School of the Incarnation Newsletter

October 13, 2022

Friday, October 14 th : Tuesday, October 18 th :	Spirit Wear Day Individual Yearbook pictures for Gr. 5 – 7 th
Wednesday, October 19 th :	Cap and Gown pictures for Grade 8 Individual Yearbook pictures for Gr. PreK - 4
Friday, October 21st:	Spirit Wear Day
Monday, October 24 th :	Trunk or Treat 6:30 – 8:00 PM – see below to purchase entrance ticket Fall Club Picture Day
Friday, October 28 th :	School Closed – Faculty Retreat
Monday, October 31st:	School Closed
Tuesday, November 1 st :	Winter Uniform begins
	School Mass 10:00 AM
Wednesday, Nov. 2 nd :	Kindergarten Field Trip – Maryland Zoo 8:30 AM – 2:15 PM
	1 st Grade Field Trip – Ft. McHenry 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday, November 4 th :	Spirit Wear Day
Sunday, November 6 th :	Daylight Saving Time ends
Tuesday, November 8 th :	8 th Grade Retreat at OLPH 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Thursday, November 10 th :	¹ / ₂ Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, November 11 th :	Spirit Wear Day
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Friday, November 18 th :	Spirit Wear Day
Wednesday, Nov. 23 rd :	School Closed – Professional Development
November 24 – 25:	School Closed - Thanksgiving

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday, October 18th: 8th Grade Cap & Gown photos, and Grade 5-7 individual portraits. Grades 5-7 may come out of uniform but should wear tennis shoes if they have PE. 8th Grade students must wear their white button-down (winter uniform) shirt and boys must wear their ties. We 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. Please see the <u>Parent Student Handbook</u> for the Out of Uniform Policy.

Wednesday, October 19th: PreK-Grade 4 individual portraits. Students may come out of uniform but should wear tennis shoes if they have PE. Please see the <u>Parent Student Handbook</u> for the Out of Uniform Policy.

Veterans Day Poster Contest

Theme: My Pledge to Our Veterans. Kindergarten through 5th grade – create a poster that shows your pledge to our veterans. More details in the attached flyer. Deadline is Wednesday, November 9th.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

Attention all military, postal, and federal civilian SOTI families- the Combined Federal Campaign enrollment period has begun!

School of the Incarnation is a participating charity in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), which allows federal employees to donate to non-profit organizations through workplace giving. Our school's CFC code is #94557.

Check out the CFC giving website for more information at <u>https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome</u> Please consider designating SOTI on your CFC pledge form. We thank you for your support!

Spirit Wear Update

Always shirts are always in style and can be purchased in the school office. Sizes Youth XS-YL and Adult S-3X. Shirt price is \$10 cash or check.



BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION

If you have any questions or ideas for a club, please contact our school's Auxiliary Services Coordinator, <u>Amy</u> <u>Santini</u>.

The following clubs started this week. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who make these clubs possible!

- Knights on a Mission Outreach Club (PreK-3rd grade)
- Environmental Club: Caring for Creation (PreK-3rd grade)
- Coding and Technology Club (3rd-4th grade)
- Robotics FIRST Lego League Challenge (5th-8th grade)
- FIRST Lego League Explore Team (3rd-4th grade) is tentatively set to start on Oct. 19th

Looking Ahead:

Stay tuned and continue reading these weekly newsletters for information and interest forms to fill out for Trimester 2/Winter club possibilities!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Please consider volunteering your time and talents with the Beyond Program to give as many students as possible the chance to participate: <u>https://forms.gle/arfj7rTZJmH6P5gr7</u>

Theatre Club Needs Volunteers!

Mrs. Petersen is looking for volunteers to lead the Stage Crew for the Middle School Fall Play. We have quite a few middle school students who want to join the Stage Crew, but Mrs. Petersen needs an adult moderator because she is busy working with the actors. Stage Crew might not be able to happen without the help of volunteers. So, if you are familiar with working with stage crew or think you might be good with helping to guide students in designing/building sets/props/costumes for the Fall Play, please contact Mrs. Petersen as soon as possible. Thank you! (spetersen@schooloftheincarnation.org)

Attention 8th Grade Parents and Students - HSPT Registration

Registration for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) is now open. You may access the form via the following link, and our deadline for registration is Wednesday, November 23, 2022. Please, note that a \$40.00 fee is required to be paid online at the time of registration.

