

INCARNATION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 2022



Principal's Message - Incarnation Day

I remember my very first days working at Incarnation School. There was so much to learn and so much to do - I had just moved to the city, my last job was in a high school, and I was quickly learning that "New York City in August" is a different kind of hot weather than I had ever experienced.



Amidst all the adjustments and preparations for the school year, the biggest question in my mind was when our school celebrated the Incarnation. There's not really a traditional feast day on the Church's calendar that marks the Incarnation, so when would we celebrate?

Soon, on my first visit to the church rectory, my question was answered. In the dining room there is a large and stunning copy of Fra Angelico's *The Annunciation*. The Annunciation, the feast we celebrate on March 25th, recalls the angel Gabriel coming to Mary with the news that she would give birth to the Son of God. So we celebrate Mary saying "yes" to God's call. It also marks the very moment of the Incarnation of our Lord.

So on March 25th we celebrate our school and remember that through the mystery of the Incarnation God became human like us to love us and save us. We can reflect on how Mary said "yes" to God's call and ask ourselves what great things God is calling each of us to do!

Teacher Feature: Mrs. Liana Mena



What made you want to become a teacher?

From the time I was a small child in Cuba I really enjoyed playing the role of a teacher. I remember lining up all my dolls as students in a classroom. My lectures were repetitions of classes I had taken earlier at school.

What was your favorite subject in school?

For sure Mathematics. I enjoy problem solving and I have always had good grades in Math. This led me to pursue my degree in Accounting and Finance.

What is the best part of working at Incarnation?

The children. Seeing and helping them reach their daily goals. Supporting them any way I can so they grow to be great professionals in the future.



If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Santa Cruz de Tenerife Spain, due to the great similarity between my native country of Cuba and the culture of this place, I would love to explore my roots there.

What's something about you we might not guess?

I really love nature. I enjoy going for long walks whenever possible.

What's your message for students at Incarnation?

In whatever you do, try to be the best and always choose the right path.

Alumni Spotlight: Vianca Martinez, Class of 2016

Following her career Incarnation, Vianca attended St. Jean Baptiste High School where she ranked 3rd in her class and graduated in 2020. She is currently attending New York University where she is a LEAD Honors Scholar in the Rory Meyers College of Nursing. She's studying abroad this semester in Madrid, Spain, and is planning on specializing her medical career as a Pediatric Oncology Nurse Practitioner.



What are your favorite memories from attending Incarnation?

I have so many great memories from when I attended Incarnation. One of my favorites is when our class would go to the library for a read-aloud with Mrs. Cronin who would use all kinds of props and instruments to add to the storytelling experience! I also really loved

Socks Day and Twin Day!

How did Incarnation prepare you for high school and college?

I think those essays Mr. Meaney had us write for our tests were so helpful. It got me accustomed to writing evidence-based essays in a short amount of time. It was incredibly helpful and useful for the many AP and Regents Exams I took in high school. Also, Incarnation was like a family to me and had some of the most encouraging and caring teachers who always saw the best in me and encouraged me to do better. Mrs. Dazle, Mr. Ruiz, and Mr. Meaney were great in middle school and I'm glad to still keep in touch with them from time to time. I think their motivation has helped me through high school and college in focusing on my goals and not being afraid to take risks to achieve my dreams!

What message do you want to share with Incarnation students today?

It is so important to engage yourself in things you are interested in - whether it be sports, a club, or learning something new. Find things that excite you, engage you, motivate you, and inspire you. That way when you feel overwhelmed by school or other things in your life, you can turn to the things that help you thrive and bring you joy!



Would you like to be featured?

If you are an alum or you know an alum who would like to be featured in a future edition of our newsletter, please let us know! You can fill out our alumni form [HERE](#) or contact Mr. Armando Miranda at amiranda@incarnationnyc.org.

Incarnation School Wins the Great Reading Games!



For the past seven weeks, Incarnation Students participated in Learning Ally's Great Reading Games, competing against other elementary schools from around the nation. The contest challenged students and schools to see how much they could read using Learning Ally's audiobook program.

Our Incarnation Students finished the contest in **1st Place in the nation**, reading nearly 200,000 pages of great books during the competition! The 2nd grade class was the top class in the school, led by Ethan H. who read nearly 6,000 pages during the 7-week competition.

We know how amazing our students are and this incredible accomplishment is just another reminder of the great readers we are becoming each day at Incarnation. Congratulations!

Class of 2024 Leads the Way On Winter MAP Assessments!

Incarnation students recently completed the Winter round of MAP Assessments in Reading, Math, and Language and showed tremendous growth in those subject areas. The 6th Grade, the Class of 2024, led the way and won our MAP competition. The 6th grade students exceeded their goals as a class in all three content areas and earned a bouncy house party in the gym as a reward. All of our students are working hard to continue to learn and grow and we will see which class takes home the MAP Growth Cup after testing in May!



Students of the Month - February 2022

Our Strength of the Month for February was Gratitude. Our students learned that Gratitude is a strong feeling of appreciation or thankfulness. The students below exemplified Gratitude throughout the month and all school year!



Analia C.
Kindergarten



Juliet R.
1st Grade



Jaylania R.
2nd Grade



Amos D.
3rd Grade



Jacob C.
4th Grade



Brihanna F.
5th Grade



Gianfi D.
6th Grade



Miguel V.
7th Grade



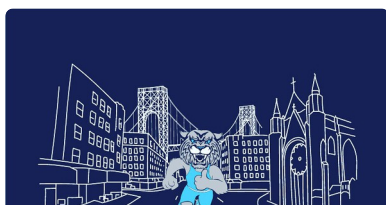
Hailey B.
8th Grade

Wildcat Hooded Sweatshirts On Sale NOW!

You can now sport our new Wildcat logo on a great hooded sweatshirt. Sweatshirts are \$25 for students and \$30 for adults. Any current students and families can purchase them at the school. Any alumni, friends of the school, etc. can order their sweatshirts online [HERE](#). We take cash, check, or Venmo (@incarnationnyc). Show your school spirit and pride and get your Wildcat hoodie right away!



Save the Date: Wildcat Dash - May 14th



The 3rd Annual Wildcat Dash will be held in Van Cortlandt Park on Saturday, May 14th at 10:00am. Registration information opens in April and we'll be sharing that information soon. We are hoping for a great



turnout, so save the date and start training for a great race!

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Did you know you can support Incarnation School when you shop on Amazon? Incarnation will receive a portion of every purchase you make if you [follow these steps](#). If you need any help setting it up or if you have any questions we will be glad to help!



In Memoriam

We remember and pray for the following members of the Incarnation community who have recently passed away:

- Ellen Feaney Hui - Class of 1954
- Helen Ager Orr - Class of 1960
- Terry Mulvey - Former Teacher
- Bob Monaghan - Friend of the School

Important Dates - March 2022

- March 17th - St. Patrick's Day - Free Dress-up/Dress-down - Wear Green
- March 18th - Bake Sale at Lunch
- March 22nd - Dress-up/Dress-down - \$2
- March 25th - Incarnation Day
- March 28th - Spring Picture Day
- March 29th-31st - New York State Exams: English Language Arts - Grades 3-8
- Every Friday - Mass at 9:00am



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