

# Admissions Overview 2023-2024





## ► ELEMENTARY LEVEL

The Elementary Level offers two philosophies of teaching, Traditional and Montessori, from pre-kindergarten to the fifth grade. Both programs include a spiraling curriculum which prepares the child for the academic challenges of each consecutive grade level while strengthening their core faith values. A lifelong pursuit of knowledge is the goal for all of our students.

The 14,000 square foot Catherine & Bob Hilliard Montessori Building includes seven classrooms, a STEM lab, an atrium for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program and a Memorial Rosary Garden.

**Traditional** education is a teacher-centered method of instruction. The teacher delivers instruction to the whole group of learners.

**Montessori** education is a student-centered method of instruction. The teacher delivers instruction to individual or small groups.



## AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 18

**Traditional** Age 4-Grade 5 | **Montessori** Age 3-Grade 5

Accepting 3 year olds if they are potty trained and age 3 by September 1  
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Accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department

Member of the American Montessori Society

Current Enrollment: 203

Faculty: 19 | Master's Degrees held by 42% of faculty

After-school care available from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. by the YMCA

**Principal** Dr. Pamela Carrillo

**Assistant Principal** Katie Boyce

### EXCELLING IN ACADEMICS

Enrichment instructors in the areas of science, technology, engineering, math, fine arts, music, and Spanish

Subject areas: language arts, math, physical education, reading, religion, science, and social studies

Renaissance Place (Accelerated Reader and STAR Assessment)

Angel eBRARY, academic databases, and online encyclopedias

Integrating technology into the curriculum through the use of Google Classroom, Clear Touch Interactive Display boards, computers, and digital imaging cameras

Enhancing S.T.E.M. curriculum by engaging students with robotics, 3D printing, and a S.T.E.M. lab equipped with iPads

Memorial Rosary Garden features walking path where students can pray the rosary and reflect

Participation in the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest, Spelling Bee, Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) Academic Meet, and other academic competitions

Fostering creative thinking by introducing students to a variety of stimulating learning materials

Attractive, well-equipped, and well-maintained playground

School garden facilitates club activities and gives students the opportunity to grow their own seasonal vegetables

## Living Our Faith

### Worship

We support and encourage religious values as a community to deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith and gratitude for the Gospel values.

### Sacramental

- ◆ Weekly Mass
- ◆ Campus-Wide Masses
- ◆ Music Ministry
- ◆ Altar Service
- ◆ Preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion (Elementary Level)
- ◆ Liturgy Planning
- ◆ Opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation





## MIDDLE LEVEL

### Encouraging Distinction

- ◆ Eighth-grade Naviance, a college preparedness resource
- ◆ Private School Interscholastic Association (PSIA)
- ◆ Spelling Bee, Regional Qualifiers
- ◆ Participation in the Hardest Math Contest
- ◆ National History Day Contest
- ◆ FIRST LEGO League Regional Qualifier Competition
- ◆ Ron Clark Academy National Amazing Shake Competition
- ◆ Texas Southern State Grades Chess Championships
- ◆ Christ is Alive Essay Contest
- ◆ PSAT 8/9 (Grades 6-8), Eighth Grade (Pre-AP) PSAT/NMSQT

**10,000**  
hours of community service  
performed annually by  
Middle and High School  
Level students

## AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 14

Grades 6-8

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Current Enrollment: 113

Faculty: 24 | Master's Degrees held or in process by 52% of faculty

After-school care available from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

**Principal** Marci Levings

**Assistant Principal** Donald Patterson

**Guidance Counselor** Hilda Cantu

**Theatre Arts**  
facilities featuring stage  
lighting and sound  
technology serving  
all school levels

### EXCELLING IN ACADEMICS

College preparatory curriculum which emphasizes the relationship among subject areas

Core curriculum classes include English, language arts and reading, math, religious studies, science, social studies, speech, current events, Spanish, and athletics/wellness (physical education and health)

All eighth grade students earn High School Level credit after successful completion of Communication Applications (Speech)

Qualifying eighth grade students are eligible to earn High School Level credits for Pre-AP Biology, Pre-AP Geometry, Algebra I, IPC (Integrated Physics and Chemistry), Spanish I, and Speech

Qualifying eighth grade students are eligible for ELAR honors, when available

Qualifying seventh grade students are eligible to earn High School Level credits for Algebra I and IPC (Integrated Physics and Chemistry)

Electives include computer applications, art, music, theatre arts, Spanish, reading skills, math and science skills, keyboarding, and French

Tutoring is provided in each subject on a weekly basis



### Prayer and Worship

- ◆ Daily Classroom Prayer
- ◆ Circle of Grace Program
- ◆ Retreats by Grade Level (6th-12th Grade)
- ◆ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program (Elementary and Middle Levels)
- ◆ Eucharistic Adoration
- ◆ Prayer Corner in Every Classroom
- ◆ Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Weekly Mass
- ◆ Praying the Angelus
- ◆ Praying of The Holy Rosary
- ◆ May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ◆ Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Prayer
- ◆ Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ◆ Livestream Morning Prayer and Spiritual Reflection



