

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

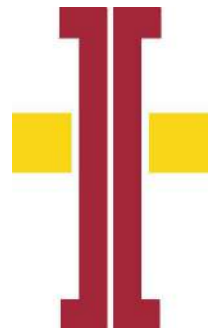
Thursday, January 23, 2025

Friday, January 24th:	Spirit Wear Day (Commanders fans can still wear Commanders gear) MAP testing for Grades 2nd - 7th 8:45 - 10:45 AM 8th Gr. Respect Life Rally 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Saturday, January 25th:	Prospective Student Open House 8:30 - 11:00 AM
January 26 - February 1:	Catholic Schools Week - see schedule below
Monday, January 27th:	School Mass 10:00 AM
Wednesday, Jan. 29th:	MAP testing for 8th Grade students 9:00 - 10:51 AM Community Campaign Launch Reception 6:00 PM
Friday, January 31st:	Spirit Wear Day
Friday, February 7th:	Spirit Wear Day PAC Father/Daughter Dance 6:30 - 8:30 PM - link to purchase tickets below
Monday, February 10th:	Feast Day celebration of St. Josephine Bakhita: out-of-uniform day- Green House members
Thursday, February 13th:	School Mass for students in Grades 6-8 10:00 AM
Friday, February 14th:	½ Day (Noon) Dismissal – ESP in session No School for Pre-K and Kindergarten students Spirit Wear Day
Monday, February 17th:	School Closed - Presidents' Day
Wednesday, Feb. 19th:	House Meeting Day - students may wear their house color
Friday, February 21st:	Spirit Wear Day
Saturday, February 22nd:	Wine, Food & Brew 7:00 - 10:00 PM - more information to follow!
Friday, February 28th:	Remote Day for students - End of Trimester 2



Catholic Schools Week Activities

- Saturday, January 25th: *Open House for Prospective Students 8:30-11:00 AM*
- Saturday, January 25th and Sunday, January 26th: *Celebrating Your Parish*
Students are encouraged to wear their uniforms to Mass at their home parish and snap a picture of themselves with the priest (or deacon). Students who do this and submit their picture will receive an out of uniform pass for future use.
- Monday, January 27th: *Celebrating Vocations -School Mass 10:00 AM*
- Tuesday, January 28th: *Celebrating our Students*
Students will have a free out-of-uniform day and are allowed to wear Pajama pants. Fun activities planned throughout the day.
- Wednesday, January 29th: *Celebrating our Parents*. Look for a special gift coming home from your children. Also, join us for the *Building the Faith, Building Our Future Community Campaign Reception* at 6:00 PM in Marian Hall. See flyer for details.
- Thursday, January 30th: *Celebrating our Nation*
Students may wear Red, White and Blue. See below for more information.
- Friday, January 31st: *Celebrating our Teachers*
Teacher Appreciation Day! SOTI will have an extended morning prayer to honor the many years of service of our school faculty and staff. A special lunch will be provided for the staff as a special gift from the PAC.



Celebrating Our Nation - Thursday, January 30th

Beginning tomorrow and due no later than Tuesday, Jan. 28th, homeroom teachers will collect pictures of family members who serve/served our community and nation as members of the military or as a first responder. Please send in one small printed photo of your family member with their name on the front, no larger than 3x5 inches, so that it can be displayed. Your name and homeroom should be written on the back of the photo so that it can be returned to you.



Students can wear Red, White, and Blue on Thursday, January 30th in order to Celebrate our Nation. No slogans are allowed. This is a free tag day, but please consider donating \$1 to Truckin' 4 Troops. This local organization works tirelessly to serve our nation's veterans and first responders. You can find more information about this organization at <https://truckin4troops.org/>

Parents who are serving or have served in the military or as a first responder are welcome to join us at morning prayer on January 30th.

Rescheduled MAP test dates

The last MAP test (Math) for students in grades 2nd - 7th has been rescheduled for tomorrow, Friday, January 24th.

The 8th grade Math MAP test has been rescheduled for next week on Wed., January 29th, 9:00 - 10:51 AM.

Save the Dates!

- ★ **School of the Incarnation is thrilled to host the public kick-off reception for our Capital Campaign - Building the Faith, Building our Future, on January 29, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in Marian Hall.** Please join us to celebrate and learn more about the exciting plans for the future of our school! See flyer for more details.
- ★ **Wine, Food & Brew - February 22nd from 7:00 to 10:00 pm.** Watch your email for details, including sponsorships and ticket sales for our annual winter community event!

Interested in joining the school choir? There are openings for students in grades 4 - 8

Meetings are held in the Music Room with Mrs. Keough on Tuesdays at 7:30 AM and on days when there's a School-wide Mass. If your child would like to participate, please email kkeough@schooloftheincarnation.org ASAP in order to receive the registration form link so they can be added to the roster.



