

THE WEEKLY WORD

Oct. 1, 2021

The Coming Week

Monday, Oct. 4 - Friday, Oct. 8

- Student IDs handed out

Monday, Oct. 4

- Raffle Kickoff Pep Rally | Flex

Tuesday, Oct. 5

- Volleyball (Home) vs. St. Agnes | 4:30 (Freshman), 5:30 (JV) and 6:30 (Varsity) p.m.
- College Fair - Strake Jesuit High School | 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 7

- Volleyball (Away) vs. St. John XXIII | 4:30 (Freshman), 5:30 (JV) and 6:30 (Varsity) p.m.

Friday, Oct. 8

- St. Thomas Pep Rally | *1:30 dismissal for seniors only with permission slip (see below)*
- Falcon Friday | 2:45 p.m. dismissal

Saturday, Oct. 9

- Cross Country: Maverick Ramble at Spring Creek Park

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, Oct. 11

- Faculty in-service - no classes

Tuesday, Oct. 12

- Regular school day - White Day Schedule

Wednesday, Oct. 13

- Freshmen take the PreACT | Noon dismissal*
- Sophomores and juniors take the PSAT/NMSQT | Noon dismissal*
- Young Women's Leadership Conference - *Seniors only* | 11:30 dismissal
- Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences | 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 14

- Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences | 8:00 a.m. to Noon
- Asynchronous eight-period day - *students off campus* | Noon dismissal | [See special schedule here](#)

Friday, Oct. 15

- Plaid Day - eight-period schedule - *students on campus* | 2:45 p.m. dismissal | [See special schedule here](#)

**Later dismissal for students with pre-approved extended time for testing.*

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

Sign Up for Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Student-Teacher conferences are Oct. 13 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and Oct. 14 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Sign-ups for conferences are now available. [Click here](#) to schedule a conference. *Sign-ups will close on Sunday, Oct. 10*

Young Women's Leadership Conference



YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Wednesday, Oct. 13 | 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Class of 2022 will attend our annual Young Women's Leadership Conference, a special event hosted by PwC. During the on-campus event, students will get a sense of what it is like to attend a professional conference. PwC's women leaders will be hosting talks, breakout sessions and activities where students will hear about their career journeys and get advice about being a woman in the professional world. More information about the conference will be sent to the Class of 2022 soon.

A Note About Flex Time

Flex Time at Incarnate Word Academy is a purposeful period at the end of the school day that provides a space for students to connect with their teachers, engage with their peers and participate in enriching activities. During Flex, teachers are available for extra assistance and support. Additionally, this is a time for students to make-up formative assessments in a quiet space. ***We ask that students not be signed out early during Flex.*** In the event your daughter needs to leave early, please communicate with your daughter where she will be on-campus so we can maintain minimal disruption to the learning environment. We appreciate your support in this matter.



Falcon FRIDAYS

[Click here](#) to download and print our Falcon Fridays calendar for the fall semester. You can also find this information on our [Current Families](#) page on our

Class Spotlight: Honors Geometry



Geometry is a required course for all IWA students. Students in our Honors Geometry course have either qualified for it with their grade from Algebra I or were placed in the class based on their scores on the incoming freshman placement exam.

"A lot of people associate geometry with shapes and proofs and it is a course that pushes the student to think differently about math," said Mrs. Kristan Siegal, who teaches Honors Geometry. "I enjoy the course because most people don't. I enjoy making geometry fun and hands-on to help students experience the lessons to help change the way people view geometry and math in general."

This week, Siegal made a coordinate grid on the floor and had students move around as though they were points on the graph. "This helps students go from simply memorizing the relationships and formulas to truly understanding the mathematical relationships," she said. "The students have said that this activity helps them better visualize what happens when figures are reflected or translated instead of just memorizing the formulas."

Fall Choir Concert Update

Our annual Fall Choir Concert is scheduled for Oct. 7. Should the Astros have a playoff game that evening, the concert will be postponed until Monday, Oct. 11.

Look for more details soon should the Astros continue through the playoffs.



IWA Students Named to St. Thomas High School Homecoming Court

Homecoming Court



Congratulations to Eva Cheng '22, Carson Chesnut '22 and Alexandra Robey '22 on being named to the St. Thomas High School Homecoming Court!

St. Thomas Homecoming Reminders

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](#).

IWA seniors are invited to the St. Thomas High School Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday, Oct. 8. *In order to attend, students must [print out and return this permission slip by Monday, Oct. 4](#).*

Athletics



Cross Country Teams Win Big

Our varsity and JV cross country teams both won 1st place at the Woodlands Christian Invitational last weekend. The majority of them made personal records in their races. Way to go, ladies!

A Successful Tournament

Last weekend was also our annual middle volleyball school tournament. "A lot of parents were impressed by its organization how all the girls at IWA are so friendly and welcoming," said Athletic Director Rick Perez.

Sign Up to Volunteer!

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](#)



Get Ready for Raffle!



Our Falcon Raffle Pep Rally is Monday, Oct. 4 during Flex. This all-school event offers excitement and details about this year's raffle, our most important student-led fundraiser.

As a reminder, each student is required to sell or donate a ticket value of \$360. The dollar amount of any unsold quota of tickets after raffle ends will be billed on the December Smart Tuition bill, which is due on Jan. 1, 2022 and is not tax deductible. Please refer to the [IWA Student and Parent Handbook](#) for more information about this policy.

New College Workshop Coming Soon!



Beginning Oct. 8, the College Counseling Office will hold a college application

workshop *for all seniors* from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. in the Mattel Center on the 4th floor. This is an opportunity for students to come in and have the space and opportunity to work on anything college related, from researching schools to writing essays to completing applications. Mrs. Watkins there to assist!

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.](#)

Spring Break Trip Deposit Due Today!



For those who are going on our spring break trip, the travel deposit is due today, Oct. 1, with a full refund for cancellation by Nov. 1.

Please contact [Andrea Smith](#) or [Rachel Ray](#) for more information.

Class of 2024 and Class of 2025 Field Trip Reminder

"The Nutcracker" | Dec. 9

The Classes of 2024 and 2025 will see a performance of "The Nutcracker" on Thursday, Dec. 9. [Permission slips](#) and payment for this field trip are due on Monday, Oct. 4.

Photo: "The Nutcracker," performed by the Houston Ballet. Courtesy Visit Houston and Amitava Sarakr.



New Volunteer Opportunities for Parents

Gala Committee

It's our biggest fundraiser of the year and you can be part of the team that throws it! Consider joining one of our Gala committees and make a commitment to the success of this annual event. Contact [Lauren Schneider](#) for more details.

Parent Ambassadors

The IWA Office of Admissions is looking for parent applicants to help with special events, hosting outreach opportunities and sharing IWA news on social media. This position has minimal time requirements but is vital to our work. Parents

IWA Snapshots



We stopped into Mrs. Rachael Valka's Theology III class this week, where she and her students were taking part in a "baptism lab." Through discussions and hands-on activities, students learned about the rite, necessity and effects of baptism. They walked through the rite of baptism with a doll, as well as taking part in a science experiment with iodine and bleach that showcased how sin stains us and how, through the grace of baptism, our souls are cleansed.

*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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