

# THE WEEKLY WORD

Nov. 20, 2020

*Incarnate Word Academy  
will be closed for  
Thanksgiving Break  
Monday, Nov. 23 - Friday, Nov. 27, 2020*

## Mask Up, Falcons!



Members of the IWA faculty and staff made this video, sharing with students their reasons for wearing masks, and reminding them how important face masks are for the health and safety of our whole Falcon community. Special thanks goes to broadcast journalism and social studies teacher Mr. Jamie Adams for making the video.

## The Upcoming Week

November 23

- Basketball vs. Houston Christian at The Village School 3:00 p.m.

November 24

- Basketball vs. Kinkaid at The Village School 3:00 p.m.

## Important Dates

November 30 - December 4

- Remote Learning - All Classifications (*see below*)

December 8

- All-School Mass 8:10 a.m.

December 9

- Sophomore Retreat

December 10

- School Picture Make-Up Day 3 - 4 p.m.

December 15

- Advent Reconciliation Service for Group B - Flex Time

December 16

- Junior Retreat

December 17

- Advent Reconciliation Service for Group A - Flex Time

December 21, 2020 - January 4, 2021

- Christmas Break - No classes

## Schedule Changes Beginning Nov. 30

IWA INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR		NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 18, 2020				
WEEK OF:	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>11.30-12.04</b>	<b>30</b> Instructional Day: Odd Classes (1, 3, 5, 7) A Group: All Remote B Group: All Remote	<b>1</b> Instructional Day: Even Classes (2, 4, 6, 8) A Group: All Remote B Group: All Remote	<b>2</b> Instructional Day: Wednesday Flex A Group: All Remote B Group: All Remote	<b>3</b> Instructional Day: Even Classes (2, 4, 6, 8) A Group: All Remote B Group: All Remote	<b>4</b> Instructional Day: Odd Classes (1, 3, 5, 7) A Group: All Remote B Group: All Remote	
	<b>7</b> Instructional Day: Odd Classes (1, 3, 5, 7) A Group: On Campus B Group: All Remote	<b>8</b> Instructional Day: All School Mass (9, 10 – class, 11, 12 – Church) Even Classes Mass Schedule (2, 4, 6, 8) A Group: All Remote B Group: On Campus	<b>9</b> Instructional Day: Wednesday Flex A Group: All Remote B Group: All Remote <b>Sophomore Retreat</b>	<b>10</b> Instructional Day: Even Classes (2, 4, 6, 8) A Group: On Campus B Group: All Remote	<b>11</b> Instructional Day: Odd Classes (1, 3, 5, 7) A Group: All Remote B Group: On Campus	
	<b>14</b> Instructional Day: Odd Classes (1, 3, 5, 7) A Group: On Campus B Group: All Remote	<b>15</b> Instructional Day: Even Classes (2, 4, 6, 8) A Group: All Remote B Group: On Campus <b>Advent Reconciliation during flextime</b>	<b>16</b> Instructional Day: Wednesday Flex A Group: All Remote B Group: All Remote <b>Junior Retreat</b>	<b>17</b> Instructional Day: Even Classes (2, 4, 6, 8) A Group: On Campus B Group: All Remote <b>Advent Reconciliation during flextime</b>	<b>18</b> Instructional Day: Odd Classes (1, 3, 5, 7) A Group: All Remote B Group: On Campus	

Please note that all Incarnate Word Academy classes will be remote the week of Nov. 30, with students joining their classes via Zoom. Beginning Dec. 7, we will return to our hybrid schedule, with some important changes. Click on the photo above for a printable version of our schedule changes.

**A Choral Rosary | Premieres Tonight! | Nov. 20, 2020**



This special presentation featuring the Incarnate Word Academy Choir in concert with the St. Thomas Singers, premieres tonight. Don't miss these beautiful settings of the Ave Maria and The Lord's Prayer, showcasing the voices of these talented performers. [View the presentation here](#) at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 20.

## Two IWA Choir Members Receive All-State Honors



Congratulations to Iman Haddad '23 and Elise Porter '22 on making the TPSMEA All-State Choir. This is the second time they have been selected for the prestigious honor. They are among five IWA choristers who made TPSMEA All-Region Choirs. [Read more here.](#)

## Celebrating Our Seniors



*Alex Benedict*



*Felicia Gonzalez*

Under cover of darkness last Saturday, IWA underclassmen fanned out across Houston to deliver Class of 2021 yard signs to members of our senior class. They were sworn to secrecy about the operation, and on Sunday morning, the Class of 2021 received an email telling them "You've Been Staked." These photos capture their delight at the surprise, which was put together by IWA's Mothers' Club.



*Holly McLeod*



*Jada Pierre*



*Karen Rodriguez*

## Athletics

### Basketball

JV won on Friday, Nov. 13, beating Duchesne 33-28. The varsity squad also won their game, defeating the Chargers 46-23.

## College Counseling News

### Upcoming Virtual College Representative Visits

Tuesday, Dec. 1 | [St. John's College](#)

Wednesday, Dec. 2 | [University College, Dublin](#)

Thursday, Dec. 3 | [Trinity College, Dublin](#)

Friday, Dec. 4 | [University of South Alabama](#)

## Campus Ministry



## Senior Retreat Brings Class of 2021 Together for Faith and Fellowship

Our Senior Retreat was held Nov. 13. The day-long event was a chance for the entire senior class to come together, following months of remote learning and separation into two groups for on-campus hybrid classes. The students took part in Mass, and a series of activities designed to help them grow in their faith, and learn more about themselves.

### Upcoming Retreats

Sophomore Retreat | Dec. 9  
[Find details here.](#)

Junior Retreat | Dec. 16  
[Find details here.](#)

## Mothers' Club News and Notes



### Christmas Gift Fund

These voluntary monetary contributions from IWA families are equally divided into individual cash gifts for every member of the IWA faculty and staff.

You can either [give online](#) or drop off a check with "Christmas Gift Fund" in the memo line at IWA's front office in the "Teacher Gift Fund" box.

Those with questions can reach out to Mothers' Club president [Nicole Benedict](#).

Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support of our dedicated teachers and staff.

## Young Leaders Program



This year's Young Women's Leadership Conference took place Wednesday, Nov. 18. The senior class came to campus for a series of events, including a virtual presentation from members of PwC, who shared their career journeys. There were break-out sessions on interviewing and creating a professional social media presence, as well as developing an aspiration board for future goals.

## IWA Snapshots



Everyone had a great time at last Saturday's "Fall into Sisterhood" PJ Party, held on campus for all classifications. Hosted by the IWA Student Council, the event included a screening of the movie "Home Alone," a Disney trivia competition, arts and crafts, and a chance for students to hang out and enjoy each other's company. Plans are in the works for another festive event next month. Thanks to Mea Carrasco '22 for sending us this image!

Visit [incarnateword.org](http://incarnateword.org)

## 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.

Incarnate Word Academy  
[www.incarnateword.org](http://www.incarnateword.org) |  
713.227.3637

