



Incarnate Word High School Boarding Program at the Madeleine Residence Hall

727 E. Hildebrand, San Antonio, TX 78212



An Open Letter to the Parents of Prospective Boarding Students

Dear Prospective Parents:

Thank you for your interest in our boarding program. We are pleased that you would consider entrusting your daughter to our care during these key developmental years. The primary goal of the boarding program is to ensure that students are successful in their schoolwork and that they have a positive experience living in a community while taking full advantage of the high school experience and what San Antonio and the surrounding community have to offer.

To help accomplish these goals, the girls have a structured schedule that allows for free time and study time. To assist students in their studies, we make use of the resources of the University of Incarnate Word through the Brainpower Connection. Through this relationship, students can receive additional tutoring and learn about and improve their study skills through the Learning Assistance Center.

Residents live on an all female hall that has a community room, a computer room, a large kitchen and two communal bathrooms. Recently redecorated, the community room is a place students can relax, watch TV, chat or curl up with a book. The computer room provides access to printers, laptops and desktops with Internet connections for student use. The kitchen is open for residents to prepare their own food and is often used for community meals. Communal bathrooms have the necessities and a free washer and dryer for the residents.

Living in community is an important aspect of the program so most students are paired with a roommate prior to beginning the school year. If room is available, seniors may request to have a single room. Dedicated staff live on the hall with the girls and provide support, guidance and fun for the residents. The Residence Life Coordinator is a full-time paid staff position that oversees the program. There are also five (5) resident assistants who are students from the University of the Incarnate Word. Two staff members are always available when students are on the hall.

We invite students to get to know San Antonio and participate in activities that the high school provides. The boarding program's social and recreational activities include trips to museums, historical sites, shopping areas, and special events in and around San Antonio. We also encourage students to participate in programs sponsored by Incarnate Word High School, including dances, athletic teams, various clubs and theater and fine arts programs.

Many activities are closely coordinated with the boarding program of St. Anthony's Catholic High School. This coed high school is within a mile of IWHS campus, but the boarding students reside on the first floor of Madeleine Hall. The Residence Life Coordinator oversees both programs but there is a separate staff of male resident assistants on the first floor.

If you are admitted to IWHS and decide to participate in the Incarnate Word High School Boarding Program, you will receive a residence hall packet with the necessary forms pertaining to your daughter's health, guardianship, and permission for off-campus activity participation. Thank you for considering the boarding program at IWHS, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Missy Watts
Residence Life Coordinator