

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Friday, December 13th:	Tag Day - see below for details Theater Club - One Act Plays 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 17th:	Giving Back set up 3:00 - 4:30 PM in the gym
Wed, December 18th:	Giving Back backpack packing day 8:30 - 11:00 AM House Meeting Day - students may wear house color
Thursday, December 19th:	7th Grade Science Fair 2nd Grade Christmas Pageant 7:00 PM
Friday, December 20th:	½ Day (Noon) Dismissal - NO Afternoon ESP Ugly Christmas sweater/Red & Green dress day
December 23 - January 1:	School Closed - Christmas Break
Thursday, January 2nd:	Classes Resume
Friday, January 3rd:	Spirit Wear Day
Tuesday, January 7th:	MAP testing for Grades 2nd - 8th 8:45 - 10:45 AM
Wednesday, January 8th:	MAP testing for Grades 2nd - 8th 8:45 - 10:00 AM
Friday, January 10th:	Spirit Wear Day
Thursday, January 16th:	School Mass for students in Grade 3-5 10:00 AM
Monday, January 20th:	School Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Wednesday, January 22nd:	House Meeting Day - students may wear their house color MAP testing for Grades 2nd - 8th 8:45 - 10:45 AM
Thursday, January 23rd:	Winter Club Picture Day
Friday, January 24th:	Spirit Wear Day
Saturday, January 25th:	Prospective Student Open House 8:30 - 11:00 AM
January 26 - February 1:	Catholic Schools Week



TOMORROW!! Tag Day - Friday, December 13th

Tomorrow, Friday, December 13th will be a Tag Day. The theme is Pajama Day – students may wear their favorite pajamas to school (or to celebrate the annual Army/Navy football game, students may also choose to wear Army/Navy or Air Force/Marine/Coast Guard gear). Slippers may be worn but must be brought to school in a bag and changed into once your child is in their homeroom. Students who have PE on Fridays must wear sneakers. **The cost to dress out-of-uniform is \$1 – dollar bills only please – no coins.** The money collected will be donated to Giving Back. Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for tag day/out-of-uniform guidelines. For students not participating in the tag day, it is a regular spiritwear day.

TOMORROW NIGHT! SOTI Drama Club present One Act Plays

Student written and performed Christmas scenes

Date; Friday, December 13

Showtime: 7:00 PM

Ticket link to purchase: [One Act Plays Tickets](#)

*Tickets can be purchased at the door - cash/check/credit card



Ugly Christmas Sweater Day – Friday, December 20th - ½ day dismissal for all students – No PM ESP

On Friday, December 20th students are asked to wear ugly Christmas sweaters, other Christmas themed clothes or simply red and/or green. Please remember the dress guidelines for an out-of-uniform apply – refer to the Parent-Student Handbook.

Theater Club Spring Musical Auditions

The spring musical will be Disney's Beauty and The Beast Jr. Middle school students looking to perform in the show will need to sign up for an audition time slot on SOTI Studies ([or here](#)) and perform a verse and a chorus from a song of their choosing (about a minute and a half). Students must be enrolled online in order to audition and receive a role. Enroll for Spring Theater [HERE!](#)

Auditions will be held after school on Monday, December 16th and Tuesday, December 17th until 5pm. If students are called back for a role, they will be asked to attend callbacks on Wednesday, December 18th until 4pm.

Crew members may sign up online and confirm that they would like to participate in the crew. The average cast member should expect to be called for rehearsal 2-3 times a week, depending on their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be issued to parents each month. The show dates are Friday, May 16th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, May 17th at 8:00 PM.

Christmas Parties, Volunteers & Dismissal on Friday, December 20th

Many parent volunteers will be here for class parties throughout the morning. If you are here for a class party and would like to sign your child out after the party, you may do so. However, anyone signing their child out early must do so by 11:00 AM so as to be out of the parking lot by 11:15 and not interfere with the regular dismissal.

Regular dismissal begins with prayers at 12:02 PM. Immediately afterwards, bus and HOV students are dismissed. General dismissal begins at 12:10 PM. Access to the Gold and Maroon lots will close at approximately 12:10 PM or when the students begin to come outside.

**There is no afternoon ESP on Friday, December 20th - all students must be picked up at noon.

An off campus luncheon has been planned for the faculty and staff after dismissal. Please be mindful of this and be sure to arrive on time.

