

## 21st Century Students = 21st Century Solutions

By Charles D. Imbergamo, IWA President

Incarnate Word Academy offers the following technology and resources to enhance academic achievement and offer innovative instruction.

### Angel eBRARY – A virtual library

This 21st century technology provides students with research tools and resources which are now the standard of top colleges and universities across the country. This virtual library experience is enhanced by the use of SMART Boards, projectors, digital microscopes, portable computer labs, and digital imaging cameras. Using virtual resources, students from elementary to high school are able to conduct unlimited research using over 600 databases and the World Book Encyclopedia, to improve referencing and citation skills by electronically submitting assignments via Turnitin.com, and to use all of this twenty-four hours a day from any location with Internet access. Information is easily downloadable on multiple devices including an iPod, mp3 player, PDA, and e-readers. Accessing this information anytime, anywhere provides limitless opportunities for students to further their current education and to be a step ahead of their peers upon entering college. Resources include:

Accelerated Reader Home Connect  
Destiny Online Library Catalog  
Discovery Education  
Ebsco Student Research Center  
Gale Student Resource Center

Gale Testing & Education Reference  
Center  
Turn It In  
World Book Online

### ParentsWeb

ParentsWeb is a fully integrated system available 24/7, from work, home, school, or on the road. This program enhances communication to parents, strengthens parental involvement, improves student participation, and reduces surprises at report card time. Parents love being this connected with the school and informed of their children's progress. It provides access to:

Daily Grades  
Progress Reports  
Report Cards

Lesson Plans  
Homework Drop  
Homework

Missing Assignments  
Staff & School Directory  
Syllabus

### College and Career Guidance Center

The primary mission of the College and Career Guidance Center is to provide students and parents with tools and re-

#### **Incarnate Word Academy — Campus Newsletter — Corpus Christi, TX**

*Angel News is a bi-monthly newsletter for parents and friends of Incarnate Word Academy. Its purpose is to provide a means of communicating spiritual and liturgical messages, parenting education, campus-wide information, teacher/staff accomplishments, special events, and future plans. Some articles have been contributed by faculty, administrators, parents, and other friends of Incarnate Word Academy.*

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sources necessary to implement appropriate college planning strategies for each student as an individual. Additionally, our goal is to develop positive relationships with college admission counselors and staff to be sure that the graduate has the opportunity to achieve admission at their college or university of choice. The College and Career Guidance Center will use some of the latest in technology and other valuable resources to broaden the horizons of graduates.

IWA provides students with an academic counselor who advises students how to choose a college to suit their interests, as well as assisting students to complete college and scholarship applications. Additionally, our counselor offers students guidance towards college majors that fit their interests and college preparatory coursework.

### **Naviance**

Naviance is an innovative, high-impact solution that inspires and empowers students to increase their course rigor and their expectations of themselves to better prepare for college work.

Naviance will help students to:

- Explore options, set goals, and establish academic plans to meet those goals
- Research and compare colleges, universities and scholarships
- Build resumes, complete online surveys, and manage timelines for making decisions about colleges
- Review local, state, and national student profiles for college acceptance
- Streamline the online application process to include: standardized test scores, course curriculum requirements, teacher recommendations, transcripts, resumes, and more.

## **Invest in our Students**

By: Connie F. Cadena, Executive Director of Advancement

The 2011-2012 Annual Fund Appeal has officially been launched. Our goal of \$370,000 has been announced and we are actively seeking participation from all parents, alumni, grandparents, past parents, and friends. Due to their generosity, last year's appeal was a success. A report of our accomplishments will be provided in the upcoming annual report.

We need your participation again this year! There is an ongoing and critical need for resources that support areas with the greatest potential impact such as: faculty incentives, bonuses, in-service training and continuing education, resources, and the following teaching materials

- On-going Library Media Resource Center enhancements
- Technology enhancements and educational innovations
- Need-base Tuition Assistance
- Facilities enhancements beyond those funded by the Plant Fund

Appeal packets have been mailed to you and personal invitations to contribute are being made. Our students need your support. You can invest in them by returning the card included in your packet, using the form included in this newsletter, or making your gift online at [www.iwacc.org](http://www.iwacc.org).

Please know that your support, at a level of giving that reflects both your caring and your capabilities, will assist us in providing our students with an education that will serve them for a lifetime. Each gift plays a unique role in promoting the level of excellence for which we are known and our students deserve. Please join us today.

