

# School of the Incarnation Newsletter

## Thursday, October 26, 2023

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Friday, October 27th:	Spirit Wear Day 8th Gr. Retreat at Our Lady of the Fields 8:30 AM - 2:10 PM PAC Trunk or Treat 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Tuesday, October 31st:	Wear Black & Orange Day Halloween Parade 2:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 1st:</b>	<b>Winter Uniform begins - see below</b> School Mass 10:00 AM
Thursday, November 2nd:	2nd Gr. Field Trip - Basilica, Washington DC 8:30 AM - 2:15 PM
Friday, November 3rd:	Spirit Wear Day First Friday Adoration in the Chapel
November 6 - 10:	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 9th:	½ Day Dismissal - ESP in session
Friday, November 10th:	Spirit Wear Day ½ Day Dismissal - ESP in session
Tuesday, Nov. 14th:	Individual Picture Make-up Day PAC Social Date Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 15th:	Fall Clubs/Sports Picture Day
Thursday, November 16th:	1st Gr. Field Trip - Ft. McHenry, Baltimore 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM SOTI Spirit Night at Nando's Peri Peri in Waugh Chapel 5 - 9 PM
Friday, November 17th:	SOTI Turkey Trot - more information to come
Wednesday, Nov. 22nd:	End of Trimester 1
November 22 - 24:	School Closed - Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, Nov. 29th:	8th Grade HSPT
Friday, December 1st:	Spirit Wear Day First Friday Adoration in the Chapel

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### **Tuesday, October 31st**

On Tuesday, October 31st students may dress in orange and/or black and wear Halloween accessories – hair ribbons, necklaces, socks, ties, etc. (no masks or props). Students also have the choice to wear Spirit Wear or their regular uniform. Please refer to the Parent and Student Handbook for out of uniform guidelines.

*Students in PreK – 3<sup>rd</sup> may wear the regular clothes-like parts of their costume to school if it makes it easier to change. For example, if a student is dressing like a cat and is wearing leggings and a sweatshirt, they could wear that all day and add the ears and tail for the parade. Or if a student is dressing like a minion and wearing overalls and a yellow t-shirt, they could wear that all day. Otherwise, students should wear black and/or orange or Spirit Wear and change into their costume for the parade.*

### **Dismissal Tuesday, October 31st**

- Since the parade begins at 2:15, parents who need to sign their children out for an **early dismissal must do so BEFORE 2:00 PM.**
- **Any parents who want to join us on the field for the parade** may do so. We will open the gates at 2:00 PM. Please park as you would for dismissal - and you can just walk over to the athletic field. The "spectators" will line the perimeter of the field.
- **Parents who are arriving earlier in the afternoon for the party.** Please park in the spaces as far up at the top of the parking lot (closest to the school) as possible. Depending on what party you are

helping with, if you have time between the party and the parade, please move your car to the bottom of the lot into dismissal formation.

- **After the parade**, ALL STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM and dismiss as normal.

### **Winter Uniform**

Students should begin wearing the winter uniform on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Shorts (both PE and summer uniform gray) should not be worn. Students should wear long gray uniform pants or PE sweatpants. Shorts should also not be worn on Friday Spirit Wear days.

### **Turkey Trot**

Thank you to the 188 families that have set up their Piggybakr fundraising page! It is not too late to set up your family page to help us raise money to purchase BenQ technology boards for our classrooms! We are moving towards our \$30,000 goal with over \$7,000 raised so far!

Congratulations to Madeline Martinez and Ms. Colclough, the winners of FREE MR. TOMMY'S LUNCH FOR A WEEK!

Interested in being the Turkey Trot Treat Sponsor or a Fitness Station Sponsor? See the attached sponsor form for more information!

Please reach out to our Development Director, Kristina Rykiel, with any questions! GOBBLE! GOBBLE!

