

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, August 29, 2024

Friday, August 30th:	Spirit Wear Day – see below for more information
Monday, September 2nd:	School Closed – Labor Day
Wednesday, Sept. 4th:	St. Ignatius Program Parent Info Zoom Session 6:30 - 7:30 PM (by invite)
Thursday, September 5th:	School Mass 10:00 AM Feast Day of St. Mother Teresa: out-of-uniform day for Blue House members only
Friday, September 9th:	Spirit Wear Day
Monday, September 9th:	Cafeteria Service begins for students Gr. 1- 8
Tuesday, September 10th:	In-Person Back-to-school Grades 4, 5, 7 and 8 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Thursday, September 12th:	In-Person Back-to-school Grades 1, 2, 3 and 6 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Friday, September 13th:	Spirit Wear Day
Wednesday, Sept. 18th:	PAC PreK, Kindergarten and New SOTI Parent Social 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Friday, September 20th:	Spirit Wear Day
Sept. 23 - Oct. 3:	Book Fair - more details to follow
Tuesday, Sept. 24th:	AOB High School Fair 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Thursday, September 26th:	Cafeteria Service begins for kindergarten students
Friday, September 27th:	½ Day (Noon) Dismissal – ESP in session House Meeting Day Spirit Wear Day SOTI Homecoming 2:30 - 7:00 PM
Monday, Sept. 30th:	Feast Day celebration of St. Lorenzo Ruiz: out-of-uniform day for Black House members only
Thursday, October 3rd:	8th Gr. Retreat at OLF 8:30 AM - 2:10 PM
Friday, October 4th:	School Closed – Professional Development
Monday, October 7th:	School Closed - Faculty Retreat



Student Absence, Tardy or Leaving Early

Please remember to email attendance@schooloftheincarnation.org and your child's homeroom teacher by 8:15 AM if your child will be absent, late or leaving early. Information in the email should include your child's full name and reason for absence, expected arrival time or expected early departure time.

Early Dismissal/Late Arrival Protocol

At the front doors, there is a sign labeled "Sign In/Out," with a QR code. Parents signing in their child(ren) late to school should scan that QR code with their phone which will direct them to our digital Sign in/Sign Out Form. Once a parent has completed the sign in/sign out form, someone from the front office will admit the student into the building. To sign a student out for early dismissal, please follow the same procedure. Students will be released out the front door once the sign in/sign out form has been completed. Students leaving early must be signed out of school by 2:30 PM (11:30 AM on half days) so as not to disrupt our regular dismissal procedure.

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.

Student Directory 2024-2025

We are in the process of compiling and publishing our 2024-2025 SOTI Student Directory. If you would like any information about your child (name, address, phone number) withheld from the Directory, please complete the attached form and return the completed form to Mrs. RaVell in the school office or send Directory information to withhold via email to jravell@schooloftheincarnation.org Deadline to respond is Friday, September 13th.

School Mass

School masses will usually be scheduled once a month beginning in September. Due to the number of students in grades Pre-K thru Grade 8, we unfortunately cannot accommodate parents at school masses in Marian Hall. Parents are always welcome to join us when mass is held outside in our parking lot or for morning prayer in Marian Hall every morning at 8:20 AM. Parents joining us for morning prayer should see our receptionist in the lobby to get a visitor badge. Thank you for your understanding.

Spirit Wear Day – every Friday!!

Spirit wear days are distinct from out of uniform days and Tag days. Spirit wear days are special days designated by the principal when the students, faculty, and staff may come to school dressed in official School of the Incarnation spirit wear. These days usually fall on Friday or may be on a spirit night or any day designated by the principal. All spirit wear days will be listed on the calendar. Spirit wear days are optional, and if a student does not choose to dress in spirit wear on these days, he/she should come to school in the regular school uniform. The following are guidelines for spirit wear days:

