

THE WEEKLY WORD

Oct. 2, 2020



Keeping Our Traditions in a Time of Pandemic

The Junior Ring Ceremony is among our most beloved celebrations at IWA. Originally scheduled for last spring, the ceremony was moved to this past Wednesday due to the Covid-19 pandemic. [Read more](#) about how we remade this important tradition for these unprecedented times, and watch the Mass if you missed it. You can also [view images from the Mass here](#) taken by Ms. Desiree Rodriguez, our graphic designer and multimedia associate. Mr. Jamie Adams, one of our history teachers, shared some of his photos [here](#).

Important Dates

October 3

- Cross Country TWCA Series #4 at The Woodlands Christian Academy

October 6

- Volleyball vs Frassati (Away) 4:30 (Freshman) 5:30 (JV) 6:30 (Varsity)

October 8 and 9

- Virtual parent/teacher conferences (*see below*)

October 8

- Volleyball (Home) vs St. Agnes 4:30 (Freshman) 5:30 (JV) 6:30 (Varsity)

October 12

- Columbus Day - No school or remote learning

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences | Oct. 8 and 9

Virtual parent/student/teacher conferences will take place next Thursday, Oct. 8 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All conferences will take place on Zoom. [Click here](#) for teacher Zoom links.

[Please sign up in advance](#) to schedule a 10-minute Zoom conference with a specific teacher. *Sign ups close Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 12 p.m.*

Only parents who have scheduled a conference will be allowed to meet with teachers.

Schedule Change for Next Week

Monday, Oct. 5 | Group A on campus: odd classes

Tuesday, Oct. 6 | Group B on campus: odd classes

Wednesday, Oct. 7 | Group A on campus: even classes

Thursday, Oct. 8 | Group B on campus: even classes

Friday, Oct. 9 | Weather Make-Up Day

Students will follow our regular, eight-period Wednesday schedule. Teachers will not host office hours.

General Announcements



We Need Your Help!

Incarnate Word Academy applies for e-rate funding each year to mitigate the cost for providing technology access to our students. The application process requires the completion of a survey by the parents of our students. The responses to this survey will affect our

e-rate funding for the coming year.

Please complete the [Income Eligibility Form found here](#) and send back to bgonzalez@incarnateword.org.

Carpool Line Reminder

At this year's auction, one of our families purchased our First in the Carpool Line package. This allows the winner to pull to the very front spot in the line every day. So, if you notice a white sedan pulling in front of you, give a friendly IWA wave. If you're wishing it could be you, consider purchasing this package yourself in our auction next spring!

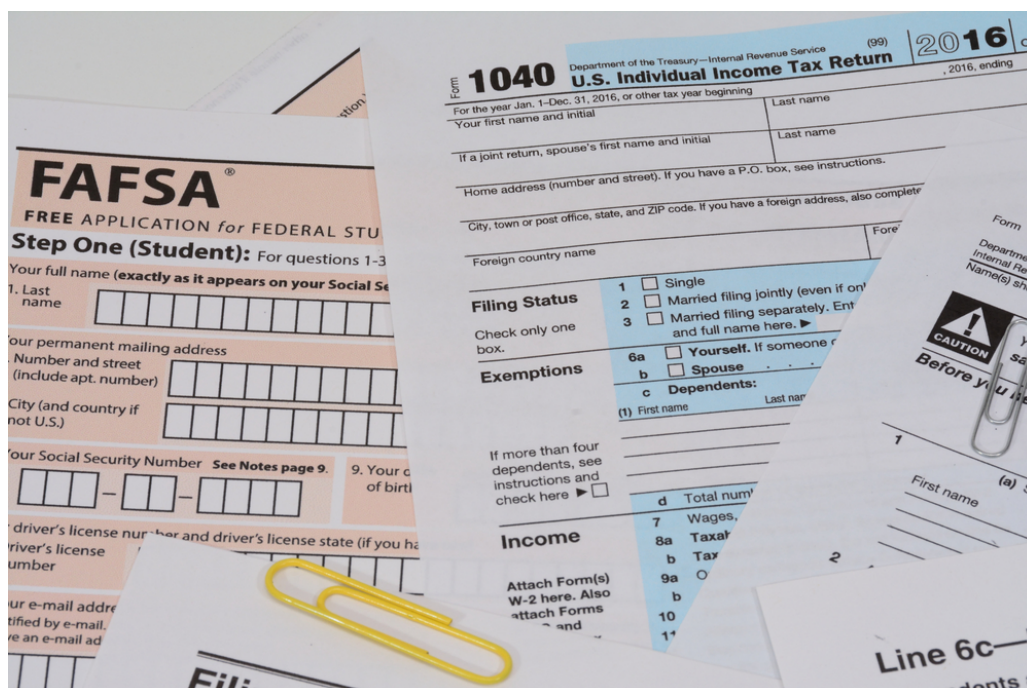




Cross Country Shines at LaPorte Invitational

Congratulations to the varsity Cross Country team for taking first place at the LaPorte Invitational. Anna Hartman took 1st place, Anora Lee finished 2nd, Amanda Stockton finished 3rd, Esperanza Vasquez was 4th, and Maddie Taylor and Katie Rzasnicki finished 6th and 7th. Great job girls!

College Counseling News



Financial Aid Information

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) is open! This application is the first step to applying for financial aid.

How do I complete the FAFSA?

First [you must create a FSA ID](#).

Then, [gather the necessary documents](#).

Finally, you are ready to [complete the FAFSA](#).

College advisors at CaféCollege Houston are scheduling one-on-one virtual meetings to complete the FAFSA. If you are interested in scheduling a meeting with them, you may [sign up here](#).

Financial Aid Information Session | Oct. 7 | 6 p.m.

A representative from the University of Houston Financial Aid Office will guide us through the Financial Aid process. [join us here](#).

Virtual Catholic Schools College Fair | Oct. 6

6 to 8 p.m. [Register here](#).

Virtual College Representative Visits

Monday, Oct. 5

[Suffolk University](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 7

[Loyola University Chicago](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 6

[Syracuse University](#)

Thursday, Oct. 8

[Savannah College of Art and Design](#)

Campus Ministry



Altar Server Training | Oct. 6 and 7

Students wishing to become altar servers are encouraged to attend our training sessions. Both those with previous altar serving experience and newcomers are welcome to take part in this ministry.

The schedule is as follows:

Group B | Tuesday, Oct. 6 | Flex Time

Group A | Wednesday, Oct. 7 | Flex Time

Training will take place in the IWA chapel. [See this form](#) to learn more and sign up.



Be Part of Young Life

First Club Meeting | Oct. 5

Students at IWA, St. Thomas High School and Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart have the opportunity to start a Houston chapter for Young Life. The interdenominational ministry is a way for teens to better know Jesus Christ while participating in fun, faith-enriching activities. [Learn more here.](#)

New Date for Freshman Retreat | Oct. 28

We had to postpone our freshman retreat. Note the new date, above. We will send further details soon.

Sophomore Retreat | Nov. 4

Details will be released later this month.

Technology Support



Any student who needs assistance with iPad set up or support can come by Mr. Moudry's office in Room 300 for assistance.

He will also be in the cafeteria Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays starting at 7:30 a.m. to answer questions and provide assistance.

Students can also email him at tmoudry@incarnateword.org

IWA Snapshots



We dropped into Ms. Postel's textiles class this week to see how our students' projects were coming along. Always a popular class, we loved seeing their creativity.

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