### **Veterans Day Poster Contest**

- ★ Theme: How are you inspired by America?
- ★ Kindergarten through 5th Grade
- ★ Create a poster that shows how you are inspired by America
- ★ One winner chosen from K-1-2 and 3-4-5
- ★ \$25 Target Gift Card for winners
- ★ See attached flyer for more details

### **Vision and Hearing Screening – Volunteers needed – Can you help??**

On Tuesday, December 5, 2023 hearing and vision screenings will be conducted for PreK, Kindergarten, 1st and 8th grade students and for students who are new to SOTI this year. The Lion's Association for Sight and Hearing of Maryland, Inc. (L.A.S.H.) will oversee and train volunteers who will then carry out the screening.

In order to make this event possible, we need 15-18 parent volunteers who are VIRTUS certified to help. While some parents will screen students, we also need additional hands to keep things flowing and walk students to and from the screening. There will be a parent training session from 8 am to 8:30 am and then screening will take place for the remainder of the school day until all students have been screened. You can stay for the entire day or for a portion of the day.

Please consider volunteering for this event, it can't happen without your assistance. Contact Sue Toth, RN at [stoth@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:stoth@schooloftheincarnation.org) if you can help or for any questions.

### **Picture Day/Photo Order Questions**

[info@hamilton-images.com](mailto:info@hamilton-images.com)

410-267-6090

[www.hamilton-images.com](http://www.hamilton-images.com)

### **Attention Middle School Students - Student Council FYI**

STUDENT COUNCIL APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON YOUR STUDENT'S SOTI STUDIES GRADE LEVEL PAGE : Complete this form, along with a parent's signature, and return it by **October 31**.

PLEASE ONLY return your SIGNED APPLICATION AND REFERENCE LETTERS to the Student Council bin in your homeroom. We will not be able to accept incomplete or late applications.

Final decisions on representatives will be made by November 13th. The first meeting is December 1st with the election of Officers. Only 8th-grade students are eligible for President and Vice President positions. Only 8th grade and 7th grade students are eligible for Secretary. Students who are already officers in other school organizations such as NJHS, among others, are ineligible to run for a Student Council officer position.

Please note that the Student Council meetings will be held once a month on Wednesdays after school. If you are unable to attend due to other commitments you may wish to reconsider applying to become a representative.

### **Attention 8th Grade Students and Parents - HSPT Registration**

Registration for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) is open. You may access the form via the link below, and our **deadline for registration is Wednesday, November 22, 2023**. Please, note that a \$45.00 fee is required to be paid online at the time of registration.

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

### **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 Megan Johannes, Volunteer Screening Coordinator, at [mjohannes@schooloftheincarnation.org](mailto:mjohannes@schooloftheincarnation.org).

Returning parents who have already completed Virtus training can contact Megan Johannes to check your Virtus status.

### **ESP Teachers/Aids Needed**

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 still in need of additional 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**

### **UPDATES:**

- FIRST Lego Robotics Challenge Teams continue to develop their coding, problem solving, and teamwork skills in order to work on this year's theme in preparation for the "Qualifier Event," which will take place in a couple of months.
- FIRST Lego Explore Teams have had their first meetings and are having fun building the challenge set for the "Masterpiece" theme for this year's season. The Core Values that team members strive for during their meetings are: Teamwork, Inclusion, Impact, Fun, Discovery, and Innovation.
- FIRST Lego Discover Team: We were able to form one team of 8 first graders to try out the program with this age group. Team members have already been notified, so no new registrations are being accepted at this time.
- Guys on the Go Running Team and Junior Joggers Running Club continue to be very active with warm ups, proper stretching, running laps and relays, and playing running games.
- The Knights Chess Club for 2nd/3rd grade has had two meetings so far. They learned the basics of how the pieces move on the game board, how to set up the board to start a game, the names of the pieces, and how to choose good opening moves. Parent volunteers along with some 8th graders have been helping group members become more comfortable with Chess.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Please continue reading the school's weekly newsletters for information regarding proposed clubs for the Trimester 2/Winter session. *Interest forms will be available starting Nov. 9th and then close on Nov. 17th.*

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 Needed**

On November 3rd, we will have First Friday 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. If you are interested and would like more information please contact our Adoration Coordinator, Liz Pryor via email [liz@horizonbuildersinc.net](mailto:liz@horizonbuildersinc.net) To volunteer, please click on this link: [Adoration](#)

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 Social Date Night**

Hello Parents! The PAC is very excited to announce the first ever PAC Social Date Night!! Please join us on November 14th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Molloy's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 1053 Rt. 3, Gambrells. Meet other parents, hear PAC updates and ways to volunteer. PAC will provide appetizers. A cash bar will be available.