Volunteer Judges Needed: 7th Grade Science Fair

The 7th Grade Science Fair is on Thursday, December 19, 2024, and we need parent volunteers to serve as judges! No specific background is required—parents from all fields are welcome, except those with a 7th grade student.

- Time: Arrive at 7:30 AM and stay until 12:30–1:00 PM
- Provided: Instructions and light refreshments

Your support is vital to the event's success! To volunteer or ask questions, please contact Kristin Jacobs: kjacobs@schooloftheincarnation.org

Thank you for helping us celebrate our students' hard work and creativity!

Re-Enrollment 2025-2026 School Year

Re-enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year for all **current** SOTI students has begun. The re-enrollment fee schedule for the 2025-2026 school year is:

- \$115/student if paid between December 3rd and January 10th
- \$175/student if paid between January 11th and January 31st
- \$250/student if paid between February 1st and February 14th
- If not paid by February 14th, your child's spot will be released



MAP Testing for students in grades 2 - 8

The Archdiocese of Baltimore uses the MAP assessment for standardized testing. MAP is an online, untimed assessment that will be administered three times a year in the fall, winter, and spring to students in grades 2 - 8.

- ★ Reading: Tuesday, January 7th 8:45 - 10:45 AM
- ★ Language: Wednesday, January 8th 8:45 - 10:00 AM
- ★ Math: Wednesday, January 15th 8:45 - 10:45 AM

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Grandparents and Special Friends Day was an unforgettable experience! Thank you all for sharing your loved ones with us. The smiles were truly contagious, and the memories created will be cherished forever. We are incredibly proud of our students and faculty, and it was such a joy to have the opportunity to show them off. Thank you for making this day so special! We can't wait to do it again next year!

We would love to keep in touch with our Grandparents and Special Friends throughout the year and have them join us for events and volunteer opportunities. If your guest would like to learn more about our school and how they can get involved, please fill out the information form found [here](#).

Giving Back - Holiday Help for the Homeless of Baltimore and Annapolis

School of the Incarnation's 19th Annual Backpack Day is just around the corner and there is still time to make your donations. Being that the need is even greater this year, Giving Back ordered supplies for 3,000 backpacks. A \$25 donation buys a complete backpack filled with warm clothes that could be lifesaving to a homeless person. All donations will need to be made online [Donate here](#) (Please choose **School of the Incarnation** as your group in the 4th box.)

If you would like to help setup for Backpack Day on Tuesday, December 17th, from 3:00-4:15, or to be a part of the amazing experience of helping students fill their backpacks on Wednesday, December 18th, from 8:00-11:30, make sure to sign up [using this chart](#).

You can find information about this year's drive and how to get involved on <https://www.homelessdrive.org/>

If you have any questions, please contact Sandi Dlugonski sdlugonski@schooloftheincarnation.org

House Feast Day Celebrations

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.

2024-2025 School Year

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>

Sibling Applications for the 2025-2026 School Year

Applications for new students (**not current students**) are now available on our school website. Below is a chart explaining three paths for admissions. Each admissions path has its own deadline and each path will follow our admissions priorities. Students applying for grades 1-8, can get an admissions decision prior to Christmas following the early action timeline below.

SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION		ADMISSIONS TIMELINE	
EARLY ACTION	FIRST ROUND	ROLLING	
Grades 1-8 Apply and complete application by December 1st	Grades 2-8 Apply and complete application by January 10th Screening Day February 3rd	Grades 2-8 Applications after January 10th	Grades PreK - 1 Applications after February 3rd
Screening appointments at a mutually convenient time between completed application submittal and December 15th	Grades PreK-1 Apply and complete application by February 3rd Screening Day February 14th	Screening appointments at a mutually convenient time after completed application submitted	
Decisions by December 20th	First Round decisions on or before March 1st	Decisions within 2 weeks of screening	

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>

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

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 for more information.



BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION

Thanks to wonderful volunteers, the following clubs for the specified grade levels are scheduled to begin in January. Since there is a limit to the number of students who can be accommodated, families who completed interest forms will receive details by Monday. Please be on the lookout in your email!

