly Rosary**

Parents, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in saying the rosary on Wednesday mornings 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 Ms. Hinton at [chinton@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:chinton@schooloftheincarnation.org)

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# Parent Advisory Council News

## **Join us for the Christmas Express!**

We are thrilled to invite you to our annual Christmas Express event at School of the Incarnation! Let's kick off the holiday season together with joy, laughter, and festive cheer.

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024

Please sign up below to volunteer:

[2024 Christmas Express Volunteer Form](https://tinyurl.com/2024SOTIChristmasExpress) - <https://tinyurl.com/2024SOTIChristmasExpress>

## **Thank You!**

The PAC would like to thank Wendy Marshall and Katie Carr, Room Parent Coordinators, who got the team off to a good start and set for success! We also would like to thank all of the parents who volunteered to be Room Parents and Birthday Parents. These special celebrations for all of our children would not be possible without your help!

## **Parent Advisory Council**

Do you have questions or ideas? Please email the PAC at [pac@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:pac@schooloftheincarnation.org)

## **PAC Facebook Page**

Did you know the PAC has an [official Facebook page](#)? Join today to stay up to date on important PAC news and events!

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## From the Community

**November 2024 Lunch Menu**  
**TOMMY'S FOOD SERVICE @ School of the Incarnation**  
**"Great Food for Great Kids"**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	29	30	31	1 <b>School Closed</b>
4 <b>Chicken Sandwich</b> French Fries Mixed Vegetables	5 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples	6 <b>Pizza Day</b> 	7 <b>Early Dismissal</b>  <b>No Lunch Service</b>	8 <b>Early Dismissal</b>  <b>No Lunch Service</b>
11 <b>Hamburger / Cheeseburger</b> French Fries Carrot Sticks	12 <b>Cheese Ravioli</b> in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	13 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples	14 <b>Pizza Day</b> 	15 <b>Remote day for students</b>  <b>No Lunch Service</b>
18 <b>Corn Dog / Chicken Nuggets</b> Homemade Mac & Cheese Mixed Vegetables	19 <b>Rotini</b> in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad  7 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip	20 <b>Chicken Tenders</b> Waffle Fries Mixed Vegetables	21 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples	22 <b>Pizza Day</b> 
25 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples  <b>10 am School Mass</b>	26 <b>Pizza Day</b> 	27 <b>School Closed</b>	28 <b>School Closed</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	29 <b>School Closed</b>

**Combo lunch** is \$6.50. It includes the entrée, sides listed and a choice of milk, juice or water. **Hot dogs or grilled cheese** plus the sides and drink (milk, juice or water) is also a combo lunch. **See below for available daily items.** The only exception is **pizza day**: hot dogs and chicken nuggets are not available. Nachos are available on Wednesdays. Ice cream is available on Tuesdays and Pizza days. We do not deep fry any food. **Prices and menu are subject to change without notice.**

**Tuesday: Ice Cream    Wednesday: Nachos    Thursday: Cinnamon Buns    Friday: Ice Cream**

Available Daily		Available Daily		Extras When Available	
Hot dog	\$2.75	Cookies	\$1.25	French Fries	\$2.75
Grilled Cheese	\$2.75	Chips	\$1.25	Rice or Potato	\$2.75
Chicken Nuggets	\$3.75	Soft Pretzels or	\$1.50	Waffle/Curly Fries/Tater tots	\$2.95
<b>Homemade Soup</b>	\$2.75	Pretzel Logs or Bites	\$1.95	Buttered Noodles	\$2.75
Chicken Noodle or		Fruit (Apple or Orange)	\$1.50	Chicken Patty Sandwich	\$3.95
Tomato or		Fresh Fruit in a Cup	\$2.50	Chicken Tenders (3 pcs)	\$3.75
Vegetable		Yogurt (Yoplait)	\$1.75	Cheeseburger/Hamburger	\$3.95
		GoGurt Yogurt Tube	\$1.00	Corn dog	\$2.75
<b>Salad/Sandwiches</b>		String cheese	\$0.60	Meatballs (4 pcs)	\$2.50
Chicken, Tuna, Egg, Lg. Garden	\$4.75	Veggie (tossed salad,	\$2.00	Meatball Sub	\$4.00
Garden Salad	\$2.00	carrots or sliced cucumber		Pancakes (3)/French toast sticks (3-4)	\$3.50
<b>Beverage</b>		Pudding/Jell-o	\$2.00	Philly Cheesesteak	\$4.50
Milk or Juice	\$0.90	<b>Tuesdays and Pizza Days ONLY</b>		Pizza (1 slice)	\$2.85
Bottled Water	\$1.00	Ice cream cup	\$1.00	Mac and Cheese	\$3.95
Gatorade/Propel	\$1.75	Twister	\$1.75	Cheese Ravioli (7 pcs)	\$3.95
		Scooter Bar	\$1.50	Walking Taco	\$4.25
		<b>Wednesdays ONLY</b>		Fish sandwich	\$4.00
		Nachos, Chips and Cheese	\$2.75	Baked Potato W/Fixings	\$6.50

Please call us at the school cafeteria 410-519-2285 Ext. 2504 or E-mail us at [lunch@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:lunch@schooloftheincarnation.org) for any inquiries.

[Nutritional Info](#)

*Thank you, Tommy and Arianna*

**Donate  
to the**

# **SOTI Cereal Drive!**

**Benefitting our  
local community!  
November 4th-15th**

*One classroom per  
wing will win a special  
prize for the most  
boxes donated!*







# New Family Referral Program

Our current Incarnation families are by far the best ambassadors for spreading the word about our school! Our New Family Referral Program rewards current families with a one-time \$250 tuition credit for referring a new family who applies and enrolls. Here's how it works:

- If you know of a family that you believe may be interested in School of the Incarnation, complete the "New Family Referral Form" below and submit to the school office.
- Reach out to the family and share your experiences at School of the Incarnation. Share with them the reasons you have chosen Catholic education and why you think they should do the same. Let them know that you have or will refer their information to the school and that an admissions representative will call or email them to provide more information.
- For each new family that applies and enrolls at least one full-time student, a \$250 tuition credit will be awarded to the current referring family after the new student has been in attendance for 30 days.
- Siblings of current students and previously enrolled students do not qualify as new families. Staff members are not eligible for the referral credit.
- Note that this form must be on file in the front office before the new family has contacted the school on their own for information or to visit so it is best to submit the form as soon as possible after speaking with the new family. In other words, the referral form is not retroactive and you are not eligible for the referral if the family contacts school before the referral.
- This referral program is open to all families with students currently enrolled in PreK4-Grade 8.
- Referral fees are limited to one per family per academic year.

## Current Family

Parent name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Student name(s) /Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, MD \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## New Family

Parent name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Student name(s)/Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**How do you know this family?** Work Friend Relative Neighbor  
Church Community Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Any information we should know?** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I confirm that I personally know this family and have shared the good news about School of the Incarnation with them. I understand that an Admissions representative from the school will be contacting this new family to provide more information and invite the family for a tour. I have read and understand the guidelines of the New Family Referral Program. Contact Casey Boswell at 410.519.2285 with any questions.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>-Office use only-</b> Form submission date _____ Contact date _____          Enrollment date _____ \$250 tuition credit date _____</p>
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