Child care will be available at SOTI from 6:00 to 8:45 for \$20 per child. Pizza dinner and an ice pop will be provided! Students will also participate in a craft.

Online registration for child care will close on November 10th. Sign-up link to follow!

\*\*Please note: child care is only open to currently enrolled SOTI students. All purchases are non-transferable and non-refundable.\*\*

### **Volunteer Corner**

Are you interested in volunteering for PAC events throughout the year? There are lots of options from Bingo to Irish Fest or the Mother & Son Dance, we'd love to hear from you!

Please sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/pacvolsign>

### **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

### **St. Joseph Catholic Church Trunk or Treat**

St. Joseph is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29 from 1:30-4:30! We are partnering with First Evangelical Lutheran and Nichols Bethel United Methodist Churches for a 3-in-1 Trunk or Treat! Families will be able to walk between the parishes for crafts, games, contests, food, and candy! The event is open to the entire SOTI family! Use the link below to register a trunk for this free event!

<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephodenton/forms/trunk-or-treat-2023> "

**November 2023 Lunch Menu**  
**TOMMY'S FOOD SERVICE @ School of the Incarnation**  
**"Great Food for Great Kids"**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 10am Mass <b>Baked Potato Bar</b> with bacon bits, steamed broccoli, cheddar cheese, butter and sour cream	2 2nd grade field trip <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.
6 <b>Pasta shells</b> with marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	7 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	8 <b>Pizza Day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.	9 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b> <b>CAFETERIA CLOSED</b>	10 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b> <b>CAFETERIA CLOSED</b>
13 <b>Cheeseburger,</b> French fries and veggie	14 <b>Rotini</b> with marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	15 <b>Philly Cheesesteak,</b> Mashed potatoes with gravy and veggie	16 1 <sup>st</sup> grade field trip <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	17 <b>Pizza Day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.
20 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	21 <b>Pizza Day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.	22 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	23 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	24 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>
27 <b>Chicken</b> <b>Nuggets/Corn dogs,</b> Homemade mac and cheese and veggie	28 <b>Spaghetti</b> with marinara sauce, meatballs and tossed salad	29 <b>Walking taco,</b> Spanish rice and corn	30 <b>Breakfast for lunch</b> Pancakes or French toast sticks, sausage, tater tots and baked apples w/ cinnamon sugar	1 <b>DEC</b> <b>Pizza Day</b>  Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.

**Combo lunch** is \$6.50 it includes the **entrée**, choice of milk or juice or bottled water. **Hotdog or grilled cheese**, plus a side & drink (milk, juice or bottled water) is also combo lunch. **Available daily except pizza day:** variety of subs, hotdog, and grilled cheese sandwich, homemade soup, pretzel and **freshly baked cookies daily**. Nachos on Wednesdays, ice cream on Tuesdays & pizza days. We do not deep fry any food. **Prices and menu may change without notice.**

