

# School of the Incarnation Newsletter

October 29, 2020

Friday, October 30 <sup>th</sup> :	½ Day and Orange/Black/Halloween accessories Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Green 11:15 - 11:30</li><li>○ Blue 11:30 - 11:45</li><li>○ Yellow 11:45 - 12:00</li><li>○ Red 12:00 - 12:15</li></ul>
Monday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	School Closed – Faculty Retreat
Tuesday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Winter Uniform begins
Friday, November 6 <sup>th</sup> :	Spirit Wear Day Veterans Day poster contest deadline
Tuesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup> :	HSA Virtual Parent Meeting for Grade PreK – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup> :	HSA Virtual Parent Meeting for Grade 4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday, November 19 <sup>th</sup> :	School Mass 9:50 AM
Friday, November 20 <sup>th</sup> :	Spirit Wear Day



## **Reminder – Out of State Travel Policy**

Per 2020-2021 Parent Student Handbook Addendum:

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 through the SOTI student body and faculty, if any employee or student (learning or working on-campus) plans to travel to a state with a COVID positivity rate exceeding 10% during the period of their stay, notification of such intention to travel must be communicated in writing to the School administration via [this form](#) at least 5 business days prior to departure. Those travelling will be required to quarantine upon their return until such time as they provide evidence of a negative test result of COVID-19 and are asymptomatic. If a test cannot be obtained, the individual must complete an entire 14 day quarantine. The following website contains information regarding all 50 states, territories and several popular international destinations.

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/testing-positivity>

For the purposes of this policy, a positivity rate of 10% is defined as the average rate of positivity through the duration of the travel period.

## **TOMORROW - Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Tomorrow, Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> is a half day. Please see above for dismissal times. Students may dress in orange and/or black and also wear Halloween accessories – hair ribbons, necklaces, socks, etc. Costumes are not to be worn. Please refer to page 46 in the Parent and Student Handbook for out of uniform guidelines.

## **Winter Uniform**

Students should begin wearing winter uniform on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</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.

## **Veterans Day Poster Contest**

Students in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> can create a poster showing what patriotism means to them. See attached flyer for more details.

## **School Pictures**

Please call OnSite Photography **443-254-5184** or email [scrase@onsitephotography.biz](mailto:scrase@onsitephotography.biz) with any questions about picture ordering or orders.

## **Applications for 2021-2022 school year**

Applications for new students (not current students) are available on our school website. Applications should be submitted by January 29, 2021 to be considered in the first round. If you know a family interested in attending SOTI, please complete the attached referral form.

## **Yearbook**

The price of the yearbook is \$30 until November 6th and will be going up to \$35 on November 7th. You can order your yearbook here:

[https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1521567/School-of-the-Incarnation/2021-Yearbook/2020082004235888399/CATALOG\\_SHOP/](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1521567/School-of-the-Incarnation/2021-Yearbook/2020082004235888399/CATALOG_SHOP/).

## **Maryland STEM Fest 2020**

The Maryland STEM Fest is now open and running through November 1, 2020. Free and open to students of all ages, this yearly event is full of hundreds of events focused on fun, interactive science learning opportunities. To learn more about the Maryland STEM Festival events visit: <https://marylandstemfestival.org>

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# Home and School Association (HSA) News

## **HSA Vice-President – Christopher Long**

Introducing Christopher Long, your HSA Vice-President. He is a lifelong resident of Prince George's County. He has worked in local government for over 22 years, served as an elected labor representative for 14 of those years, and is a diehard fan of San Francisco Giants Baseball. Chris is the proud father of three children: Braxton (15), Spencer (13), and Caitlyn (7). His youngest, Caitlyn, is a second grader at School of the Incarnation. Chris and his wife, Kristelle, have volunteered in various capacities at SOTI since just before their daughter began Kindergarten in 2018.



## **HSA Hospitality Committee**

The HSA Hospitality Committee is organizing committees of parents for each grade level. These committees will support that grade's teachers throughout the year. Examples of what the committees might do include: providing small treats for the teachers throughout the year, coordinating store-bought and individually packaged treats for students at holidays, etc.

Additionally, the HSA Hospitality Committee will be organizing one teacher appreciation event each month to let SOTI teachers and staff know how much we appreciate them this year and always! Each grade level committee will work with HSA Hospitality Committee to coordinate one of these school-wide events throughout the year. Examples of these monthly events include themed care packages for teachers, grab-and-go outdoor breakfast for teachers, individually packaged snacks for teachers, etc.

Parents of in-person and virtual students are invited to volunteer, and the committees will not be tied to a specific cohort or homeroom. Parents will not be volunteering in the classroom, and all activities will follow SOTI's Covid-19 protocols.

For returning SOTI parents, this program will replace room parents for 2020-2021. Like everything this year, we are reimagining how things work! If you have questions, please reach out to Frannie Schneider at [frannieschneider@gmail.com](mailto:frannieschneider@gmail.com).

Sign up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b45ada72aa4fa7-20202021>. Thank you for your support!

**SAVE THE DATE VIRTUAL PARENT MEETINGS:**

***PreK-3rd November 10th***

***4th-8th November 12th***

Please submit any questions you may want addressed by November 6th by clicking [here](#) and we will be sure to answer those questions during the meetings. Link to join and times coming soon.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

Since we are not having a normal school year with our amazing in person events we have come up with some plans for other things to get involved in. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for any of the following events:

- Santagrams - send Santa to neighborhoods/homes of our students, social distancing of course
- Virtual Bingo
- Silent Auction
- Uniform Exchange
- Selling wreaths
- Adopt a Family by cohort!! THIS WILL BE FUN! Instead of a Christmas Party the cohorts can have a wrapping party, both in person cohorts and virtual cohorts.
- Food Drive

If you would like to volunteer please send an email to [SOTIHSABOARD@gmail.com](mailto:SOTIHSABOARD@gmail.com).



# Veterans Day Poster Contest

**Theme: What Patriotism Means to You**

**Kindergarten through 5th Grade**  
Create a poster which shows what  
patriotism means to you.

**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 not allowed. No manufactured items on posters.
- Posters must be flat. No folded, matted, mounted or framed work will be accepted.

**In person students: Turn in to your teacher.**

**Remote students: Drop off at the office.**

**Due Friday, November 6th.**



# 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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