

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Thursday, December 19th:	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 Free out-of-uniform day
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 PAC Middle School Skate-A-Palooza 5 - 7 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 15th:	MAP testing for Grades 2nd - 8th 8:45 - 10:45 AM
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
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
Wednesday, Jan. 29th:	Community Campaign Launch Party - more details coming soon!
January 26 - February 1:	Catholic Schools Week
Friday, February 7th:	PAC Father/Daughter Dance 6:30 PM



TOMORROW!! Ugly Christmas Sweater Day – Friday, Dec. 20 - 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.

Christmas Parties, Volunteers & Dismissal tomorrow, 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.

JOY
LOVE
PEACE
BELIEVE
CHRISTMAS



SOTI ATHLETICS APPAREL STORE IS NOW OPEN!

Gear up and show your SOTI pride! The SOTI Athletics online store is officially open, featuring apparel for every middle school sport. Don't miss out on the chance to grab your favorite athletic wear and represent SOTI in style.

 Shop now: [Click Here to Visit the Store!](#)

Hurry—get your gear before it's too late! **Store closes December 31st at 11:59 PM**

Save the Date!

Building the Faith, Building the Future Community Campaign Launch Party
Wednesday, January 29th - event will be in the evening hours
More details coming soon!

From the Cafeteria

The cafeteria is currently looking to hire a few part time employees. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

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

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

Thank you so much for your support of our less fortunate neighbors. Yesterday's Backpack Day was amazing and truly shows how our students and families are the hands and feet of Jesus on earth. Even though we have packed our backpacks, there is still time to [Donate](#) (Please choose School of the Incarnation as your group in the 4th box.) as well as get involved in sorting donations and making deliveries on Christmas Eve. [Click here](#) to see the chart for hands-on opportunities to get involved

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

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



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

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

Save the Dates!

- Coming Soon: PAC presents the first SOTI Skate-A-Palooza! A Middle School Skate Night, January 10th 5-7 PM
- Next Up: Father-Daughter Dance, February 7th 6:30 PM

Parent Advisory Council

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

A Living Nativity at Holy Family Catholic Church

All are invited to a special Live Nativity including live animals after 5 pm Mass on Saturday Dec 21, 6 - 8:00 PM! Join us for carols, cocoa, and cookies! Experience the story of Christ's birth brought to life! A live event that invites us to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

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!

*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*





**THANK YOU TO THE SOTI
CHRISTMAS EXPRESS
VOLUNTEERS!**

Parents

Stephanie Collins
Dawn Wall
Chris Williams
Linda Kostic
Lori Clark
Natalie Feld
Susie Govoni

Middle Schoolers

Camden Ferguson
Maggie Williams
Ronald Williams
Colin Dailey
Owen Houdeshell
Jonathan Govoni
Emma Hartgen
Karlie Abel
Gabriella Evans
Nicky D'Ambrosio
Maxwell Paschall
Hannah Christiansen
Michael Villareal

Thank you all for making this wonderful family event possible,
you brought so much Christmas joy to SOTI!

January 2025 Lunch Menu
TOMMY'S FOOD SERVICE @ School of the Incarnation
"Great Food for Great Kids"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples	3 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
6 Chicken Tenders Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables	7 Rotini in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	8 Cheesburger/ Hamburger French Fries Veggies	9 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples	10 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
13 Corn Dog / Chicken Nuggets Homemade Mac & Cheese Mixed Vegetables	14 Cheese Ravioli in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	15 Chicken Fajitas served on a flour tortilla with rice, black beans and corn	16 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples	17 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
20 School Closed	21 Rigatoni in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	22 Baked Potato Bar With Cheddar Cheese, Bacon Bits, Steamed Broccoli, Butter and Sour Cream	23 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples	24 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
27 Chicken Sandwich French Fries Carrot Sticks School Mass	28 Shells in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	29 Walking Taco, Spanish Rice and Corn	30 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples	31 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.

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	Price	Available Daily	Price	Extras When Available	Price
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
Homemade Soup	\$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	Cheesburger/Hamburger	\$3.95
		GoGurt Yogurt Tube	\$1.00	Corn dog	\$2.75
Salad/Sandwiches		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
Beverage		Pudding/Jell-o	\$2.00	Philly Cheesesteak	\$4.50
Milk or Juice	\$0.90	Tuesdays and Pizza Days ONLY		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
		Wednesdays ONLY		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 for any inquiries.

[Nutritional Info](#)

Thank you, Tommy and Arianna

BUILDING THE FAITH



BUILDING OUR FUTURE

2024 Capital Campaign

SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 29, 2025

Community Campaign Launch Party

Event will be in the evening hours.
More details coming soon!

HIRING in the Cafeteria! Referrals Appreciated!

Hello, SOTI's school and Church colleagues!

I would like to tap into the extended SOTI community and your local networks.

We are hiring a part-time employee (maybe two or three!)

Ideally, I'm hoping to build a network of VIRTUS-cleared folks who I can call if we have an employee out for sick or personal time.

Do you know a person who is looking to stay busy a few hours each day, or a couple days each week? Perhaps someone who already volunteers here would like a few paid hours as well?

This job is great for people of all ages and abilities and may be particularly aligned for those who have school-aged children, are retired, in college, or working an evening job and looking for daytime hours!

Please share the QR code links below with anyone you think would be interested!

THANK YOU for your help as we continue to build our team and serve the SOTI community!

Arianna Pepino

Hiring Manager – Tommy's Food Service



Part-Time Staffers



ALL ARE INVITED!

**A LIVING NATIVITY
AT HOLY FAMILY**



SATURDAY, DEC. 21, 6PM - 8PM

All are invited to a special Live Nativity after 5 pm Mass! Experience the story of Christ's birth brought to life. This live event invites us to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.



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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>