### Service and Stewardship

- ◆ High School Level Missions Program
- ◆ Parish Ministry
- ◆ Christian Service Opportunities
- ◆ Solidarity Collections and Almsgiving
- ◆ Vocation Awareness

# HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

Courses are equivalent in content and rigor to the courses in the Recommended High School Program and/or the Distinguished Achievement Program as outlined in the Texas Education Code.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

| Course                        | Recommended | Advanced* | Jeanne de Matel** |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Religious Studies             | 4.0         | 4.0       |                   |
| Language Arts                 | 4.5         | 4.5       |                   |
| Mathematics                   | 4.0         | 4.0       | AP Calculus AB    |
| Science                       | 4.0         | 4.0       |                   |
| Social Studies                | 4.0         | 4.0       |                   |
| Language other than English   | 3.0         | 3.0       |                   |
| Physical Ed. and/or Athletics | 1.0         | 1.0       |                   |
| Health/Personal Development   | 1.0         | 1.0       |                   |
| Fine Arts                     | 1.0         | 1.0       |                   |
| Electives                     | 3.5         | 3.5       |                   |
| <b>Total Credits</b>          | <b>30</b>   | <b>30</b> | <b>30</b>         |

Incarinate Word Academy High School is a non-ranking high school past the Top 10%.

\*Requires a minimum combination of 15 pre-advanced placement, dual credit, and/or advanced placement credits and a GPA of 90 or above

\*\* Requires 19 advanced credits with additional requirements

All Pre-Advanced, Advanced, and Dual Enrollment academic courses are weighted and valid through the 2022-2023 academic school year.

## College & Career Guidance

In correlation with a college-preparatory curriculum, the College and Career Guidance Center provides students with the tools and resources needed to prepare for college. Throughout the school year, counselors invite several college admission representatives to meet with students and host college application nights, financial aid workshops, and other activities. One of the best planning resources Incarnate Word Academy offers is Naviance, a college readiness solution connecting academic achievement to future goals that optimizes student success and provides valuable resources. Naviance is available starting in eighth grade through graduation and beyond.

By utilizing our state-of-the-art college and career guidance center resources, the class of 2022 exceeded the top 10% rule of admission to universities in Texas, including:

### University of Texas

36% of senior class accepted

### Texas A&M University

47% of senior class accepted

## Features of Curriculum

### Pre-Advanced Placement

|                      |                  |                    |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Algebra II           | Computer Science | Spanish II, III    |
| Advanced Journalism  | English I, II    | Studio Art III, IV |
| Anatomy & Physiology | French II, III   | World Geography    |
| Biology I            | Geometry         |                    |
| Chemistry I          | Pre-Calculus     |                    |

### Advanced Placement

|                  |                 |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Biology II       | Economics       | Spanish IV      |
| Calculus AB      | English III, IV | U.S. Government |
| Calculus BC      | French IV       | U.S. History    |
| Chemistry II     | Physics I       | World History   |
| Computer Science | Physics II      | Psychology      |
| Principles       |                 |                 |

### Dual Credit With Del Mar College

|                                |                                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| College Algebra I (1314)       | Federal Government (2305)           |
| Composition (1301 & 1302)      | Principles of Macroeconomics (2301) |
| Plane Trigonometry (1316)      |                                     |
| U.S. History to 1865 (1307)    |                                     |
| U.S. History since 1865 (1302) |                                     |

### Grading System

A = 100 - 97  
A- = 96 - 93  
B = 92 - 89  
B- = 88 - 85  
C = 84 - 80  
C- = 79 - 77  
D = 76 - 73  
D- = 72 - 70  
F = Any grade below 70

# AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 15

Grades 9-12

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Current Enrollment: 179

Faculty: 24 | Master's Degrees held by 54% of faculty

**Principal** Jose Torres

**Assistant Principal** Darla Montaña

**Guidance Counselor** Sherilyn Calhoun

## EXCELLING IN ACADEMICS

Class of 2022: 90% attending a 4-year college and 10% attending a 2-year college

Students continue to surpass the state and national averages on the SAT and ACT exams, which enhances opportunities for college acceptance and scholarships. The 2022 composite scores are as follows:

|            | '22 IWA     | '22 State | '22 National |
|------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>SAT</b> | <b>1173</b> | 1001      | 1050         |
| <b>ACT</b> | <b>23.5</b> | 19.8      | 20.8         |

### 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program Recipients

- ◆ One Commended Scholar
- ◆ Seven National Hispanic Scholars
- ◆ Five Rural and Small Town Scholars



The AP Scholar Awards recognize high school students who took AP exams in May 2022 and demonstrated exemplary college-level achievement.



**25 IWA students earned academic distinction as AP Scholars**

receiving scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

**Included in this number are the following honorees:**



**6 AP Scholars with Honors**

receiving an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.



**5 AP Scholars with Distinction**

receiving an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.



# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

## Elementary Level

Be Strong  
Bible Club  
Book Club  
Chess Club  
Choir  
Digital Design & Maker Space  
Lego & Robotics Club  
Mary's Angels  
Minecraft Club  
Speech Competition  
Safety Patrol  
Spanish Club  
Student Council

## Middle Level

Angels for Life  
Art Club  
Chess Club  
Debate Club  
Literary Club  
IWA-ML Math Academy  
NJHS  
Robotics  
Spanish Club  
STEM Club  
Student Council  
Tech/Media Club  
Yearbook Club  
ADMI

## High School Level

Angel Ambassadors  
Angels for Life  
Art Club  
Drone Club  
Environmental Club  
French Club  
French Honor Society  
IWA Medical Society  
Missions Team  
Mock Trial  
Mu Alpha Theta (Mathematics)  
National Honor Society  
Photography Club  
Powerlifting Club  
Spanish National Honor Society  
Spirit Club  
Student Council  
The Crew III  
TOKC



**SMART Classrooms**  
All classrooms are equipped with mounted projectors and interactive SMART Boards or Clear Touch Interactive Display Boards, with many classrooms utilizing digital imaging cameras



# ATHLETICS

State-of-the-Art  
Strength and  
Conditioning  
Center



## Elementary Level

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cheer Club  
Cross Country and Track  
Running Club  
Softball  
Swimming  
Volleyball

## Middle Level

Baseball  
Basketball  
Beach to Bay Marathon  
Cross Country  
Golf  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track and Field  
Volleyball  
JV Cheer

## High School Level

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cheerleading\*  
Cross Country  
Football (6 man)  
Golf\*  
Powerlifting  
Soccer  
Swimming\*  
Tennis\*  
Track and Field  
Volleyball

\*year-round sport





# About Incarnate Word Academy

The first Catholic school in Corpus Christi, Incarnate Word Academy (IWA) was founded in 1871 through the faith, courage, and dedication of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament (IWBS). The first four Sisters journeyed from France to settle in Texas with little more than the great love of Christ in their hearts and a burning desire to teach children. With their determination and vision, they brought Jesus, the Incarnate Word, to the children of this area through their ministry of Catholic education. The school continues to impact hundreds of children today throughout the Coastal Bend. With courage, imagination, and hard work — always guided by the power of God's providence — IWA continues its legacy of excellence.

## Admission Criteria

- Open to individuals of any race, national/ethnic origin, gender, or religion
- Interview with the Principal
- Required registration materials: report cards, immunization records, & standardized test results
- A certified birth certificate

## Tuition Assistance

Because of generous philanthropic support from individuals and foundations, IWA provides considerable tuition assistance to students. During the 2021-2022 school year, approximately 35% of the student body received need-based tuition assistance.

For more information, please visit [www.iwacc.org/tuition](http://www.iwacc.org/tuition).

## Family Discount Rates

If two or more students from an immediate family are enrolled, the family may be eligible for a multi-family discount on the annual tuition. The full tuition applies to the first student.

### Annual Reduction In Tuition

\$250 for each additional student

## Parish/Church Tuition Credit

Families may receive a Parish/Church Tuition Credit of up to \$100 per student if the family is an active, registered, and contributing member of their parish/church. The family must submit the completed Parish/Church Tuition Credit form and have it signed by the parish/church pastor.

**Parish/Church Tuition Credit is not applicable to Elementary Level students.**

## New Student Application Fee

A \$25 nonrefundable fee is due at the time of application for new students.

## 2022-2023 Tuition Information

Available online at [iwacc.org/tuition](http://iwacc.org/tuition).

Incarnate Word Academy is proud to support our active-duty military and first responder families with a 25% tuition discount per student.

## Enrollment Fee

A \$675 nonrefundable fee is due at the time of enrollment for each student.

## Use of Section 529 Plans for Tuition

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 contains a provision that allows the use of Section 529 savings to pay for private K-12 education up to \$10,000 per year, per child starting in 2018. Establishing and funding a Section 529 plan can provide significant tax benefits. See your investment adviser and accountant for more information.



## OUR VISION

### To Become an Image of Christ Within Our Community.

To extend the legacy of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, as leaders, partners, and advocates for our students and the adults who serve them; and to provide a community where all may grow in Christian wholeness and bear witness to the presence and love of Christ among us.

## OUR MISSION

### To Reflect Jesus the Teacher.

We form students in a loving and challenging Catholic environment where the individual gifts of every student are recognized, celebrated, and developed as a reflection of Christ.

## OUR CORE VALUES

**FAITH:** Belief in Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, and His message of love for the world

**DIGNITY:** Respect for the worth of every person and for life in all its forms, with special concern for the poor

**COMPASSION:** Love, concern, and understanding in service of life-long learning

**INTEGRITY:** Honesty, justice, and consistency in all relationships

**DEDICATION:** The pursuit of high standards of performance among teachers, students, and the school community

**GRATITUDE:** Acceptance, nurturing, and celebration of individual gifts and talents

**SERVICE:** Recognition of God's blessings and commitment to sharing them with others in school, family, Church, and community



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