- Students should wear an official School of the Incarnation spirit wear shirt* which is one of the following acceptable school colors: maroon, gold/yellow, gray, white, or black.
- Any other School of the Incarnation spirit wear can be worn on these days with the exception of hats which may not be worn inside the building.
- Spirit wear that is defaced, torn, altered or written on is not permissible.
- Dresses and skirts must be of reasonable length (no more than 3 inches above the knee) and not too tight. No thin straps or bare shoulders.
- Pants - Presentable jeans or pants are acceptable, but not pants that are tight. Sweatpants and joggers are acceptable. Opaque leggings or spandex are allowed only with an accompanying top which covers to mid-thigh. Pajama pants are not permitted. No rips, tears, or shear sections.
- Shorts may be worn from August-October 31st and April 1st-June.
- Hair may not be dyed or combed in an unusual fashion.
- When wearing shorts or skirts, these must be visible below the shirt. i.e. the shorts must be a modest length and should be long enough to be seen below the bottom of an oversized t-shirt or hoodie.
- Bike/spandex shorts for students in grades 3-8 are not permitted unless accompanied by a top which covers to mid-thigh. The shorts must be visible below the top.
- When the weather turns cold, spirit wear must be visible. For example: it would be unacceptable to be wearing a SOTI t-shirt which was completely covered by a Spalding sweatshirt.
- For students who have PE on Friday's, they are permitted to wear athletic Spirit Wear, and must also wear athletic shoes. (For example, they may wear a SOTI t-shirt with PE shorts/sweatpants, or other athletic shorts/sweatpants). Students are not permitted to wear jeans or other non-athletic apparel. Opaque leggings or spandex are allowed only with an accompanying top which covers to mid-thigh. No rips, tears, or shear sections. When wearing shorts or athletic shorts/skirts, these must be visible below the shirt. i.e. the shorts should be long enough to be seen below the bottom of an oversized t-shirt or hoodie. If non compliant, students will be asked to change into the PE uniform and issued a uniform infraction.
- If a student is improperly dressed, they will be given alternate clothing to wear or their parents will be called to take them home or bring a change of clothes.
- No hats are to be worn in school unless specified within the themes.

- Any shoes may be worn, except open-toed sandals, flip flops, clogs, thick-soled or high-heeled shoes. Crocs may be worn, but only in sport mode (strap around the back ankle)
- Earrings: Boys are not allowed to wear earrings at any time. Earrings for girls should be small posts or hoops.

*Examples include: Always t-shirt, past school issued t-shirts of an approved color such as club shirts, SOTI PE t-shirt, or current SOTI athletic jerseys during the appropriate season.

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>

Attention 8th Grade Parents and Students - HSPT Prep

For 8th grade students who are interested in HSPT Prep, please see the attached flyer. A private company, Achievement Associates is offering a for fee Prep Course.

The course runs from September 16th to November 16th and meets for one hour per week (M/T/W/Th evenings or Sat mornings). Additionally, an HSPT Prep Boot Camp is offered on November 23rd and 30th from 9:00-4:00.

Further information can be found here: <https://HSPTPREPPROGRAMS.com>

Cafeteria Lunch service

Cafeteria lunch service will begin on Monday, September 9th for students in Grades 1 – 8. Students in Kindergarten will begin cafeteria lunch service on Thursday, September 26th. Please click on this link for more information regarding lunch accounts and procedures:

<https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/resources/hot-lunch>

*** Please remember School of the Incarnation is a peanut-free environment. Peanuts and peanut butter may not be brought to school. This includes snacks such as crackers with peanuts, peanut candies, trail mix that contains peanuts, etc. Foods that may contain peanuts are permitted.*

Save the date for the 2024 SOTI Homecoming!

Join us September 27th to celebrate with food, fun, and games for the whole family. Show your school spirit and cheer for our SOTI soccer, field hockey and volleyball teams. More details to come.



Feast Day Celebrations

Thursday, September 5th-

Thursday, September 5th is the Feast Day of **Saint Teresa of Kolkata**. Students who are members of her house (Blue House) may dress out-of-uniform on her Feast Day. Students must wear the color **BLUE**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

Monday, September 30th-

Saturday, September 28th is the Feast Day of **Saint Lorenzo Ruiz**. His Feast Day will be observed on Monday, September 30th and students who are members of his house (Black House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **BLACK**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run (GOTR) registration is starting on August 23! GOTR is a fun whole body health program for girls in grades 3 through 5. Participants learn about positive relationships, healthy habits, and girl power all while practicing for a 5K! The fall season starts on September 18. Practices will be on Wednesday's and Friday's after school until 4:15. The spring 5k will be at The University of Maryland, Baltimore County on November 24 - all team members will need a running buddy (adult to run with her) for this event. Registration is open from August 23 through September 9. Go to www.gotrchesapeake.org to register. Space is limited - after registration closes a lottery will be run to determine team members. Feel free to reach out to Sarah Spaulding with questions (sspaulding@schooloftheincarnation.org).