- Coding and Technology Club for 4th-5th grade on Thursdays
- Creation and Imagination Club for 1st graders on Wednesdays
- Dance and Cheer Squad Team for 2nd-8th grade on Wednesdays
- Knights Chess Club for 4th-8th graders on Tuesdays
- SOTI Scientists for 3rd-4th graders on Fridays

There are a few spots open for students who would like to participate in the SOTI Scientists Club for 3rd and 4th graders. Email asantini@schooloftheincarnation.org if you are interested and would like to receive the registration form link.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Currently, the following clubs at the grade levels specified still need VIRTUS certified volunteers to moderate them. Email Miss Santini no later than Friday, Dec. 13th, if you can help.

- Knights Chess Club for 2nd-3rd graders on Tuesdays
- Arts and Crafts Club for 1st-2nd graders on Thursdays
- Creation and Imagination Club for 2nd graders on Wednesdays (or Fridays)

GENERAL INFORMATION REMINDERS

- At the end of each club meeting, students are brought to the front doors to meet parents for pick up. Thank you for being on time, parking in the lot, and walking to the sidewalk to let the volunteers and/or Miss Santini know that you're taking your child. ESP students are taken back to their ESP class for pick up if parents haven't arrived.
- 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 food item with "club snack" is helpful to avoid it being eaten at lunch.

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



The God Spot

Adoration Volunteers are needed for Friday, January 10th

Friday, January 10th 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/10C0849AFA92AA5F5C25-53772868-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



Parent Advisory Council News

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Do you have questions or ideas? Please email the PAC at 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!

Community News

Holy Family Youth Ministry Christmas Party

Attention Middle & High Schoolers! You are invited to Holy Family Catholic Church's Christmas Party on Friday Dec. 20, 2024, 6:30-9:00 PM! Wear your coziest Christmas jammies to watch your favorite Christmas movie, eat homemade cookies & compete in a Gingerbread house making showdown! Check out the attached flyer for more information!

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. The theme is "Keep Christ in Christmas." First place prizes of \$25 will be awarded for each of the following grades: K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. There is no set size for the poster, but can be in the 11 x 17 or standard 8 x 11 range. **Deadline for submission is Friday Dec. 13. Posters should be turned in to the school office.** Please write name and grade on the back of the poster. First place winners will go on to the Maryland state contest, and winners of the state contest go on to the national contest. In order to be considered for the state and national contest, an Entry Form must be filled out and taped to the back of the poster. For more information, contact Tim Fitzmaurice, fitzmauricemd@aol.com





**The School of The Incarnation
Drama Club Presents**

**One Act
Plays**

**One Night Only
Friday, December 13th
Showtime: 7:00pm**

**Student written and performed
Christmas scenes.**

See school newsletter for ticket sales.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS,
BE OUR GUEST AT

Beauty & The Beast Auditions

MONDAY & TUESDAY

DECEMBER 16-17TH

AFTER SCHOOL - 5PM

- Sign up for an audition time slot on the link on Theatre Program SOTI Studies page!
- Come prepared with a verse and chorus of a song to sing.
- Callbacks will be held Wednesday after school for those notified.
- All students must be registered online through FACTS in order to audition. Crew members do not need to audition, but do need to register.
- For more information check the Theater SOTI Studies page, or email Miss E!
(bedmondson@schooloftheincarnation.g)

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST in the Grade division checked below. I realize that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.

GRADE K GRADE 1-2 GRADE 3-4 GRADE 5-6 GRADE 7-8

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

Name of Entrant _____ Grade _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____
 Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) _____ Email _____ Signature of Entrant _____

This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. The Entrant may compete in only one council-level contest. **Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council which retains exclusive rights to use said entries in future promotional materials, with creative credit given to the artist.**

Parent/Guardian

Date signed

This Section To Be Completed Knights of Columbus Officials:

Score Sheet

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: A 100-point scoring system is used to determine winners. Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.

Competition Level	Slogan – 30 points	Artistic Merit – 30 points	Overall Impact – 40 points
Council Total: _____			
District/Regional Total: _____			
Jurisdictional Total: _____			
International Level Total: _____			





MERRY & BRIGHT





YOUTH MINISTRY
CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:30-9:00 PM

YOUTH ROOM & RYAN HALL



Wear your coziest Christmas PJs
& hangout with friends watching your
favorite Christmas movie, drinking hot
cocoa, eating cookies, & competing in
Gingerbread house making!

RSVP





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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