

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE
2016-2017 School Year

CAMPUS MINISTRY CALENDAR:

Here is a schedule of some important dates for you to remember:

I. Liturgies

- A. August 19 (Fri.) - Opening of School Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
(Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers and Liturgy Ushers)
- B. September 12 (Mon.) - Founder's Day Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.
- C. September 17 (Sat.) - Golden Girls' Liturgy 12:30 p.m.
- D. October 14 (Fri.) - Memorial Mass Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.
- E. November 1 (Tues.) - Feast of All Saints' Day at 10:00 a.m.
- F. November 13 (Sun.) - Grandparents' Day Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.
- G. December 8 (Thurs.) - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Liturgy and
the "Caring Hands" Awards at 10:00 a.m.
- H. January 6 (Fri.) - Young Alumnae Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.
- I. February 3 (Fri.) - Catholic Schools'/Mission Week Liturgy at 10:00
- J. April 8 (Sat.) - Auction Mass at 4:30 p.m.
- K. April 25 (Tues.) - End of School Year Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.
- L. May 21 (Sun.) - Baccalaureate Mass at 2:00 p.m.

II. Special Schedule

March 31(Friday) – IWA Day Celebration/Assembly

III. Prayer Services

- A. September 28 - All School Prayer Service
- B. November 16 - All School Prayer Service
- C. December 14 - All School Prayer Service
- D. March 1 - All School Ash Wednesday Prayer Service

IV. Sacrament of Reconciliation

- A. December 14 - During lunch mods / classes
- B. April 10 - During lunch mods / classes

V. IWA Community Service –

- A. October 8 - Walk for Autism at Forest Park
- B. October 14 - World Food Day
- C. October 22 - Faculty/Staff & students at St. Louis Foodbank
- D. November 5 - Weatherization for Energy Care (8:00-Noon)
- E. November 8 - Tootsie Roll Drive
- F. November 8 - December 2 – Christmas Drive
- G. December 3 - Weatherization for Energy Care (8:00-Noon)
- H. January 23 - Senior Service Cards are due

- I. February 11 - Faculty/Staff & students at St. Louis Foodbank
- J. February 13-28 - Blanket Drive
- K. March 1 - Sophomore Service Cards are due
- L. March 4 - Mission Committee at St. Louis Foodbank
- M. April 5 - Freshmen Service Cards are due

VI. Special Meetings –

- A. December 6, H day at Mods 15-16 - Freshman Retreat Follow-Up
- B. January 23, C day at Mods 15-16 – ACRE test for Seniors
- C. February 6, C day at Mods 15-16 – ACRE test for Freshmen
- D. February 28, H day at Mods 15-16 - Kairos Reunion for Seniors

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR: Our theme this year is “**Know and Share God’s Mercy.**” Pope Francis invites us to witness through our own individual actions God’s boundless love, forgiveness and kindness. He reminds us to recognize God’s mercy first in our own lives and then to share that mercy with one another. As we live the mission of Incarnate Word Academy, we strive to make a positive impact on our world, empower and challenge each other to reach our God-given potential, and promote human dignity. In all that we do we should be honoring God, doing God’s will, and loving God’s people. We can do that as we share God’s mercy by our love, kindness, and generosity to all others.

SERVICE PROGRAM:

