

# School of the Incarnation Newsletter

## Thursday, October 3, 2024

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Thursday, October 3rd:	SOTI Homecoming 3:30 - 7:00 PM
Friday, October 4th:	School Closed – Professional Development
Monday, October 7th:	School Closed - Faculty Retreat
Wednesday, October 9th:	Picture Day for students in Grades 5 - 8
Thursday, October 10th:	Picture Day for students in Grades PreK - 4
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
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

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### **HOMECOMING 2024 -TODAY!!!**

Homecoming is today, Thursday, October 3rd, 3:30 - 7:00 PM! SOTI soccer, volleyball and field hockey teams will be playing games throughout the afternoon. Festivities include pony rides and a petting zoo, a moon bounce obstacle course, a beer and wine garden.



Pre-purchased tickets can be picked up at the will-call table. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket sales table.

*Many thanks to our Homecoming 2024 Sponsors!*

#### **Knight Sponsor**

- CSM Lawn and Landscape

#### **Gold Sponsor**

- Triad Medical Spa

#### **Silver Sponsors**

- Chiron Technology Services
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## Picture Day is Coming

Dates:

- Wednesday, October 9th for students in grades 5 - 8
- Thursday, October 10th for students in grades PreK - 4

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.

Students may come out of uniform, but should wear sneakers if they have PE. Please see the Parent Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

8th grade students must wear their white button-down (winter uniform) shirt and boys must wear ties. The school will give students a graduation gown to wear over the winter shirt. 8th grade students can wear non-uniform shorts or pants with their uniform shirts. They can also wear a white t-shirt underneath their uniform shirt and take their uniform shirt off after their portrait.

## 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](mailto:lhanson@schooloftheincarnation.org). Interested candidates should send a resume.

## 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](#).



### Liturgy Choir

All students in grades 4-8 are encouraged to sign up for the Liturgy Choir! We rehearse every Tuesday morning before school begins (7:30am-8:15am). The Liturgy Choir provides all music for school masses. New this year - Liturgy Choir will travel to the parishes of SOTI to sing for a morning mass. If you are interested in assisting with transportation, or have any questions, please contact Alex Ashman via email at [alex@olfparish.com](mailto:alex@olfparish.com)

Registration link for Liturgy Choir: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/lm9Yh3KP>



### Concert Choir

All students in grades 4-8 are encouraged to sign up for Concert Choir! We rehearse every Wednesday during recess times. The Concert Choir will provide a Christmas Concert and Springtime Concert. Additionally, the Concert Choir will perform a special Christmas Concert at Our Lady of the Fields parish on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 either in the late morning or early afternoon. This concert will be part of Our Lady of the Fields' Festival of Trees and Wreaths. Check your upcoming newsletters for more information about the festival! . If you are interested in assisting with transportation, or have any questions, please contact Alex Ashman via email at [alex@olfparish.com](mailto:alex@olfparish.com)

Registration link for Concert Choir: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/VEFnXfQL>

### 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 (Professional Day )- Friday, October, 4, 2024  
School Closed (Faculty Retreat) - Monday, October 7, 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  
8th Grade Graduation: May 31, 2025  
Last day of classes for students (Grade K-7): 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](mailto: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](mailto:lbucci@schooloftheincarnation.org) for more information.

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# BEYOND

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## 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.

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

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## The God Spot

### **Adoration Volunteers Are Needed for October 11th**

On 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](mailto:chinton@schooloftheincarnation.org)

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## 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

**Save the Date - Trunk or Treat**

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 PM.



**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!

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From the Community

**October 2024 Lunch Menu**  
**TOMMY'S FOOD SERVICE @ School of the Incarnation**  
**"Great Food for Great Kids"**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	1 <b>Rotini</b> in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	2 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	3 <b>Pizza day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza. <b>8<sup>th</sup> Retreat</b>	4 <b>School Closed</b>
7 <b>School Closed</b>	8 <b>Shells</b> in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	9 <b>Walking taco</b> , Spanish rice and corn	10 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	11 <b>Pizza Day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza. <b>2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip</b>
14 <b>Cheeseburgers/Hamburgers</b> , French fries and veggies	15 <b>Cheese Ravioli</b> in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	16 <b>Chicken tenders</b> , homemade mac and cheese and veggies	17 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar <b>10 am School Mass</b>	18 <b>Pizza Day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
21 <b>Chicken Patty Sandwich</b> , French fries and veggie	22 <b>Baked Ziti</b> in marinara sauce, mozzarella, parmesan cheese, meatballs and tossed salad	23 <b>Philly Cheesesteak</b> , French fries and veggies	24 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar.	25 <b>Pizza Day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
28 <b>Corn dog/Chicken Nuggets</b> , homemade mac & cheese and veggie <b>Half 5<sup>th</sup> field trip</b>	29 <b>Bow Tie</b> in marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad <b>1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip</b> <b>Half 5<sup>th</sup> field trip</b>	30 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar.	31 <b>Pizza Day</b>  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.**

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
<b>Homemade Soup</b>	\$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
<b>Salad/Sandwiches</b>		String cheese	\$0.60	Meatballs (4 pcs)	\$2.50
Chicken, Tuna, Egg, Lg. Garden	\$4.75	Veggie (tossed salad, carrots or sliced cucumber	\$2.00	Meatball Sub	\$4.00
Garden Salad	\$2.00	Pudding/Jell-o	\$2.00	Pancakes (3)/French toast sticks (3-4)	\$3.50
<b>Beverage</b>		<b>Tuesdays and Pizza Days ONLY</b>		Philly Cheesesteak	\$4.50
Milk or Juice	\$0.90	Ice cream cup	\$1.00	Pizza (1 slice)	\$2.85
Bottled Water	\$1.00	Twister	\$1.75	Mac and Cheese	\$3.95
Gatorade/Propel	\$1.75	Scooter Bar	\$1.50	Cheese Ravioli (7 pcs)	\$3.95
		<b>Wednesdays ONLY</b>		Walking Taco	\$4.25
		Nachos, Chips and Cheese	\$2.75	Fish sandwich	\$4.00
				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](mailto:lunch@schooloftheincarnation.org) for any inquiries.

[Nutritional Info](#)

*Thank you, Tommy and Arianna*





# 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><b>-Office use only-</b> Form submission date _____ Contact date _____ Enrollment date _____ \$250 tuition credit date _____</p>
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