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

All our students will take the exam in school on Wednesday, November 30th, and it is important that they register to test at School of the Incarnation. High schools are listed first on the registration site, so you will need to scroll through those choices to find the elementary/middle schools toward the bottom of the page.

For students who qualify to receive accommodations, parents must upload official copies of educational test results by November 18th. This is a firm deadline because the system will lock afterward, preventing further uploads. Per Archdiocese requirements, a doctor's note or a copy of an accommodation plan will not suffice, and test results must be from at least 5th grade or more recent.

For questions or further assistance, you may contact Kristin Jacobs: kjacobs@schooloftheincarantion.org

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 part-time work? Our ESP program is still in need of additional staff for the afternoons (3:15-5:30 PM). 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>lbucci@schooloftheincarnation.org</u> or Jackie Simon for more information <u>JSimon@schooloftheincarnation.org</u>

The God Spot

Parents, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in saying the rosary on Wednesday morning at 7:15 a.m. in the "Gathering Place" (outside of the doors to the middle school hallway on the west side of the building). We hope that you can join us for all or part of the rosary! With any questions, please contact Mr. Stehle at <u>cstehle@schooloftheincarnation.org</u>



Parent Advisory Council News

Save the Date -Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday October 21st from 6:30-8:00 PM. See the attached flyer for more details. Ticket sales will continue until we have reached our maximum allowance of cars. Pizza sales ended on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Please purchase your ticket today! To purchase an entry ticket, please click the link below: https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/trunkortreat22?token=149446

The Trunk or Treat Committee needs volunteers. We need adult volunteers to help man the parking lot entrance for cars arriving at the event and to help cars safely exit at the conclusion of the event. Please consider volunteering – each slot is only 30 minutes!

Sign up here: Trunk or Treat Volunteers





SAVE THE DATE!!!

School of the Incarnation PAC presents our annual



Friday October 21st 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. \$20 per car

Kids of all ages are invited to join us for a Spooktakular evening of safe Halloween fun!

- Trick or treating from the trunks of decorated cars
- DJ and Photo Booth
- Prizes for best costumes and decorated cars
- Pizza sales have closed

Purchase tickets here!



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Kindergarten through 5th Grade Create a poster that shows your pledge to our veterans

Winners 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 <u>not</u> 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.

Due Wednesday, November 9th

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HOLY FAMILY | OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS | OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP | ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON | ST. JOSEPH

Thursday, October 13, 2022

Dear School of the Incarnation Families,

School of the Incarnation is committed to proper safety measures, transparent communication, and adapting to changing COVID conditions. Our primary focus is on keeping the well-being of our students, faculty, and staff as our top priority.

In accord with the most recent guidance, we will report positive COVID- 19 cases on a weekly basis. School-wide notifications of such cases will be sent out on Thursdays via the School Newsletter. We will not be contact tracing and identifying close contacts within school.

The following positive Covid cases have been reported in our school community:

- Third grade student in Mrs. White's homeroom. Last day in school was 10/6/22.
- Staff member in Mrs. Smith's classroom. Last day in school was 10/6/22.

We encourage you to continue to actively monitor the health of your child daily and be alert to any of the major symptoms of COVID; including, but not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, and shortness of breath. Masking is optional unless directed to do so by a health official after a quarantine. The school is not responsible for enforcing any individual masking preferences or obligations. Should any concerning symptoms appear, please contact your medical professional and alert the school office at 410-519-2285.

Should you wish to review additional information to address any questions regarding your child's potential exposure to a COVID-positive individual, we encourage you to visit the CDC, Maryland Department of Health, or local health department's websites. Thank you for your assistance in this process. We are grateful for your support and partnership.

Sincerely in Christ,

Nancy Baker Principal

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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	<u>New Family</u>
Parent name(s)	Parent name(s)
	Student name(s)/Grade(s)
Address	Address
City, State, MD	City, State, Zip
Phone	Phone
Email	Email
How do you know this family? \Box Work \Box H	Friend 🗆 Relative 🗆 Neighbor
	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___

-Office use only-	Form submission date	Contact date
Enrollment date_		_ \$250 tuition credit date