

## Creation Shouts for Joy!

By Marc Ortiz, Director of Campus Ministry

“The heavens are telling the glory of God and all creation is shouting for joy!” (Canticle of the Sun) These words from David Haas’ Canticle of the Sun echo the words of Psalm 19, and carry with them a message for us all. Many have taken on the “green” mentality and are trying to reduce their carbon footprint out of fear of global warming and other concepts of the like. Our care for God’s creation is much more than a “go green campaign.” Our care for God’s creation comes with moral and ethical implications. Creation is a gift of God and we are called to live out our faith in relationship with all of his creation.

Genesis tells us that on the sixth day of creation God gave to Adam dominion over all the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on earth and gave us plants and fruits as food. (cf. Genesis 1:28) These gifts are meant to help us live in harmony with God and each other. Everything we do that has an effect on our planet has an effect on our relationship to God’s gift. We are not called to just prevent the world from global warming. We are called to treat the world as it is, a gift from the Creator.

It is very telling how someone treats a gift. We often see television shows where gifts from the in-laws have to be used when they are around so as not to offend them. They might think their gift was not good enough or appreciated if they do not see it in use or on display. Why then would we misuse the gifts God has given us, especially since He sees all things?

We all do need to take measures to treat God’s creation well. It is shouting for joy at the goodness of God and helps us to sing to His glory. Let us not silence it by misuse or by viewing it simply as a place we inhabit. Let us join it in giving God glory and assist us in bringing us into deeper relationship with Him. His creation reveals a lot about Him; let us look deeper at Him through it. As spring approaches and we begin to enjoy more outdoor activities, let us strive to encounter Him in His gift to us. Let us strive for a deeper connection to Him through creation. In doing so, we might all see a deeper need to take of creation and join it in shouting for joy at His wonders!

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

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## Stand Up and Be Counted

By: Connie F. Cadena, Advancement Director

The Incarnate Word Academy Advancement Office devotes itself to raising funds which provide for both immediate and long-term needs of the school. A critical part of the school's overall advancement program is The Annual Giving Campaign.

The Annual Giving Campaign dollars narrow the gap between the actual cost of an IWA education and tuition. Because of these additional dollars, the school has been able to advance our faculty benefits package; provide much needed tuition assistance; enhance program development; purchase student transportation; and provide building and grounds improvements. Without this income, tuition would increase at a faster rate or a valuable program and/or physical plant improvement might not be funded.

The money raised by the Annual Giving Campaign is completely spent in the fiscal year during which it is raised. This year, we have conducted a wide range of activities to help us reach our goal. Our alumni phonthon, mail appeals, individual contributions, and private foundation grants have helped us raise 84% of our goal, thus far.

We are nearing the finish line. Reaching our goal is important. But *your* participation is vital. We can reach our goal if every family who has yet to come aboard would make a gift today. Although we ask you to consider a stretching gift, only you can determine what level is comfortable for you. We honor every gift and when every family gives what they can, our students benefit, goals are reached and the Incarnate Word Academy community is strengthened.

We invite each of you to stand up and be counted. Please help us make a difference and join us today!



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## ELEMENTARY LEVEL

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### Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the IWA Elementary Level Science Fair !

They are as follows:

Kindergarten

Renna Agarwal, 1st Place.

First Grade:

J.D. Ayala, 1st Place

Lukas Halm, 2nd Place;

Ylena Jones, 3rd Place

Evelyn Braugh, 4th Place.

Second Grade:

Elena Garcia, 1st Place

Pranai Reddy, 2nd Place

Ana Doherty, 3rd Place

Catherine Thomas, 4th Place

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A'Marie Pollard, 1st Place

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Claire Thomas, 3rd Place

Evan Papoutsis, 4th Place

Fourth Grade:

Daniel Rock, 1st Place

Gabriella Barrera, 2nd Place

Lydia Jimenez, 3rd Place

Nicholas Hein, 4th Place.

Fifth Grade:

Cia Papoutsis, 1st Place

Kelly Cortes, 2nd Place

Anna Martin, 3rd Place

David Pierce, 4th Place.

The Diocesan Science Fair will be held on Saturday, March 26. A special thank you to all the judges for their time and expertise, and to Mrs. Rhonda Mumme and Mrs. Sandra Ledesma for sponsoring the IWA Elementary Level Science Fair.

### Spelling Bee

#### Champion

On Thursday, January 27, 2011 Kaylyn Dinh was named champion of the Elementary Level Spelling Bee held in the Dougherty Center. Kaylyn is a 5th grade student in Mrs. Jennifer Hogan's class. She advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee which was held on February 25 at the Solomon P. Ortiz International Center.

