School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, January 30, 2025

Friday, January 31st: Friday, February 7th:	Spirit Wear Day 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:	1/2 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 - 10 PM - link to purchase tickets below
Friday, February 28th:	Remote Day for students - End of Trimester 2
Wednesday, March 5th:	School Mass 10:00 AM
Friday, March 7th:	Spirit Wear Day
	Faculty vs. Students Basketball Game at Spalding HS
Saturday, March 8th:	PAC Irish Fest 12:00 - 4:00 PM - more info to follow!
Tuesday, March 11th:	Class pictures and 8th Grade Panoramic Picture Day
Wednesday, March 12th:	Class Picture Day
Thursday, March 13th:	Spring Club Picture Day

2025 Yearbook

Each family will receive one complimentary copy of the yearbook. If you would like to pre-order an additional copy/copies of the yearbook, please click on the link below and follow the instructions on the screen to check out. Yearbook ads are also available to purchase (limited space available)

Link to purchase extra yearbook and/or a yearbook ad: https://www.yearbooksspm.com/schoolinc/home3/Bookstore.jsp

SOTI Spelling Bee Champion

Can you spell R-E-P-E-A-T? Jordan Erzen can! Congratulations to seventh grader Jordan Erzen who is the 2024-2025 SOTI Spelling Bee champion, repeating her win last year! Jordan will represent SOTI in the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee for Anne Arundel County on March 8th. We are so very proud of Jordan and we wish her well in her next competition. Go K-N-I-G-H-T-S!

FACTS Grant and Aid Applications

FACTS Grant and Aid Applications are now open for the 2025-2026 school year. The deadline to apply for Grant and Aid will be February 28, 2025. There will not be any exceptions to this deadline. FACTS is the validation software used by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the school, and the parishes to verify the applications. FACTS does not provide any aid. Aid is awarded by the AOB, the school and parishes. The application can be found through this link: https://online.factsmat.com/signin/3C65P If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to Caroline Agresti, Business Manager at cagresti@schooloftheincarnation.org.

Wine, Food & Brew

Ticket Sales are open!

It's that time of year again! Wine, Food & Brew at SOTI is Saturday, Feb 22nd from 7:00-10:00 pm. Put on your favorite pair of jeans and join us for an amazing evening of community, food, drinks, and music.

Ticket Sales Link: Wine, Food & Brew ticket link

Sponsorships are available!

Get the word out about your business, support this SOTI community gathering, and have a great time! Our event sponsorship package includes tickets to the event.

Sponsorship Link: Wine, Food & Brew Sponsorship link

Out-of-Uniform Fundraiser

As part of Wine, Food & Brew, parents that buy tickets to the event will be able to purchase a one week out-of-uniform pass for their child(ren) at a discounted price after completing a ticket purchase. When you purchase your tickets, you will be redirected to the Out-of-Uniform fundraiser page. Please do not close the browser window.

- Out-of-Uniform pass for the week of March 3rd-March 7th.
- Event Attendee Pricing \$20 for the first two students. If you have more than two children, each additional child costs \$10. (Example: 4 children = \$60)
- After Event Pricing \$25 for the first two students. If you have more than two children, each additional child will cost \$15. Available from Feb 23rd to 28th. (Example: 4 children = \$80)
- Staff members may purchase an out of uniform for the week, too! Staff members will receive an employee link for Out-of-Uniform passes.

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).



🕎 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.



WINE FOOD BREW

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? <u>Here</u> 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.

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

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 Faculty Retreat: September 22, 2025 - No school for students Professional Day: Friday, October 3, 2025 - No school for students 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: <u>https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/resources/parent-volunteering</u>

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Lisa Hanson, Volunteer Screening Coordinator, at https://www.uhanson@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, <u>Ibucci@schooloftheincarnation.org</u> 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, 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: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AFA92AA5F5C25-54463814-volunteers</u>

For general information on Adoration, you may want to visit the following website for Catholic articles and resources: <u>https://catholic-link.org/how-to-go-to-adoration-eucharist/</u>

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 <u>chinton@schooloftheincarnation.org</u>



Parent Advisory Council News

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



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 <u>official Facebook page</u>? Join today to stay up to date on important PAC news and events!

Community News

A Celebration of Love & Marriage Couples Event with Dinner & Dancing at Holy Family Catholic Church

Sat, Feb 8, 2025 5:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Join us for a special celebration of love and marriage on a date night! It begins with the Mass and a blessing of married couples from 5-6 PM, followed by a delicious catered dinner at 6 PM. Next, be uplifted by their message of faith, hope, and the assurance that "With God, all things are possible" with our guest speakers Patrick and Christina Jacobeen. Lastly, the evening caps off with a time for dancing to music provided by a DJ. Tickets are \$80 per COUPLE, payable in advance by cash, check, or card. Please see the attached flyer for more information!

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 Atreeum 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.

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They Look Forward to Their Yeorbook Every year!

YEARBOOK PRICE: \$29

DEDICATION AD SIZES (8TH GRADE FAMILIES ONLY): 1/8 PAGE: \$45 1/4 PAGE: \$95 1/2 PAGE: \$125 & FULL PAGE: \$250



2025

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL YEAR MEMORIES IS PRICELESS. PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL OF INCARNATION AND ORDER YOUR **2025** YEARBOOK TODAY!

CLICK HERE TO CREATE ADS & ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK



AD SALES OPEN UNTIL APRIL 14TH. ONLINE YEARBOOK PREORDERS ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 29TH

SCAN QR CODE

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 2025 SOTI FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

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

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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

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 PAPA JORDS 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 PAPA JORDS 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 PAPA JOINS 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 PAPA JOHNS 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
Grillled 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	Cheeseburger/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	\$5.50	Veggie (tossed salad,	\$2.00	Meatball Sub	\$4.00
Side 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)		Pizza (1 slice)	\$2.85
Bottled Water	\$1.00	Ice cream cup	\$1.00	Mac and Cheese	\$3.95
Gatorade/Propel	\$1.85	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

Nutritional Info

Thank you, Tommy and Arianna

A Celebration of Love & Marriage with Dinner & Dancing!

Saturday, February 8th, In Unity Hall Optional Mass with Couples Blessing: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Dinner, Guest Speakers & Dancing: 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm



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Join us for a delightful evening of dinner and dancing, featuring Patrick and Christina Jacobeen! Through their powerful witness, uplifting worship, and heartfelt storytelling, the Jacobeens will share inspiring insights on dating, marriage, and trusting God through life's challenges. Be uplifted by their message of faith, hope, and the assurance that "With God, all things are possible."



RSVP & Register Now! Cost: \$80 per couple

SCAN TO RSVP

Register after all the Masses starting Jan. 11 & 12, and running up to February 6. Visit the Adult Faith table in the narthex after Masses. Payment can be made by cash, check, or card. Reserve your spot at: www.holyfamilychurch.com or scan the QR code.

Contact Margaret Wood at margaret.wood@hfccmail.org for more information.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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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 <u>after the new student has been in attendance for 30 days.</u>
- 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	New Family
Parent name(s)	Parent name(s)
Student name(s) /Grade(s)	Student name(s)/Grade(s)
Address	Address
City, State, MD	City, State, Zip
Phone	Phone
Email	Email
How do you know this family? □Work □Frid	end 🗆 Relative 🗆 Neighbor
	ommunity 🗆 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