1st Grade Instructional Assistant is still needed

Have you considered working at School of the Incarnation? We still need a 1st Grade Instructional Assistant. If you are interested or want more information please send your resume or questions to Mrs. Jacobs at kjacobs@schooloftheincarnation.org

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.

2024-2025 School Year

~~Sneak a Peak Day - August 21, 2024 2:00 - 4:00 PM~~

~~First day of classes for students: August 26, 2024~~

School Closed (Professional Day) - Friday, October, 4, 2024

School Closed (Faculty Retreat) - Monday, October 7, 2024

Thanksgiving Break: November 27 - 29, 2024

Christmas Break: December 23, 2024 – January 1, 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



Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! Remember to keep an eye out each Thursday in the school's newsletter for interest forms and additional information about our extracurricular clubs, teams, service, and enrichment activities program! The goal of the Beyond Program is to provide students with a variety of

opportunities to explore, be creative, and have fun with their peers while engaging in areas of interest "beyond" the regular school day.

Registration fees for clubs within this program apply towards facilities management, materials/supplies, administrative costs, paid personnel, vendor fees, prizes/treats, and some clubs will have t-shirts, program "kits" and separate organization fees.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our school and parish communities are blessed with many gifted individuals. Please consider volunteering your time and talents with the Beyond Program! Within each interest form below is an area to let us know what days you are available.

INTEREST FORMS (complete by Thursday, Sept. 5th)

Interest forms gauge the number of potential participants as well as adult volunteers available for each club. More than one club form may be completed per child. Families who fill out these forms will be emailed updates and additional details first, along with the registration process link for whoever can be accommodated to join that club/team. Once a club has their first session of the trimester, additional registrations cannot be accepted.

- FIRST Lego Robotics Challenge Teams (5th-8th grade): <https://forms.gle/UzonksNEPfvYKPxI9>
- FIRST Lego Explore Teams (2nd-4th grade): <https://forms.gle/RJAvaEDXhEs86vav8>
- FIRST Lego Discover Club (1st grade): <https://forms.gle/tDmxvgNNumEHN4BJ9>
- Creation and Imagination Club (1st-4th grade): <https://forms.gle/kYtgB6PFueKzkkSEA>
- Coding and Technology Club (4th-5th grade): <https://forms.gle/tqSMF5XHs3CT4gbW9>
- Dance and Cheer Squad (3rd-8th grade): <https://forms.gle/dXmGQTrb87pgtD2L6>
- Guys on the Go Running Team (boys 3rd-5th grade): <https://forms.gle/McGWFvBiXDXxC23rZ>
- Junior Joggers Running Club (co-ed 1st-2nd grade): <https://forms.gle/w1F9Z7e6aQux6pc99>
- Co-ed Rugby Club (3rd-5th and 6th-8th): <https://forms.gle/xytYPQnvStNSbBMY6>
- Arts and Crafts Club (1st-2nd grade): <https://forms.gle/CjWjBPLKXHVshAwL6>
- The Environmental Experts Club (1st-2nd grade): <https://forms.gle/zn4uj9N54aSBVy5C6>
- The SOTI Scientists Club (3rd-4th grade): <https://forms.gle/1e9SnffhVyi8si7F6>
- Knights' Chess Club: <https://forms.gle/8bdjNczEix2Zc59k6>
- The Knightly News (Newspaper/Media 6th-8th grade): <https://forms.gle/RXzCw84ToU7o6r8e8>

GENERAL INFORMATION REMINDERS

For families enrolled in the school's Extended School Program (ESP):

If your child participates in Beyond Program clubs, they will listen for their club name to be called and then walk to meet their group's leader and Miss Santini at dismissal time. The ESP staff is provided rosters for all of the clubs. At the end of their club meeting, all students are brought to the front doors to check if a parent has arrived for pick up. If needed, ESP students are sent to their ESP class for regular pick up.

For Preschool and Kindergarten families:

Although club options are not provided at this time for Trimester 1, certain clubs will become available for these grade levels during Trimester 2 and 3.

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

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 Parent Social

Parents of PreK, Kindergarten and new SOTI parents are invited to attend a PAC New Parent Social on **Wednesday, September 18th beginning at 6:30 PM**. Meet the PAC and new families and attend helpful sessions led by teachers designed specifically to support families with young children and all families new to our community.

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

Our Lady of the Fields - Walking with Purpose

Walking With Purpose warmly invites all women to our kickoff Connect Coffee on Thursday, September 19th 10:00-11:45 at Our Lady of the Fields Parish Hall, 1070 Cecil Ave, Millersville. Please see the attached invitation for more information."