Congratulations also go to Katherine MacLachlan who was named the alternate. Katherine is also a 5th grade student in Mrs. Hogan's class.

Thank you to Mrs. Stephanie Bottom for being the pronouncer, Mrs. Sandra Ledesma for being the Roundskeeper, and to Mrs. Monica Ellison, Mrs. Susie Martin and Mrs. Shawn Pettus for being judges.

A special thank you to Mrs. Yvette Rangel and Ms. Stephanie Muniz for working with all the Spelling Bee participants.

### Story Book Theater

Story Book Theater performed for Elementary Level grades 1 to 5 students on Thursday, February 24, 2011. The first performance, *Goldifox and the Two Hares*, at 8:30 a.m., was for 1st through 3rd grade students. The students learned about which foods make a well balanced meal, why these foods are important, and good ways to make new friends. The performers incorporated nutrition facts, familiar sayings, and a twist on nursery rhymes.

*Allie in History Land* was performed for 4th and 5th grade students at 10:00 a.m. History can be fun when mixed with a little creativity. Just what did that cockroach see while riding on the bus with Rosa Parks? Also featured were Cabeza de Vaca and George Washing Carver. These highly interactive shows were enjoyed by all.

### Visionarios

#### Art Contest Winners

Congratulations to Elementary Level winners of the Visionarios Art Contest! The following students received awards on January 30: Jordan Anthony, MEJ1, placed 2nd in Wet Media, grades 1-2; Clara Martin, MEJ2, placed 3rd in Dry Media, grades 1-2; Emma Mendizabal, MEJ2, placed 3rd in Wet Media, grades 1-2; Nicholas Hein, 3rd, and Robert Moffitt, MES1, received Honorable Mention. Thank you to Mrs. Susie Martin, Art Teacher.

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## MIDDLE LEVEL

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### MathCounts at TAMUCC

MathCounts regional competition was held at Texas A&M University-CC on Saturday, February 12, 2011. Representing IWA were thirteen math students from grades six, seven, and eight. The engineers designed and administered three math tests focused on real world engineering concepts. The students ended the day by participating in an open forum fast paced countdown round. The mathletes had 20 seconds to answers each question.

Grade eight mathletes were:

Esperanza Aguilar, Katie Duncan, Christina Matl, Maddie Baker, Gina Barrera, Madison Rawls, Lyssandra De La Cerda, Andrew Jaime, and Khoa Nguyen.

Grade seven contestants were:

Natasha Stark, and Amanda Madrid.

Grade six contestants were:

Megan Harrington and JR. Ramos.

The IWA team placed third in the competition. The students will receive their trophies and ribbons at the end of the year awards assembly.

Thanks to all the parents for their continued support of all the mathletes and the coaches, Mrs. Salas, Mrs. King, and Mrs. Hill.

### Spelling Bee

Each middle level English class held an individual classroom bee. One winner from each class advanced to the school wide bee. Sixteen students participated at the local level.

All the winners who participated in our annual school bee include the following students:

Justin Ybarra, 6th grade

Robert Patrick, 6th grade

Billy Teichman, 6th grade

Charlotte Davis, 6th grade

Bradley Thering, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Mamiko Hosoe, 7th grade

Blaine Moore, 7th grade

Draven Reyes, 7th grade

Daniel DeLeon, 7th grade

Collin Fincher, 8th grade

Mary McCullough, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Sean Dolan, 8th grade

Michelle Ndwaru, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Madeleine McCutchon, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Joseph Gore, 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The winner, Mamiko Hosoe and the alternate, Sean Dolan of our local school bee are and both of whom qualify for the region spelling bee on March 26, 2011.

### 7th Grade History Trip

February 18, 2011, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students went to Goliad for presentations at the Mission Espiritu Santo, Presidio La Bahia, and then we ended the day with a prayer service honoring the Texans who died at Goliad. The students created scrapbooks illustrating what they learned on the field trip.

Texas celebrates the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Texas Revolution by touring the Presidio La Bahia and visiting Fannin's Memorial helped to honor the revolution. Thank you all of the teachers who helped make the trip successful.

### Golf News

Saturday, February 12, 2011 the golf team participated in a tournament at Gabe Lozano Golf Course. The following students participated:

Clay Anderson

Gaspar D'anne

Christopher Guerra

Matt Moffitt

Zach Hartman

Gaspar brought home 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Congratulations Team!

