

THE WEEKLY WORD

Sept. 17, 2021

Two IWA Students Named National Merit Semifinalists



Nicole C. '22

Emily Q. '22

Nicole Cross '22 and Emily Quin '22 are among 16,000 students nationwide to be named National Merit Semifinalists. That puts them among one percent of high schoolers to receive the honor. [Read more here.](#)

The Upcoming Week

Saturday, Sept. 18

- Environmental Club Coastal Clean-Up (Galveston)

Tuesday, Sept. 21

- Club Fair - Flex Time
- Volleyball vs. St. Pius X (Away) 4:30 (Freshman), 5:30 (JV) and 6:30 (Varsity) p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 23

- Volleyball vs. The Village School (Home) 4:30 (JV) and 5:30 (Varsity) p.m.

Friday, Sept. 24

- Freshman Retreat
- Falcon Friday 2:45 p.m. dismissal

Saturday, Sept. 25

- Woodlands Christian Series #3

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, Sept. 28

- School picture retakes

Friday, Oct. 1

- All-School Mass | Annunciation Catholic Church | 8:10 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 4

- Raffle Kickoff Pep Rally

Tuesday, Oct. 5

- College Fair - Strake Jesuit | 6:00 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 11

- Columbus Day Holiday - no school; teacher in-service

Please see our [school calendar](#) for a comprehensive list of school events. It is updated regularly.

Falcon Fridays

Falcon Friday are every Friday when we do not have an all-school Mass or special event. On Falcon Fridays, students may wear a Spirit T-shirt with their uniform skirts. Falcon Fridays for the Fall semester are:

September 24

October 8

October 15

October 22

October 29

November 5

November 12

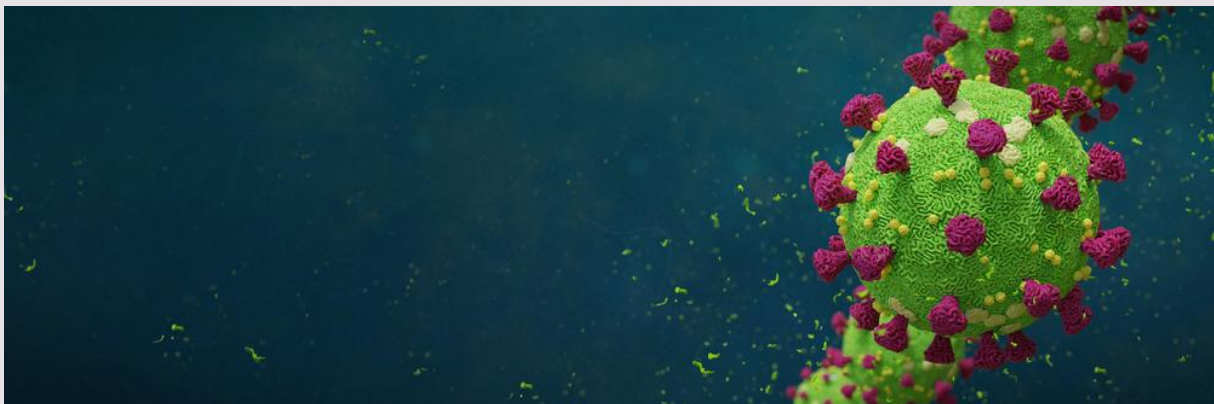
December 3

December 10

Parent Teacher Conference Are Coming Up!

Parent-Teacher conferences will take place on Oct. 13 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and Oct. 14 from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. Sign-ups will be available in next week's "Weekly Word".

Daily Self Screening for COVID-19



This is a reminder to parents that it is vital for you to screen your daughters each day for COVID-19 symptoms. We want to be sure we minimize the spread of the virus, and self-screening helps us do so. We have had students coming to school masked but with COVID-19 symptoms. Help us keep our whole community safe by conducting a self-screen every day. [See our COVID-19 protocols here.](#)

School Photos News

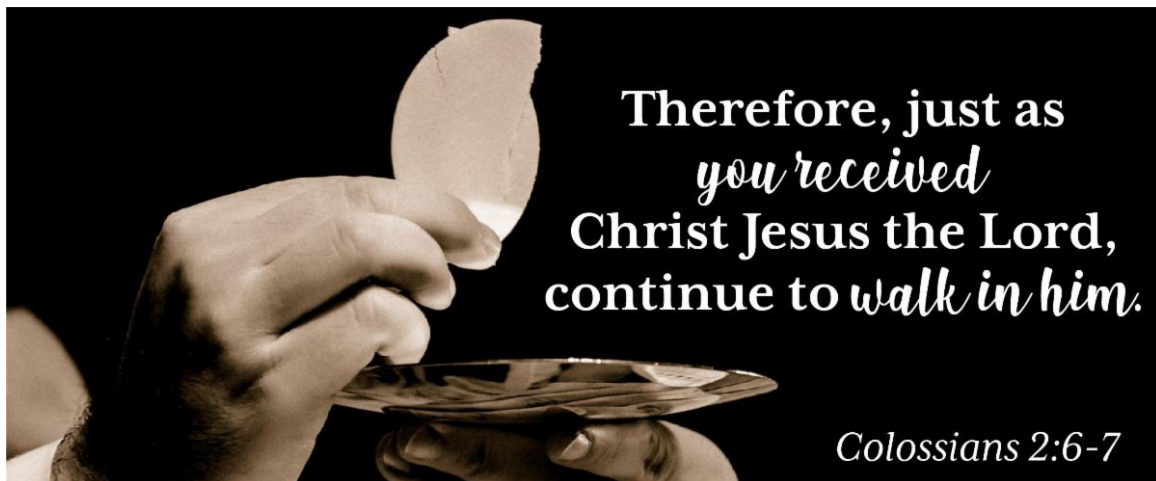
Picture retakes are Tuesday, Sept. 28. Students who missed the first picture day **must wear their Mass uniform for pictures.** Students who have issues with their original pictures may return those photos and have new ones taken on Sept. 28.