- ❖ All students at Incarnate Word Academy are required to perform community service each of their four years. As part of the mission of IWA, the girls are encouraged to follow the example of Jesus to serve others and to make a positive impact on the world. One way that the girls can do this is by performing community service, and all of the students have many opportunities to help. Here at IWA the girls can serve for many different functions such as the Special Olympics, the Auction, Grandparents’ Day, and Alumnae events, just to name a few. Service opportunities are posted on the Campus Ministry Bulletin Board as well as via emails to the students. Students are also informed at morning and afternoon announcements and the daily news flash of service opportunities that occur throughout the school year.
- ❖ All Freshmen, Sophomores, and Seniors are required to perform a **minimum of 20 hours** of community service each of those three years. Some suggestions for service are: summer camp programs, day cares, nursing homes, food pantries, parish picnics, IWA sports camps, county parks and recreation, Vacation Bible Schools, and Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sundays.
- ❖ The **Senior service cards are due January 23, 2017**, the **Sophomore service cards are due March 1, 2017**, and the **Freshmen service cards are due April 5, 2017**. Please mark these important dates in your calendar.
- ❖ The Juniors are required to perform **nine days of community service, totaling a minimum of 60 hours**. They will attend a mandatory meeting on **October 3 at mod 7** to receive their Junior Service Site Forms including a list of over 100 service sites. Some of the sites include: public schools, day care centers, hospitals and health centers, pre-schools, retirement centers, and social service agencies. If the site is not on the hand-out, then the students must check with me before going out for an interview. The girls are required to return their Junior Service form signed by the supervisor of their service site to me no later than **December 2, 2016**. It is recommended that the girls get their selection taken care of early in order to get the desired site, since places fill up quickly and only two girls can be at the same site. The Juniors are then given time in May to work at their service site. The girls will keep a log of their activities at the site, as well as write a 200 word reflection paper on their experiences doing community service. **The Juniors will attend the mandatory orientation meeting**

prior to the start of their service on May 11, 2017 , and the mandatory meeting at the end of their Junior Service on May 26, 2017. A faculty/staff member from IWA will visit the girls for a formal observation during their community service time. Please encourage your daughter to choose a site that **challenges her and gives her an experience with people** that she would not encounter on a daily basis. The actual **dates for the Junior Service are: May 15-19 and May 22-25, 2017**. Please do not schedule any appointments for those nine days. Thanks!

- ❖ Several awards are given to seniors related to community service hours. Seniors have the opportunity to apply for the Archbishop May Service Award. Also at the Awards Assembly, the senior with the most service hours during her four years at IWA receives special recognition. In addition, many of the college applications are interested in seeing service hour experiences, and so copies of service cards can be sent with their applications upon request.
- ❖ Any student not turning in her service card on time will automatically be issued a demerit for each late day. In addition, final exams may not be taken until service hours are completed for the year.

RETREATS:

- ◆ Retreats are an important part of our curriculum for the spiritual development of our students. The retreats are designed to supplement the Theology Curriculum. Senior Family Leaders help to facilitate the small group sharing sessions at the Freshman retreat.
- ◆ The Freshman retreat is centered around the theme of “Building Friendships with God and with each other.” The girls discuss their relationship with God, qualities of a good friend and discuss the positive and negative pressures they experience. The retreat will be held at the Maria Center by Notre Dame’s Motherhouse on **October 6, 2016**.
- ◆ The Sophomore retreat is centered around the theme of “Decision Making.” Under the direction of the Reap Team, the girls discuss ways that they hide behind “masks”, their call to live the virtue of chastity, and their ability to forgive one another. The retreat will be held at the Cardinal Rigali Center on **October 10, 2016**.
- ◆ The Junior retreat is centered around the theme of “Leadership and Service.” In anticipation of their two weeks of community service, the girls discuss ways that they can be leaders, look at qualities of a good leader, and how they can live out the call of Jesus to go out and serve others in need. The facilitator for the retreat will be Dan Huss. The retreat will be held at the Shrewsbury City Center on **February 7, 2017**.
- ◆ The Seniors will all participate in a Kairos Retreat. Half of the class will attend the **Kairos #30 Retreat on October 26-28, 2016**, and the other half of the class will attend the **Kairos #31 Retreat on February 15-17, 2017**. Both Kairos Retreats will be held at the Pallottine Renewal Center. **Kairos is a three day retreat that fosters a greater awareness of God, others and ourselves.** This is accomplished through a series of talks, reflections, small and large group discussions, and the Sacraments. Kairos means “Time of the Lord.” This is a wonderful opportunity for the seniors to build their relationship with God and others.
- ◆ All students are required to participate in their class retreat. If a student cannot make the class retreat, she is required to make a private retreat on her own at a suggested retreat center. She must then bring a letter of confirmation explaining her participation in this retreat to the Campus Minister before report cards may be given out.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY!
“KNOW AND SHARE GOD’S MERCY”

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