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# HIGH SCHOOL

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## Third Quarter

### Exam Schedule

#### Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> period 8:00-8:50

2<sup>nd</sup> period 8:54-9:44

3<sup>rd</sup> period 9:48-10:38

4<sup>th</sup> period 10:42-11:32

5<sup>th</sup> period 11:36-12:26

Lunch 12:26-1:04

7<sup>th</sup> period 2:38-3:08

#### Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Period Exam 8:30-10:00

Break 10:00-10:25

5<sup>th</sup> Period Exam 10:30-12:00

#### Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Period Exam 8:30-10:00

Mass 10:00-11:30

*(Students dismissed at 11:30)*

#### Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Period Exam 8:30-10:00

Break 10:00-10:25

7<sup>th</sup> Period Exam 10:30-12:00

#### Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Period Exam 8:30-10:00

Break 10:00-10:25

8<sup>th</sup> Period Exam 10:30-12:00

## Spring Break

March 14–18

Classes resume Monday, March 21st

## Emmanuel Ribbons

As part of the scripture class every Advent season the freshmen students create "Emmanuel Ribbons". This activity enables the students to learn about the three comings of Christ: His coming in History, in Mystery, and His final coming in Glory. The students create wonderful ribbons which are displayed in the classroom. Although it is difficult to choose the best one, every year the principal selects one that best depicts these comings. The chosen one will be displayed in front of Mr. Torres's office all during the liturgical year. This year, Congratulations go to Courtney Ramirez whose ribbon was chosen. Courtney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramiro Ramirez.

## Visionarios

On Sunday, January 30, 2011, the Art Museum of South Texas hosted its tenth Visionarios Family Day. IWA High School sent 11 entries of the 625 entries from all-levels of schools in the area. Clara Moore placed second in Wet Media, Art I-II; Matt McClung placed second in Photography, Art I-II; Andrew Orgill placed third in Photography, Art I-II; and Mary Ellen Flood placed third in Wet Media, Art III-IV. Everyone sent beautiful work with the theme of "The Land and Its People"

## Angel Baseball

The Angel Baseball season is under way! Please come out and support the JV and Varsity baseball teams at Price Park located on Gollihar and Weber. Schedule is on the school website.

## VASE

IWA High School participated in the Region 2 VASE art contest on February 12, 2011. Area high schools sent over 500 entries. Students completed forms about their art and then individually discussed their art with judges. IWA sent 22 entries and 14 of those placed as a 4, the highest place possible. The remaining 7 placed as 3, second highest.

Results are as follows: Julia Baker- 4 Drawing, 4 Drawing; Haley Chang- 4 Mixed Media, 3 Sculpture; Kara Davis- 3 Scratch Art; Mary Ellen Flood- 4 Sculpture, 3 Painting; Sarah Hall- 4 Sculpture; Alex Harrel- 3 Photography, 3 Photography; Seoyun Kong- 4 Painting, 4 Painting; JD Longoria- 4 Sculpture, 3 Sculpture; Clarra Moore- 4 Painting, 3 Painting; Andrew Orgill- 4 Photography, 4 Photography; Gilbert Rodriguez- 4 Sculpture; Bryan Sargent - 4 Photography, 3 Painting. Great job!!

## Yearbook Sale

The yearbook staff is now selling ads for the 2010-2011 Aurora yearbook. Express friendship, love, or congratulations to the special student in your life with a personal ad in the yearbook. Select the desired size and personalize the ad with your own message and photos. Instructions for submitting ad materials and payment are provided on a form which can be picked up at the front counter.

For any questions please contact Sister Raquel Newman: [newmanr@iwacc.org](mailto:newmanr@iwacc.org).

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Have you seen the Incarnate Word Academy Facebook Page? We are excited to share campus news, events, and photos. If you are a Facebook user; “like” our page; tell us your thoughts, share information and ideas, and get the most up-to-date information. All postings are public, so please be respectful of others, but most importantly, have fun!

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## *Word 101*

Word of mouth is our most powerful marketing tool. A school-sponsored parent movement, called “Word 101,” is being initiated to help put marketing resources into the hands of our parents. Are you a parent that brags about our school? If so, be sure to get your Parent Pack, an IWA tote bag containing marketing materials, a t-shirt, and other promotional goodies. We also have flyers, rack cards, posters, and other promotional materials that can be displayed at your business or any places you frequent that would be willing to help us promote our school. To pick up any of these items, please contact Colette Rye at [ryec@iwacc.org](mailto:ryec@iwacc.org) or 361-883-0857 ext. 106.