Class Spotlight: Dance II



We love so much about our IWA class offerings, particularly that we have myriad opportunities for our students to learn about the fine arts. We stopped into Ms. Cloe Leppard's Dance II class, where she and her students had just completed a unit on Jazz. The class studies all forms of dance, including ballet, modern and musical theatre, exploring their evolutions and different styles within each genre. Jazz is a melting pot of dance styles, incorporating techniques from ballet, tap and more, with students learning several crossover steps such as grand jetes, travel steps like "the chase" and turns. "Jazz is important because it's the most-seen style of dance," Leppard explained. "Jazz can be found in Broadway performances, TV shows, movies, even TikTok. This is the style the girls really get into, enjoy and ultimately connect with the most." Dance I and Dance II are electives, open to all students.

Freshman Retreat



The Freshman Retreat is Friday, Sept. 24. Students will arrive on campus and check in with their designated chaperone. We will then walk over to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. This year's retreat theme is modeled after Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax" and will include testimonies by upperclassmen, small groups and prayer activities. Following Mass at the Co-Cathedral, we will walk back to IWA and have lunch. The remainder of the retreat will take place on campus with some team building activities. Students will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m.

Be Part of Young Life

[Young Life](#) is back for the second year at St. Thomas High School, Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart and IWA. Young Life is a worldwide, interdenominational ministry for teens that provides fun, exciting ways for students to know Jesus Christ and to grow in their faith. [Learn more here.](#)

The first meeting is Monday, Sept. 20 at 7:13 p.m. on the STH football field.

Meetings are on Monday nights every week during the school year.

For more information, contact the Heights Area Young Life Director, [Rachel Andrade](#).

Athletics

Remember to sign up for a shift to volunteer at the Houston Texans store! This opportunity is open to all in the IWA community and a requirement for the students who play a sport and their families. Sign up today!

Upcoming Opportunities:

[Texans games](#)

[Monster Jam](#)

Let's Dance!



IWA Back to School Social | Saturday, Sept. 25 | 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Students in grades nine through 12 from IWA and local Catholic high schools are invited to attend our "Ready, Steady, Glow" back-to-school social. The lock-in is from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Those who come dressed in neon or blackout wear will get three free snack tickets.

Dress code:

Masks are required. No cut-off shirts, bare midriffs or head coverings. All jeans must be in good condition with no holes.

Girls: Jeans and a T-shirt. (No spaghetti straps, no shorts, no skirts, no dresses or leggings)

Boys: Blue jeans and a T-shirt.

Questions? [Email Ms. Kornegay](#).

Lots of Homecoming News to Share



Ellia Volf '22 has been named to *Strake Jesuit High School's Homecoming Court*. Congratulations to Ellia!

St. Thomas High School's Homecoming football game is *Friday, Oct. 8* and the Homecoming Dance is *Saturday, Oct. 9*. IWA students who are attending the dance with STH students and wish to purchase armbands for their dates [can do so here](#). Instructions for ordering can be [found here](#). Need more information on Homecoming? Check out [Homecoming 101](#) on the St. Thomas High School Mothers Club website. For IWA students attending the Homecoming Dance, [see the dress code here](#).

Donation Drive

Following the devastation of Hurricane Ida, students from Tulane University are housed in hotels downtown near our IWA campus for the next couple of weeks and are in need of donations.



Our Campus Ministry Team and Student Council are asking everyone to bring in items next week and show Tulane University Students how IWA embraces our community.

They are seeking donations of water, snacks, face masks and toiletries.

Donations boxes will be placed throughout the building.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Tuesday, Oct. 5 | 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Strake Jesuit College Fair

Join the IWA Mothers' Club and help show your Falcon pride! The group will be decorating a table to welcome college representatives from around the country. This is one of the largest college fairs on the Houston calendar and we want to showcase all that's special about IWA. We'll use items from our Spirit Shop. [RSVP here](#).

Spend Spring Break in Paris, Strasbourg, and Munich!



We are looking forward to travelling together in Spring 2022 to Paris, Strasbourg, and Munich. Interested students and parents should [visit this link](#) for more information.

While an enrollment deposit is needed by Oct. 1, "no risk" enrollment is in place through Nov. 1. This means you have the option to cancel by Nov. 1 for a full refund. Please contact [Andrea Smith](#) or [Rachel Ray](#) for more information.

IWA Snapshots



Our publications class students held a font "fashion show" this week, as part of their lesson about typography. The class is charged with producing IWA's yearbook, "The Margil." The winners of the fashion show were:

1st Place: Alex Alvarez '22, representing the Koning font.

2nd Place: Sarah Olmos '22, with Pacfont.

3rd Place: Zoe Meuser '23, who chose to showcase Pink Clouds.

*Have a submission or story idea for The Weekly Word? The deadline for submissions is **every Tuesday at noon**. Send submissions and ideas to communications@incarnateword.org.*

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