Middle School Spring Sports

Middle school spring sports are quickly approaching! We are looking forward to the upcoming baseball and lacrosse seasons. And we are once again exploring the possibility of adding middle school girls softball to our spring options (not a guarantee). Please take a moment to fully read and complete the form(s). If you have any questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Keith Smith (kbsmith@schooloftheincarnation.org).

  [Middle School Spring Sports Registration \(Baseball and Lacrosse\)](#)  

 [Preliminary Middle School Softball Survey](#) 

Basketball Clinic for Grade 2 - 5

SOTI basketball clinics are back for 2nd through 5th grade! During these clinics, students will participate in activities to help develop skills and knowledge of basketball. Students may also have an opportunity to apply what they have been practicing while playing in games.

To ensure a meaningful experience, we kindly ask that parents register their child for basketball clinics only if their child has a genuine interest in learning and playing basketball.

 [2nd-5th Grade Basketball Clinics Registration](#) 

Girls on the Run Coaches needed!

GOTR is in need of 2-3 coaches for the spring season. You don't need to be a runner or have any coaching experience to help girls in our community work toward their goals — you just have to be willing to dedicate your time and skills. You can learn more about coaching at: www.gotrchesapeake.org/coach.

Ready to sign-up? [Here](#) is the link for coaches to sign up.

Unfortunately if we don't have coaches we cannot have this program. If you have any questions, reach out to Sarah Spaulding at sspaulding@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



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.

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

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

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>

2025-2026 School Year

First day of school: August 25, 2025

Christmas break: December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026

Easter break: April 3 - 10, 2026

8th Grade graduation: June 6, 2026

Last day of school: June 10, 2026

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

SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION

BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION

UPDATES:

SOTI Scientists Club: Members explored magnets, created chemical reactions with powders and water, and learned that lemons and potatoes can be used to create electrical currents that power clocks and buzzers!

The Creation and Imagination Club: Members used their creativity to make a variety of animals, creatures, people, and items using small rocks. They also made and decorated felt snow people before using Duplo blocks to have fun building different carnival rides and games.

Dance and Cheer Squad members did a wonderful job learning the first part of their routine as well as one of their cheers! They start each meeting with stretches and practicing different skills.

Knights Chess Club began last week for 4th-8th graders. Members learned and practiced the basics of the game and will continue to expand upon them each week.

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, February 7th

On Friday, January 7th 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

Can you help?? Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The Catholic Schools Week Faculty & Staff Appreciation Luncheon will take place on Friday, January 31st. Let's make this day extra special for the SOTI staff! Please sign up below for drinks and desserts:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084DADAC22A3FC1-54531307-catholic>

If you are available to support setup/cleanup or can assist during the luncheon, approximately 10:00-1:00, please send us an email at pac@schooloftheincarnation.org

Father/Daughter Dance

Tickets are available for the 2025 SOTI Father/Daughter Dance presented by the PAC on Friday February 7, 2025 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in Marian Hall! Girls in PreK through 5th grade are invited to be accompanied by their dad, grandfather, uncle, or other adult to enjoy a night filled with dancing, light refreshments, crafts, and fun. Tickets may be purchased online for \$12 per person. There won't be any tickets available at the door, so make sure to secure your tickets early!

Click here to purchase tickets:

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/fatherdaughter2025?token=547866831>

We are looking for parents and middle school volunteers to help create an enjoyable event for everyone. If you can volunteer, please click on the link below to lend a helping hand:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A44A5A92AA3F58-54398517-father#/>

Mother Son Event

The PAC is also looking for any interested parents to support the Mother Son Event this year. It would be amazing to have some VIRTUS certified dads, grandpas, uncles and friends help the moms out so they are able to enjoy the special event with their sons!

The Committee Chairperson will contact you with more information. Thank you so much!

Date: Friday, April 11, 2025

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Marian Hall

Sign up here:

[2025 Mother Son Event Volunteer Form](https://tinyurl.com/25SOTIMotherSon) - <https://tinyurl.com/25SOTIMotherSon>



Sate the Date - Irish Fest

March 8, 2025

12:00 - 4:00 PM

More info to come!

Co-chairs: Shannon Durling-Struse and Wendy Marshall

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

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Opportunities

The State of Maryland Knights of Columbus is currently offering two scholarship opportunities:

1. The Knights of Columbus Scholarship: For children of Knights of Columbus members.
2. The Catholic High School Scholarship: Open to all students, regardless of membership.

The application deadline for both scholarships is February 1.

