

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Friday, October 11th:	Spirit Wear Day 2nd Gr. Field Trip - Shrine of St. Anthony 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Monday, October 14th:	Feast Day celebration of Bl. Carlo Acutis: out-of-uniform day for Red House members only
Wednesday, October 16th:	House Meeting Day
Thursday, October 17th:	School Mass 10:00 AM
Friday, October 18th:	Spirit Wear Day
Tuesday, October 22nd:	Feast Day celebration of St. Pope JP II: out-of-uniform day for Yellow House members only PAC Uniform Exchange and Sale in Marian Hall 5:30 - 6:30 PM PAC Social 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Friday, October 25th:	Spirit Wear Day PAC Trunk or Treat 6:30 - 8:00 PM *link to purchase entrance ticket below
Monday, October 28th:	5th Gr. Field Trip (½ grade) - Drownproofing - Arundel Swim Center 8:45 AM - 1:30 PM
Tuesday, October 29th:	5th Gr. Field Trip (½ grade) - Drownproofing - Arundel Swim Center 8:45 AM - 1:30 PM 1st Gr. Field Trip - Ft. McHenry 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Thursday, October 31st:	Mass for students in Grades 6 - 8 10:00 AM
Friday, November 1st:	School Closed
Monday, November 4th:	Winter Uniforms begin Parent Teacher Conference Week begins Feast Day celebration of St. Martin de Porres: out-of-uniform day for Teal House members
Tuesday, November 5th:	Make-up Picture Day
Wednesday, Nov. 6th:	Fall Clubs Picture Day
Thursday, November 7th:	½ Day (Noon) Dismissal – ESP in session - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, November 8th:	½ Day (Noon) Dismissal – ESP in session - Parent/Teacher Conferences Spirit Wear Day
Tuesday, November 26th:	Grandparent & Special Friends Day - stay tuned for more details

School Picture Information

Individual school pictures were taken this week. There is no pre-ordering for individual picture day. Each family will receive an email within 2 - 3 weeks of picture day with a link to a private gallery. Packages, digital downloads and prints will be available. Orders will ship to the school, if placed by the deadline.

**Make-up picture day is Tuesday, November 5th



Duty Assistants for PreK, K & 1st Grade Needed

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

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DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Therapy Dogs at SOTI

Last year, SOTI formed a partnership with [Caring Canines Pet Therapy](#) to explore the possibility of having therapy dogs (comfort dogs) visit SOTI on a regular basis. SOTI is not considering a full time therapy dog at this time.

There are many studies documenting the benefits of therapy dogs in schools. Studies show that the presence of therapy dogs boost confidence, they can reduce stress and bring calm, and they can improve reading and literacy skills in students.



We are also very much aware and sensitive to the fact that some individuals suffer from allergies and others may be afraid of dogs. These dogs are certified therapy dogs and accompanied by a trained handler at all times. A SOTI staff member also accompanies the dog during their visit. The dog typically interacts with students in small groups. We also bring the dog around the school or interact with larger groups of students outside at recess or break or through brief classroom visits. No student will ever be forced to approach or interact with the therapy dog. However, if you **DO NOT** want your child to interact with a therapy dog while on campus, [please complete this form](#).

8th Grade Registration for HSPT

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

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

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

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

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

House Feast Day Celebrations

Monday, October 14th-

Saturday, October 12th is the Feast Day of **Blessed Carlo Acutis**. His Feast Day will be observed on Monday, October 14th and students who are members of his house (Red House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **RED**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

Tuesday, October 22nd-

Tuesday, October 22nd is the Feast Day of **Pope St. John Paul II** and students who are members of his house (Yellow House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **YELLOW**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

Monday, November 4th-

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

2024-2025 School Year

School Closed: Friday, November 1, 2024

Remote Day for Students - Friday, November 15, 2024

Thanksgiving Break: November 27 - 29, 2024

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

Remote Day for Students - Friday, February 28, 2025

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

School Closed - Monday, March 24, 2025

Easter Break: April 18 - 25, 2025

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

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

8th Grade Graduation: Saturday, May 31, 2025

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



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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

CLUB HAPPENINGS:

The Dance and Cheer Squad members have been doing a wonderful job learning a dance routine as well as basic cheers. At the recent school Pep Rally, they worked together to form a "Pom pom tunnel" for the sports' teams to run through! They'll be performing at an upcoming home soccer game as well as cheer on our SOTI Knights at home basketball games in Nov.

The Junior Joggers Running Club began last week and will continue learning how to properly warm up their muscles, stretch their bodies, pace themselves while running laps, and the importance of staying hydrated and choosing healthy snacks.