For more information contact Connie Cadena or Courtney McLain at (361) 883-8229 if you have any questions or need additional information.

### **INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2011-2012**

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# ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2011-2012

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*The above contributions were received up to the time of publication. Many are in the process of finalizing a pledge and are asked to notify the Advancement Office when a firm decision is made. Alumni who have contributed are not listed.*

## Annual Giving Campaign 2011-2012

We invite you to contribute by making a gift to the Incarnate Word Academy Annual Giving Campaign.

### Every gift makes a difference!

|                    |            |
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| President's Circle | \$1,000+   |
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Remember that your gift may be tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to:  
IWA Annual Giving Campaign.

**Make your gift online!**

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## ELEMENTARY LEVEL

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### Welcome

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. May God grant many blessings to each student, parent, teacher, staff, and administrator during this school year. We are having a Mass offered for your intentions.

This year we welcome 194 families and 265 students.

### Ribbons of Hope

Incarinate Word Academy Elementary participated in the Ribbons of Hope, a community created art project designed to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11. Ribbons, decorated by the students with messages of hope and peace, were sent to Intersections International in New York City for display on Tapestries of Hope in Battery Park. The purpose of the project was to join people of all backgrounds, religions, ages and races in creating a statement of hope and healing for New York City and the world on the tenth anniversary of 9-11.

A special thank-you to Sr. Martha Ann Snapka for organizing the Ribbons of Hope project.

### 2011-2012 Student Council Members

The following 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students were chosen to represent their classrooms as members of the Student Council: 3rd Grade: Jonah Lugo and Katy Heilman; 4th grade: Joseph Garcia and Claire Thomas; 5th grade: Jessie Cruz; MEJ1: Ava Bell; MEJ2: James Edge; MEJ3: Charlie Flood; MES1: Daniel Diejomaoh, Anthony Matl and Isabella Ysassi. Officers: Grace Bell, President; Katelyn Ashley, Vice-President; Santiago Mendizabal, Secretary; Andrew Ficenec, Treasurer.

A special thank you to Mrs. Ralene Corley and Mrs. Jennifer Hogan for sponsoring the Student Council.

### 28th Annual Kindergarten Teachers of Texas State Conference

On October 7 and 8, Mrs. Laura McCracken, Mrs. Cynthia Ramirez and Mrs. Georgina Mortera will attend the 28th Annual Kindergarten Teachers of Texas State Conference in Houston. The conference will include topics on classroom management, literacy, math, science, diverse student needs and bilingual/ESL.

This conference provides trainings that apply and meet the needs of early childhood educators.

### Fiesta Fun Night T-Shirt Art

Congratulations to the winners of the Fiesta Fun Night t-shirt art contest. Students in grades 1 to 5, Montessori, and traditional participated. Out of 184 entries, Stewart Vanexan, MEJ2, and Will Dotin, MES1, tied for first place. Emma Mendizabal, MEJ2, won second place, and Sara Humpal, MES1, won third place. Honorable mentions went to Alex Beato, 5th grade; Jessie Cruz, 5th grade; Robbie Hilliard, MES1; Savannah Lawrence, 3rd grade; Santiago Mendizabal, 5th grade; Theresa Salazar, MES1; Ella Scanio, 3rd grade; Mia Solorzano, MEJ2. A special thank you to Mrs. Susie Martin for her work with the students.

### Baseball Team at IWA

The sports program at the elementary level has been enriched through the formation of an elementary baseball team. The team is made up of 17 students from grades 4 and 5 and is part of the National Little League. Games are played against other little league teams. The team members are as follows:

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| Perry Burkett      | Paxton Longwell |
| Michael Canterbury | Robert Moffitt  |
| Alejandro Carreno  | Evan Papoutsis  |
| Andrew Ficenec     | William Pettus  |
| Joseph Garcia      | Nick Stark      |
| Charlie Hornsby    | Ben Torres      |
| Ian Kuffel         | Gavin Nicknair  |
| David Leyton       | Isabella Ysassi |
| Dylan Limas        |                 |

Good luck to the baseball team and their coaches, Mr. Korey Hardeman and Mr. Reynaldo Garcia.