Available Daily	Price	Available Daily	Price	Not Available Daily	Price
Hot dog	\$2.75	Cookies	\$1.25	French Fries	\$2.75
Grilled Cheese	\$2.75	Chips	\$1.25	Rice or Mashed Potato	\$2.75
		Soft Pretzels	\$1.50	Waffle/Curly Fries/Tater tots	\$2.95
<b>Homemade Soup</b>		Pretzel Logs/Bites	\$1.95	Buttered Noodles	\$2.75
Chicken Noodle	\$2.75	Fruit (Apple or Orange)	\$1.50	Chicken Patty Sandwich	\$3.95
Tomato	\$2.75	Fresh Fruit in a Cup	\$2.50	Chicken Tenders (3 pcs)	\$3.50
Vegetable	\$2.75	Yogurt (Yoplait)	\$1.75	Cheeseburger/Hamburger	\$3.95
		GoGurt Yogurt Tube	\$1.00	Corn dog	\$2.75
<b>Salad</b>		String cheese	\$0.60	Meatballs (4 pcs)	\$2.50
Greek, Chicken, Tuna or Egg	\$4.75	Veggie (tossed salad, carrots or sliced cucumber	\$2.00	Meatball Sub	\$4.00
		<b>Tuesdays and Pizza Days ONLY</b>		Pancakes (3)/French toast sticks (3-4)	\$3.50
<b>Beverage</b>		Ice cream cup	\$1.00	Philly Cheesesteak	\$4.50
Milk or Juice	\$0.90	Twister	\$1.75	Pizza (1 slice)	\$2.85
Bottled Water	\$1.00	Scooter Bar	\$1.50	Mac and Cheese	\$3.95
Gatorade/Propel	\$1.75	<b>Wednesdays ONLY</b>		Cheese Ravioli (7 pcs)	\$3.95
		Nachos, Chips and Cheese	\$2.75	Walking Taco	\$4.25
				Fish sandwich	\$4.00

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.

*Thank you, Tommy and Ivanna*



## 2023 SOTI TURKEY TROT SPONSORSHIPS

Contact Information:	
Name	
Email	
Phone	
Business Information:	
Name	
Address	
Phone #	

### Turkey Trot Treat Sponsor

**\*\$750- ONLY 1 AVAILABLE!** Sponsor the snack bag the students receive on event day! Sponsorship receives an exclusive banner displayed on campus the day of the event next to the snack tent. After the event, the banner will be moved next to our school sign on Waugh Chapel Road until Christmas break! Also included is a newsletter announcement and social media recognition.

### Fitness Station Sponsor

**\*\$200- ONLY 5 AVAILABLE!** Sponsor a Fitness Station on the Turkey Trot Loop! Sponsorship will receive a sign placed at one of the fitness stations that entertain the students during the trot. After the event, your sign will be displayed on our school campus! Also included is a newsletter announcement and social media recognition.

**\*Response needed no later than Friday, November 10th\***

Attention: Kristina Rykiel, Development Director

\*Payment requested to be paid online, if possible\*

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/uiku453k>



Are you interested in helping SOTI raise funds to purchase engaging, interactive **technology boards** for our classrooms?

Does your child like to **win prizes** and **receive recognition**?

Would you be willing to **volunteer** and give a minimal amount of time to help our school raise the needed funds?

The **SOTI Turkey Trot** is a walk-a-thon style event where students walk or jog around the perimeter of our school parking area while also enjoying fun fitness stations along the route for about an hour.

The **SOTI Turkey Trot** will be held on **Friday, November 17, 2023.**

Students will receive **donations** from sponsors for the walk-a-thon on their on-line SOTI Turkey Trot **fundraising page!**