Archdiocese of Baltimore Student Accident Insurance 2024-2025

The Office of Risk Management for the Archdiocese of Baltimore offers a voluntary student accident plan for school families to purchase. This coverage is an inexpensive way for families to cover co-pays, high deductibles, and may even provide accident coverage in the event that no other health coverage is available.

According to the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) most recent statistics, 80% of elementary students report to the school nurse or administrator at least once each year for injuries related to an accident while in school. Fortunately, most of these incidents are relatively minor. However, each year, a number of these students sustain injuries requiring medical treatment that cannot be rendered at school. Moreover, while high school

students experience injuries at a lower rate, the injuries tend to be more severe, with many injuries resulting from participation in athletics and extracurricular activities.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a report regarding deductible amounts and co-payment requirements. Per the report, those plans with the most favorable terms on average provide an annual maximum of \$2,000 per person or \$4,000 per family for out-of-pocket paid expenses. This amount goes up from that point, maxing it out with plans that carry a maximum of \$9,200 per person or \$18,400 per family for the out-of-pocket paid expenses.

The voluntary student accident insurance can be an inexpensive safeguard for school families to assist with medical expenses. To learn more about this plan, please visit www.archbalt.org/risk, and then select SCHOOLS in the red and blue menu at the bottom of the page. From there, select Student Accident Plan for the Brochure and enrollment links. Click [here](#) for a direct link to the page.

School Directory 2024/2025

Please complete the form below **if you do NOT wish to have your child's name, address and/or phone number published in the school directory** and return the form to the school office or email your request to Jennifer RaVell at jravell@schooloftheincarnation.org by **Friday, September 13th**.

I/We do NOT wish to have the following information published in the school directory. Please check the appropriate box(es) of information you **don't** want listed in the directory.

Name Address Phone Number

Family Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____



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- Small classes capped at 20 students.
- All class sessions are recorded.

HSPT Prep Fall runs from September 16th to November 16th and meets for one hour per week (M/T/W/Th evenings or Sat mornings)

HSPT Prep Boot Camp is offered on November 23rd and 30th from 9:00-4:00.

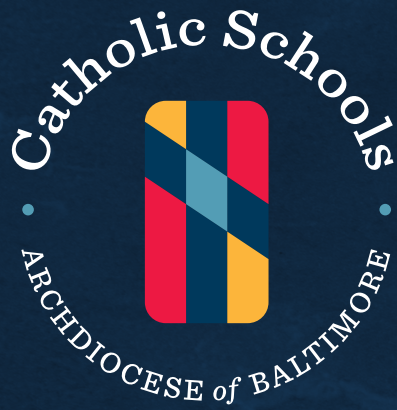
PROGRAM COST - \$160

**ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE STUDENTS
RECEIVE \$15 OFF REGISTRATION USING THE
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Questions can be sent to Eric Watts at eric@hsptprepprograms.com

Additional information and registration link can be found at:

[HTTPS://HSPTPREPPROGRAMS.COM/](https://hsptprepprograms.com/)



2024 HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS

Our 2024 High School Fairs are offered from **6:00pm** to **7:30pm** according to the following schedule:



MONDAY, SEPT. 16, 2024
St. Mark School, Catonsville

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17, 2024
St. Margaret Middle School, Bel Air

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18, 2024
Resurrection-St. Paul School, Ellicott City

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19, 2024
Immaculate Conception School, Towson

MONDAY, SEPT. 23, 2024
St. Joseph School, Fullerton

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24, 2024
School of the Incarnation, Gambrills

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25, 2024
St. Ursula School, Parkville

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26, 2024
Sacred Heart School, Glyndon

MONDAY, SEPT. 30, 2024
Mother Mary Lange School, Baltimore City

THURSDAY, OCT. 3, 2024
Monsignor Slade School, Glen Burnie

*Registration
Not Required.
All Are Welcome!*



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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You're Invited!

Walking with Purpose warmly invites all women to our kickoff Connect Coffee!

Thursday, Sept 19th
10:00-11:45am

Our Lady of the Fields Hall
1070 Cecil Ave, Millersville

Curious what WWP is all about?

We welcome you to experience a study day with us, including complimentary food, fellowship, and faith-filled discussion.

Kindly RSVP to WWPOLF@gmail.com
so we are sure to have a seat for you!

For more information on our program, visit:
www.ourladyofthefields.org/walkingwithpurpose/

Or scan the QR code:



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