### Volleyball Teams

The elementary level volleyball season got under way with the girls' 4th grade team winning their first game on September 6. Good luck to all the 4th and 5th grade girls' teams, and their coach, Brenda Pena.

#### 4th Grade

Amisha Agarwal  
Sofia Alexander  
Alaina DeLeon  
Jacqueline Galvan  
Riley Gourley  
Annie Hoffman  
Bailee Niewinski  
Juliana Perez  
Hannah Sifuentes  
Isabella Williams

#### 5th Grade

Katelyn Ashley  
Gabriella Barrera  
Jessie Cruz  
Alyssa Davila  
Devon Molina  
Theresa Salazar  
Katie Skrobarczyk  
Carly Teichman  
Payton Vicknair  
Madeline Villa

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## MIDDLE LEVEL

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### Principal's Corner

Welcome to the Incarnate Word Academy Middle Level for the 2011-2012 school year. This newsletter is the first of several that will give us an opportunity to inform you about the many exciting activities taking place here.

The students and staff attended their first Mass in the Dougherty Center with Father William (Bill) Marquis from Saint Helena of the True Cross of Jesus Parish presiding.

It was a beautiful celebration and helped us close the first week of school. The students appreciated the Mass, as was evident by their participation and attention. Mass is held each Friday, with a few exceptions throughout the year. We will inform you of any changes as they occur.

This year several new teachers have joined the fine middle level staff and have made an immediate impact on our staff and students. Joining our team are: D. Morrison (Math), Sister A. Oviedo (Campus Ministry), M. Skinner (Language Arts, Communications, Theatre, Yearbook), A. Quintero (Choir), and D. Villanueva (Computer Applications and Coaching).

The 8th graders attended their annual Fall Retreat at Zephyr Baptist Encampment on Thursday, September 1. The Retreat was designed to help bond as a class in order to have the best possible experience in 8th grade. The students had team-building activities with Mr. Patterson and the Zephyr staff. They also had a spiritual component with Mrs. Samaniego and Sister Agueda and a delicious lunch together.

Some student comments follow:

"It was fun. It brought us together...like a family."

- *Amanda Madrid*

"The activities made us think and work together, and it was really fun."

- *Reema Bhakta*

"It was fun and it built teamwork."

- *Nicholas Ficeneo*

"The Retreat was fun and I feel that it brought me closer to some people I didn't know well."

- *Cassandra Huff*

"The Fall Retreat was fun and we got to do a lot of teambuilding exercises. I liked how we got to do all of the stuff outside instead of staying inside."

- *Stephen McCullough*

"I bonded with a girl I thought disliked me and now we're friends."

- *Jenna Clark*

### IWA ML Clubs

Does your student have an interest in joining a club? Make sure and listen for announcements to join the following organizations. Below are clubs and their sponsors:

- Entrepreneur Club (Mrs. Haralson)
- Geography Club (Mrs. McCrone)
- JETS (Mrs. Hill)
- Junior Optimist Club (Mrs. Johnson)
- National Junior Honor Society (Ms. Crawford)
- Quilting Club (Mrs. King)
- Student Council (Mrs. Haralson)

### Angel Athletics Coaching

**Mr. Reynaldo "Gator" Garcia**

Athletic Director

**Mr. Bill Cleavelin**

6th -8th Girls Soccer

**Mr. Jose Farias**

6th-8th Boys and Girls Tennis

**Mr. David M. Galan**

6th-8th Baseball

**Ms. Amanda Garcia**

Girls Cross Country, 7th Girls Volleyball, 7th Girls Basketball, 7th and 8th Girls Track

**Mr. Lawrence Garza**

Boys Cross Country, Boys Basketball, Boys Track

**Mrs. Millie Gainan**

6th-8th Boys and Girls Golf

**Ms. Bridget Loya**

6th and 7th Girls Volleyball, 6th and 7th Girls Basketball

**Mr. Dan Machalick**

6th-8th Boys Soccer

**Ms. Myra Nelson**

6th-8th Boys and Girls Swimming

**Mr. Don Patterson**

Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys Basketball, 7th and 8th Boys and Girls Track, 6th-8th Boys and Girls Beach to Bay

**Mr. Ismael F. Salazar**

6th-8th Baseball

**Ms. Stephanie Solis**

8th Girls Volleyball, 6th and 8th Girls Basketball, 7th and 8th Boys and Girls Track

