

THE WEEKLY WORD

Sept. 18, 2020

A Message from Sister Lauren Beck, C.V.I.

I love being able to say that we'll welcome 85% of our students back to campus this coming Monday. I know the students are excited about it and we are too! I want to thank our dedicated faculty and staff for successfully bringing us to this point.

When our students return on Monday, they will experience the familiar: their friends, their teachers, some co-curricular activities and regular school routines. They will also experience temperature checks, mandatory mask-wearing, one-way traffic patterns, social distancing requirements, and expectations to use the hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes in classroom and common areas. This is our "new normal," at least for the time being. Things will be different. It may even cause some disappointment. Please know that we are working hard to bring back all that we can, as soon as we can, when we can do it in a safe way.

We are certainly moving into a different phase and if it is to be successful, it will take all of us working together. We must all stay the course and comply with what is outlined in our [Return to Learning Plan](#).

I would like to address the 15% of our families who have chosen to have their daughters continue with remote learning for the time being. I certainly respect your decision. Please know that we are committed to continue offering your daughters care and attention in their remote learning.

We remain committed to serving our mission: Academics, Values and Spirituality. As we move forward together, let us pray for one another and for those who suffer, in any way, as a result of COVID-19. May each of us have the eyes and ears to notice the pain and help wherever we can.

Praised be the Incarnate Word!

Sr. Lauren Beck C.V.I.



What to Expect on Monday



A parent/guardian will be responsible for screening their daughter(s) using observation and the following screening questions prior to leaving for school.

Has the individual recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for him or her:

Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100° Fahrenheit	Headache
Loss of taste or smell	Chills
Cough	Sore throat
Difficulty breathing	Shaking or exaggerated shivering
Shortness of breath	Significant muscle pain or ache
	Diarrhea

Any student, faculty, or staff who exhibits one or more COVID-19 like symptoms (as listed above) in a way that is not normal for them must stay at home and notify the COVID Compliance Coordinator via email at C-19Compliance@ccarnotaword.org

Daily Self Screening

As we prepare to come back to campus, all students, faculty and staff will be required to self screen for Covid-19 symptoms every day.

Click the image to the left to learn about our procedures and what to do if you exhibit signs of Covid-19.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in following these guidelines.

Important Dates

September 21

- Hybrid learning begins

September 22

- Volleyball (Away) vs. Duchesne 4:30 (JV) and 5:30 p.m. (Varsity)

September 24

- Volleyball (Home) vs. Faith West Academy 5:00 (JV) and 6:00 p.m. (Varsity)
- Cross Country La Porte Meet

September 26

- Cross Country Providence Classical High School Invitational

September 25 - 26

- Volleyball Fast Complex Tournament (Varsity) TBA

September 30

- Class of 20201 Ring Ceremony 8 a.m. (in person and live streamed)



Meet This Week's Woman of the Word

Fiona Cosgrove '22 likes the logic of math, and describes herself as someone who is very factual. Coming to IWA was a risk for her...and she's glad she took it! [Read her story here.](#)

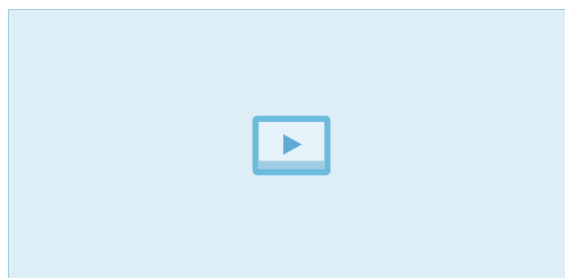
Do you know a student with a great story we should share? Email communications@incarnateword.org with details and we might feature her as a profile.

General Announcements

Get Your Flu Shot Soon!

Houston health experts are cautioning us that in light of the coronavirus, it is more important than ever for everyone to get a flu shot. Dr. David Persse, of the Houston Health Department says, "Although we can't predict exactly when the inevitable spike in Houston cases will occur, we know it will indeed occur. That's why everyone should take the important step of getting a flu shot now."

Academics and Counseling



If you missed our College Admissions 101 Zoom discussion this week, you can watch the video, above.

Virtual College Representative Visits

Monday, Sept. 21 | [Oklahoma City University](#)

Wednesday, Sept. 23 | [Stevens Institute of Technology](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 22 | [Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi](#)

Thursday, Sept. 24 | [Sacred Heart University](#)

Friday, Sept. 25 | [Iona College](#)

Campus Ministry



Join us for a study group for John Paul II's "Letter to Women," where we'll learn about God and the feminine genius with this beautiful letter! Make friends, have fun, and grow in faith along the way. We'll meet in the Virtual Matel Center. [Sign up here.](#)



Upcoming Events:

Divine Mercy Chaplet | Every Friday at 3 p.m.

Freshman Retreat | Oct. 7 | Save the date
More details coming soon.

Class of 2021 Ring Ceremony | Sept. 30 | 8 a.m.

The ceremony will take place at Annunciation. All seniors will attend in person. Other classifications will follow the event live on our website.



Congratulations to our Carpool Line Winner

The Seaton family won front-of-the-carpool-line privileges in our online auction this summer. That means they head to the front of the line for drop off and pick up all year round. If you see their white sedan heading to the front of the line, give them a friendly wave and a warm IWA welcome.



Keep this auction item in mind for next year's gala and auction event. It's a great package!

LAM Lot Parking Update



Student parking is available in the LAM lot across from IWA at the intersection of Jackson and Capitol streets.

Parking applications can be emailed to [Ms. West](#) or submitted to the front office on the first day of school. Parking can be paid for with a check made out to LAM Parking. Please remember

that the \$150 LAM parking fee is for first semester only, and is subject to change for the second semester.

Once the application and payment are submitted, students will immediately be given a parking permit to place on the dashboard of her car.

LAM Parking knows that students' first day of school is either Sept. 21 or Sept. 22, and students will not be ticketed on those days. *Beginning Sept. 23, tickets will be issued for all vehicles without a parking permit visible on their dashboard.*

LAM Parking is not affiliated with IWA. Students should not leave anything visible or valuable in their vehicles at any time.

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SPIRIT SHOP T-SHIRT CONTEST

Winner receives free t-shirt!!

Here's how to enter:

- Submit a DIGITAL design to spiritshop@incarnateword.org
- Design can be for front, back or both
- Limit design to two colors
- Design **must** include either "IWA" or "Incarnate Word Academy"
- DO NOT include year or date on design
- BE CREATIVE!!

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

FINALISTS WILL BE CHOSEN FROM ENTRIES
AND A SCHOOL-WIDE VOTE FOR A WINNER
WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY 28TH.

Show Your Spirit in Our T-shirt Contest!

Calling all artists! We need your creative skills. Enter your design for the IWA spirit shirt. For more details, click on the flyer at left.

(Remote) IWA Snapshots



Shout out to our Falcons Cross Country team, who last week placed first overall at the La Porte varsity meet. Esparanza Vasquez '24 (right) finished first on the team and third overall. Go, Falcons!

MISSION

Incarnate Word Academy provides young women with a Catholic college preparatory education helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus, the Incarnate Word, and live according to His values.

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