Please see the attached flyer for more information. Additional details can be found on the Maryland Knights of Columbus website, which is linked in the flyer.

Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles

On Sunday, February 9, St. Mary's Parish and the Knights of Columbus Annapolis Council #1384 will host an Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles created and designed by the Blessed Carlo Acutis. All are welcome to explore this exhibit on Sunday from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Knights Hall, the Atreemum at Soaring Timbers, next door to St. John Neumann. Come and look at the work of this modern-day Saint-to-Be, up for canonization in 2025, and learn to draw closer to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

School of the Incarnation

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF



WEDNESDAY
**JANUARY
29TH**
6:00 P.M.

Join us in Marian Hall to celebrate the public launch of our Capital Campaign! All are welcome!

- ✓ Out of Uniform Coupons for all students with a parent or guest in attendance!
- ✓ Chick-fil-A lunch for the grade with the highest attendance!
- ✓ Light refreshments and adult beverages!
- ✓ Door prizes!
- ✓ Help your favorite SOTI staff member win a prize!

BUILDING THE FAITH



BUILDING OUR FUTURE

RSVP [HERE](#)

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 2025 SOTI FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

TIES & Tiaras



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
6:30 - 8:30PM

Marian Hall

Tickets \$12 per person
Ticket Link in Newsletter
Tickets not SOLD at the door
Light Refreshments will be served
Semi-Formal attire required



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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Chicken Sandwich French Fries Carrot Sticks	4 Cheese Ravioli in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	5 Corn Dog / Chicken Nuggets Waffle Fries Mixed Vegetables	6 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples	7 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
10 Chicken Tenders French Fries Mixed Vegetables	11 Rotini in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	12 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples	13 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.	14 Early Dismissal Cafeteria Closed
17 School Closed	18 Shells in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	19 Walking Taco, Spanish Rice and Corn	20 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples	21 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
24 Hamburgers/ Cheeseburgers French Fries Carrots Sticks	25 Rigatoni in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	26 Breakfast for lunch Pancakes or French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Tater Tots, Cinnamon Apples	27 Pizza Day  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.	28 Remote Day for Students Cafeteria Closed

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
Homemade Soup \$2.75	Pretzel Logs or Bites \$1.95	Buttered Noodles \$2.75
Chicken Noodle or \$2.75	Fruit (Apple or Orange) \$1.50	Chicken Patty Sandwich \$3.95
Tomato or \$2.75	Fresh Fruit in a Cup \$2.50	Chicken Tenders (3 pcs) \$3.75
Vegetable \$2.75	Yogurt (Yoplait) \$1.75	Cheeseburger/Hamburger \$3.95
Salad/Sandwiches	GoGurt Yogurt Tube \$1.00	Corn dog \$2.75
Chicken, Tuna, Egg, Lg. Garden \$5.50	String cheese \$0.60	Meatballs (4 pcs) \$2.50
Side Salad \$2.00	Veggie (tossed salad, \$2.00	Meatball Sub \$4.00
Beverage	carrots or sliced cucumber	Pancakes (3)/French toast sticks (3-4) \$3.50
Milk or Juice \$0.90	Pudding/Jell-o \$2.00	Philly Cheesesteak \$4.50
Bottled Water \$1.00	Tuesdays and Pizza Days ONLY	Pizza (1 slice) \$2.85
Gatorade/Propel \$1.85	Ice cream cup \$1.00	Mac and Cheese \$3.95
	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

Save
the Date

FEB 22ND | 7-10PM

WINE
FOOD
and
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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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**Knights of Columbus
Maryland State Council
P.O. Box 1468
Bowie, MD 20717-1468**

Scholarship Application Deadline is February 1st!

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus sponsors several high school tuition scholarships for Catholic Students. The application period is from October 1, 2024, to February 1, 2025. Scholarship information and application information is available via the link below.

<https://kofc-md.org/high-school-scholarships/>

The Frederick M. Gossman scholarship assists members of the Knights of Columbus in good standing within a council of the Maryland Jurisdiction. This scholarship provides tuition assistance for members' sons or daughters at an accredited Catholic high school.

Four tuition assistance grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to 4 years will be awarded. Awards will be based on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death.

Funds are applicable to tuition only. **Applications must arrive at the Maryland State Council Office by February 1st**, and awardees will be announced in May.

The William J. O'Brien, Jr. scholarship is open to any Catholic student who is a Maryland resident. Affiliation with the Knights of Columbus is not required, but children and grandchildren of Knights are welcome to apply.

Three tuition assistance grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to 4 years will be awarded. Awards will be based on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success.

Funds are applicable to tuition only. **Applications must arrive at the Maryland State Council Office by February 1st**, and awardees will be announced in May.

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