**Mr. Derek Villanueva**

Boys Basketball, 6th-8th Girls Softball

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# HIGH SCHOOL

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## Welcome

The high school welcomes the following new faculty members:

**Mr. Keno Aleman**, Golf

**Mr. Leo Alvarez**, Calculus & Algebra

**Mrs. Tommalyn Bibby**,

Assistant Golf

**Mrs. Kimberly Benoit**

Physics & Chemistry

**Sr. Maria Elizabeth Brehony**

Library Assistant

**Mr. Joey Farias**, Assistant Tennis

**Mrs. Beatriz Marlow**, Spanish

**Mrs. Myra Nelson**, Swimming

**Sr. Rosa Ortiz**, Campus Ministry

**Mr. Robert Perez**, Softball

**Ms. Audrey Quintero**, Choir

**Ms. Stefani Turner**,

Assistant Girls Soccer

**Mr. Joseph Vallone**,

Calculus & Algebra

**Mr. Jay Vasquez**, Biology

**Ms. Christine Zuniga**,

Assistant Volleyball

## Retreat Week

Retreats are scheduled for each grade level on the following dates:

9th —Monday, October 17th

10th—Tuesday, October 18th

11th—Wednesday, October 19th

12th —Thursday, October 20th

School-wide liturgy will be held Friday, October 21.

All retreats will be held at St. Peter's Parish, 3901 Violet Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided for Freshman, Sophomores and also for Junior and Seniors that do not have driving privileges.

## Attendance

When a student is absent for any reason, parents should telephone the **Attendance Officer at extension 111**. This extension is available at anytime for messages. The parent should leave his/her child's name, the date, and the reason for the absence. **Written notes must be sent with the student upon return**. Notes and/or excuses shall be turned into the Attendance Officer and an admittance slip will be issued to the student. Please review the attendance information on page 19 of the Student-Parent Handbook.

## Congressional Art

In May of last year, Incarnate Word Academy entered the 2011 Congressional Art Competition in Corpus Christi. Eight local high schools entered with 106 entries. Out of the seven awards presented, Incarnate Word Academy received three! Seoyun Kong won first place and her painting will hang in the Capitol in Washington, D.C., for a year with all the 435 districts. Haley Chang's painting won third place and Andrew Orgill's photo won Peoples' Choice Award. One of Andrew's photos will be painted on the side of a building in downtown Corpus Christi. Bryan Sargent's photos and Andrew Orgill's photos will also appear on Blake Farenthold's website. Outstanding job to those who entered!

## PSAT Testing

The PSAT (Preliminary SAT) will be given to all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students on Wednesday, October 12. This test is the qualifying exam used by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's Scholarship Program for 11th graders. Additionally, it is the test used by the National Hispanic Recognition Program to identify National Hispanic Scholars. The test takes approximately 2 ½ hours and has three parts: critical reading, math, and writing. It is a great "first step" in college preparation. Early dismissal for students is at 11:15 a.m. Seniors do not report.

## All Girls Retreat

An all girls retreat is in the works and promises to be great way to bond and strengthen one's spiritual relationship with God. Look for upcoming announcements regarding time and place.

## Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be held on Thursday, November 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot facing Alameda. Parents and relatives are encouraged to donate .

## Fall Break

October 3 – 7

*Students return October 10*

# Incarnate Word Academy Elementary



**Friday, October 28, 2011**

**Admission - \$8 person**

5:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m

Inflatable games & Activities

Ride the Crazy Train

Prizes for all ages

Bake Sale

**Chicken Fajita Dinner - \$7 person**

Served from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Dougherty Center

To Go Plates available at

Chamberlain Drive parking lot Drive Thru

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# **Incarnate Word Academy #1 Catholic High School, TAPPS 4A, in Texas**

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By: Colette Rye, Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

It's the exciting time of year at Incarnate Word Academy when we begin receiving results from our "measuring sticks" of success. TAPPS ranks private and parochial schools throughout the state based upon their overall performance in academics, athletics, fine arts, etc. Last year we again brought home the coveted title of State Academic Champions. This, combined with three athletic state titles, Girls Cross Country Champions, Girls Golf Champions, and Boys Golf Champions, helped secure the spot of #1 Catholic School, TAPPS 4A, in Texas. Congratulations Angels!