The Knights Chess Club also began last week and its members enjoyed the time together learning more about the game and practicing their skills with one another.

The Arts and Crafts Club, the Guys on the Go running team, Co-ed Tag Rugby, and the Robotics Challenge team all have their first meetings this week.

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 Still Needed for tomorrow, October 11th

Tomorrow, Friday, October 11th 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/10C0849AFA92AA5F5C25-51656332-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

PAC Uniform Exchange/Sale and Social

Tuesday, October 22nd in Marian Hall

Uniform Exchange/Sale 5:30 - 6:30 PM (Winter Uniform begins on Monday, November 4th)

PAC Social 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Trunk or Treat

Please join us for Trunk or Treat! Enjoy an evening of trunk or treating, a DJ, best trunk contest and costume contest! Gates open at 5:30, event runs from 6:30-8:00pm. \$20 per car, no walk-ins will be permitted.



Click here to purchase entrance ticket and food:

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/trunkortreat24>

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!

From the Community

St. Vincent Pallotti FREE Softball Skills Clinic

Girls in grades 6 - 8 are invited to a free Softball Skills Clinic taking place on October 27th from 1 PM to 3 PM at St. Vincent Pallotti High School. This clinic is a fantastic opportunity for prospective students to experience our softball program firsthand while learning more about Pallotti.

Participants will work to enhance their fielding and batting skills, alongside our current players. It's also a great chance for families to learn about our school's academic programs and the admissions process.

You can [CLICK HERE](#) to see the flyer for more details and registration information.



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Hello SOTI families!

🎃 It's almost time for Trunk-or-Treat and we're excited to have you join us on our campus for this fun-filled community event. Below you will find additional information about the event to help you get ready and in the Halloween spirit. 🧛‍♀️

SOTI PAC Presents
TRUNK OR TREAT
Friday, October 25, 2024
6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Parking lot opens at 5:30

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/trunkortreat24>

Please remember that while this is a SOTI event, **the school is not providing supervision for the students. All students and children are under the care and supervision of their parents/supervising adults.** We ask that you be especially aware of young children both at the beginning and end of the event while cars will be moving for parking and leaving our lot. **All cars must follow the direction of police and SOTI volunteers during arrival and dismissal.**

Thank you for your support.

What is the Trunk or Treat?

The Trunk or Treat is a fun community event! It provides our school community the opportunity to come together and celebrate Halloween a little early.

What happens at the Trunk or Treat?

Trunk or Treat is a version of trick or treating, but instead of children going door-to-door to collect candy, they go from trunk to trunk. The Trunk or Treat will take place right here in our own parking lot. This is a great opportunity to trick or treat with school friends you might not ordinarily see on Halloween!

Is there an age limit for the Trunk or Treat?

No! All students grade Pre-K – 8th grade are invited to participate – and their siblings and friends!

Do I have to purchase a parking spot in order for my child/children to participate?

Yes. The \$20 admission fee includes your parking spot, the opportunity for all of your children to trick or treat, participate in the costume contests, and enjoy the DJ. Children/adults may not

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park in the neighborhood and walk onto the campus to join other families and participate in the event.

What type of food and drink will be served?

Only pre-purchased pizzas and sandwiches, these can be claimed in front of the school building beginning at 6:00 P.M. the night of the event.

What should my child wear?

His or her Halloween costume! School rules for Halloween costumes should be followed: costumes may not be bloody or include weapons of any kind.

Can I / Must I decorate my car?

Decorating “trunks” is optional. If you can’t get enough Pinterest – go crazy! A prize will be awarded for the most “Spooktacular” trunk. No time to decorate? No problem! A bowl of candy is all you need!

Do I need to provide my own candy?

Yes. We also ask that all participants adhere to the school’s peanut free policy and refrain from handing out candy that contains peanuts. Candy that is labeled “may contain” or “made in a facility with” is permissible.

Can I invite friends or family that do not attend School of the Incarnation?

Absolutely! However, they must arrive with you. Children/adults may not park in the neighborhood and walk onto the campus to join other families and participate in the event.



What time will the parking lot open?

The parking lot will open at 5:30 P.M. All trunks must be set-up by 6:20, at which point the parking lot will be closed for the safety of the children.

Can I reserve a parking spot to be next to friends?

Unfortunately, we can not accommodate that type of reservation. Cars will be parked in the order that they arrive.

Please email pac@schooloftheincarnation.org with any additional questions!

 Parent Advisory Council 
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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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