

THE WEEKLY WORD

Oct. 23, 2020



Looking to the Future

Our students have successfully returned to campus in a hybrid model. Of course, this was always an interim goal. We are now planning to achieve our ultimate goal, which is to return students to campus for all five days of the week. As you understand, there are many factors to consider. More details will be forthcoming.

The Upcoming Week

October 26

- Group A Photo Day (*see below*)

October 27

- Group B Photo Day (*see below*)

October 28

- Freshman Retreat (*see below*)

October 29

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

Get Ready for Your Close-Up
School Photos | Oct. 26 and 27

Freeman Photography will be on campus from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. to take school photos. All photo orders must be submitted online to www.freemanphoto.com/prepay. As a reminder, *the dress code for pictures is*

Mass Attire (uniform skirt, white shirt, red IWA vest or sweater). Seniors have already taken their photos and will not take photos at these sessions.

Important Dates

November 2

- All-School Mass Juniors and Seniors - Group A on campus
- Basketball Tryouts - Time: TBD

November 4

- Sophomore Retreat

General Announcements



Second Quarter Education Guide Now Available

Parents, we emailed you important updates to our learning routine in our [Second Quarter Education Guide](#). Please be sure to login to your [myIWA account](#) to sign the forms acknowledging you have read and agree to the terms of *both* the 2020-2021 Incarnate Word Academy Student-Parent Handbook and the Second Quarter Education Guide.

Red Ribbon Week | Oct. 26 - 30

Observed annually, Red Ribbon Week is an awareness event centering on the dangers of drug, alcohol and tobacco use. IWA students will observe Red Ribbon Week with two theme days for Groups A and B:

Boot Out Drugs

Group A: Monday, Oct. 26 | Group B: Tuesday, Oct. 27

Put your boots on take part in today's theme. Uggs, cowboy, ankle and other boots welcome! They must not have excessively high heels and must be worn with the student's Mass uniform, as these days are also school picture days.



Say Boo to Drugs

Group A: Thursday, Oct. 29 | Group B: Friday, Oct. 30

IWA students are welcome to dress in Halloween costumes on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 29 and 30. The following guidelines must be adhered to:

*Please remember to respect yourself and your values
when selecting a costume*

- Costumes must be appropriate for the school environment
- Any skirts must be mid-thigh length or longer
- **No** bare midriffs, tube/tank or sleeveless tops
- **No** flip flops or shoes with exaggerated heels
- Students **may not** color their hair, however, wigs are permitted
- Body paint is prohibited
- Costumes may not promote any of the following: violence, profanity, the use of drugs/alcohol through theme or logo display
- Costumes must be respectful towards religious, ethnic and social groups



2020 Yearbook Distribution

We began distributing 2020 yearbooks to our sophomores, juniors and seniors this week. Group A received their books on Thursday and Group B received them today. All sophomores, juniors and seniors who are remote learners will receive their books on their designated Picture Day (*see above*).

College Counseling News



Stanford University Pre-College Winter Break Program

AI Scholars Live Online is presented by Stanford University Ph.D. students and exposes high school students to fundamental AI concepts and guides them to build a socially impactful AI project in interest areas such as healthcare, robotics, finance, and sustainability to showcase the skills they learned. Students of all levels [may apply here](#). The application deadline is Oct. 31.

The Houston Area Recruiters Network is hosting a series of college information sessions. Students may participate in 3 of 6 sessions. Each session will be 20 minutes. [More details available here](#). All sessions will be recorded and available on the [HARN YouTube channel](#) and may be viewed at a later date.

Upcoming Week's Virtual College Representative Visits

Monday, Oct. 26:
[University of Oklahoma - Norman](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 28:
[Hillsdale College](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 27:
[Loyola University Maryland](#)

Thursday, October 29
[Catholic University of America](#)

Friday, Oct. 30:
[Monmouth College](#)

Campus Ministry



Freshman Retreat | Oct. 28
Sophomore Retreat | Nov. 4

Our classification retreats are an important part of life here at IWA. They offer opportunities for prayer and reflection, and allow our students to grow closer to God. [Freshmen will find full details about their retreat here](#) while [sophomores will find the information they need to know about theirs here](#). Please join us in prayer for our young women as they take these important steps on their faith journeys.

IWA TEENS4UNITY PRESENT

PENNY WARS

October 30 - November 6

Penny Wars are Back!

Which classification will collect the most spare change? Find out in our annual Penny Wars. Proceeds will benefit care kits for the homeless.

Congratulations!



We love celebrating when great things happen for our IWA family. Ms. Francesca Garcia, one of our theology teachers, married Rick Ybarra last weekend! We know you join us in wishing the newlyweds all the best.

IWA Snapshots



Ms. Westman, our science department chair, sent us these images from her classes. On the left is Olivia Hill '23, in Honors Chemistry. "We are studying the electromagnetic radiation spectrum and know that different elements burn with different colored flames," explained Ms. Westman. "So in this lab we determined the color flame of four known elements and then identified an unknown element based upon the color flame it produced." On the right, Lily Cantu '22 and Persia Fombin '22 dust for and lift latent fingerprints from glass Forensic Science class.

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