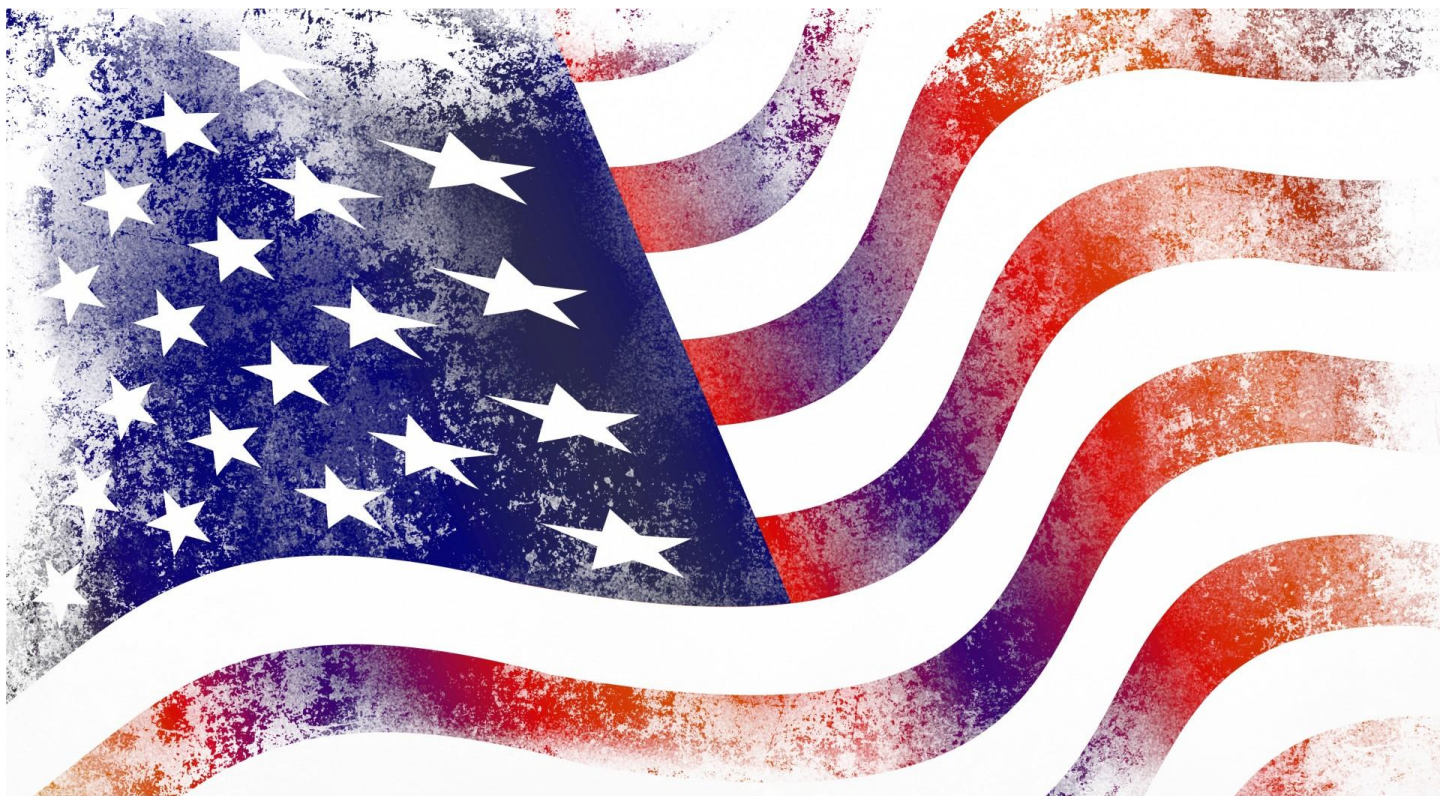
Potential **sponsors** include family members, relatives, close friends and neighbors. Don't forget to include out-of-state relatives and friends!

There are **prizes and incentives** to help promote the success of the SOTI Turkey Trot for both the students and homerooms.

The **SOTI Turkey Trot** will be so much fun and will truly benefit our school!

**GOBBLE! GOBBLE!**





## **Veterans Day Poster Contest**

**Theme: How are you inspired by America?**

**Kindergarten through 5th Grade**

**Create a poster that shows how you are  
inspired by America**

**One winner chosen from K-1-2 and 3-4-5**

**\$25 Target Gift Card for winners**

- Posters must be original work.
- Entries may be done in marker, crayon, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil, or tempera paint.
- Computer generated art or printing is not allowed. No manufactured items on posters.
- Posters must be flat. No folded, matted, mounted or framed work will be accepted.

Turn in your poster to your teacher.  
Remember to put your name and your grade on the back!

**Due Wednesday, November 8th**



# 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_____</p> <p>Enrollment date_____ \$250 tuition credit date _____</p>
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