



INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

FALCON FLASH

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

March 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Current student registration forms were mailed to the families of all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students on February 17. The registration forms are due in the school office by March 27. Please contact the Director of Admissions, if you did not receive the packet. Our counselors reviewed the graduation requirements, course descriptions, and the course selection process with the students on February 20, 2009. New course options for the 2009-2010 school year include:

Senior Theology Spring Electives: *Sacred Scripture, History of the Catholic Church, Morality and Christian Living in Today's Society, Living as a Disciple of Jesus Christ in Society, Walk Your Talk, Ecumenical and Interreligious Issues, and Apologetics.* (Descriptions of the electives are attached to the selection sheets.)

Junior Fall Elective: *Test Prep Class* (A prep class for the October PSAT, the SAT and the ACT.)

Computer II Selections: *Web Design, Multimedia or Visual Basic*

Please review your daughter's course selection with her. A parent or guardian's signature is required for the course selections to be processed. If you have any questions regarding the courses or requirements for your daughters, please contact one of the school counselors (Ms. Bludau or Mrs. Novak).

The students were also asked to rank their preferred sessions for career day on March 5. Prior to the selection of career day speakers, our students were asked to note careers of interest to them.

Congratulations to the twelve IWA students who will travel to Austin to compete in the state TAPPS competition. Six students will be competing in academic categories and ten students will be competing in the art categories. (Four of the art students will not be traveling with their pieces.)

Please note early student dismissal days in March:

Career Day, Thursday, March 5, 2009 2:30 p.m. Dismissal

Friday, March 13, 2009 2:15 p.m. Dismissal

Sincerely,

Mary A. Getschow

Principal

FATHER/DAUGHTER MASS

All fathers are invited to attend a special Mass in their honor on March 13 at 8:15 a.m. A reception in the auditorium will immediately follow.

ADMISSIONS NEWS

Please remember that Re-Registration paperwork and payment are due by March 27, 2009.

Financial Aid and Scholarship letters will be mailed March 13, 2009.

For more information, contact Admissions Director Ashley Steward at asteward@incarnateword.org.

SAVE THE DATE

IWA will host a blood drive on April 21 from noon to 5 p.m. in the auditorium. More information to follow.

UPCOMING DATES

- March 5:** Career Day. 2:30 p.m. Dismissal.
- March 6-8:** Spring drama production
- March 13:** Report cards and 2:15 p.m. Dismissal.
Father/Daughter Mass at 8:15 a.m.
Falcon Dancers Spring Show at 7 p.m.
- March 14:** SAT
- March 16-20:** Spring break
- March 23:** Classes resume
- March 24-26:** Senior Retreat
- March 25:** Parent Club meeting
- March 28:** Spring Gala & Auction

PARENT CLUB

March is expected to be a busy month for the IWA Community. The Father/Daughter Mass & Reception is March 13. The reception will be held in the auditorium. The Parent Club will be offering the chance to take a picture with dads and their daughters. The cost will be \$5.00 and the pictures will be delivered to the office the following week.

The Parent Club Board Meeting is March 25. All parents are members of the Parent Club and you are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting. All Parent Club meetings are open to parents.

For April, please save the following dates on your calendar – Junior Ring Ceremony on April 17 and the Parent Club Spring Social on April 23. We will host a BBQ dinner.

Parents—please remember to bring in your Silent Auction donations for the Gala. Also, we still need the student donations for their class baskets.

CHAPERONES NEEDED

SENIOR RETREAT Parent Chaperones Needed!

If you would like to help chaperone during the Senior Retreat, please let us know. This year the retreat is March 24-26. For more information, please e-mail Ms. Deena Wolf at dewolf@incarnateword.org.

SPRING DANCE SHOW

The Falcon Dancers 2009 Spring Show is March 13 at 7 pm in the auditorium. The admission cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Food will be available at the concession booth. Tickets go on sale March 2. They will be available in the office. This show is the highlight of the 2008 – 2009 season and gives the team the chance to perform their award-winning routines for family, friends and the IWA community.

COUNSELOR CORNER

Career Day 2009- Oh, The Places You Will Go!

Career Day will be held Thursday, March 5, 2009. We have over 25 speakers lined up to come speak to the students. The girls selected speakers they are interested in hearing and will be able to see four career sessions, hear from 2 keynote speakers and receive college guidance and resume assistance. Ask your daughter about her experiences after Career Day!

Jesuit College Fair- Friday, March 6th at 10a.m.

Fifteen Jesuit universities will be at Incarnate Word on Friday, March 6 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Interested students of all grades will be encouraged to visit the representatives in the auditorium to learn more and ask questions. The attending schools are:

Creighton University, John Carroll University, Loyola College in Maryland, Loyola Marymount University, Loyola University Chicago, Loyola University New Orleans, Marquette University, Regis University, Rockhurst University, Saint Joseph's University, Saint Louis University, Spring Hill College, University of San Francisco, University of Scranton, and Xavier University. All interested students are invited to attend. Please see Mrs. Novak or Ms. Bludau for a pass by Wednesday, March 4.

Seniors:

- If you have not already done so, be sure to apply for Federal Financial Aid by filling out the FAFSA form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Please turn in a copy of all college acceptance letters and scholarship awards to Mrs. Novak or Ms. Bludau.
- Scholarship opportunities may be found online in the Counselor tab, as well as posted on the Counselor Corner bulletin board.
- A list of 2009 college acceptances can be found by clicking the 2009 College Acceptances link on the IWA homepage. We are proud of our seniors!

Sophomores and Juniors- Practice SAT/ACT at IWA

IWA will be hosting a Princeton Review Assessment (PRA) on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m.-1p.m. The PRA is a free, single, three-and-a-half hour test that combines components of the SAT and the ACT. The purpose of this test is to help students identify which of the two tests they are better suited to take. A follow-up evening meeting will be scheduled 7-10 days after the test to return and review results. We recommend that all sophomores and juniors take advantage of this opportunity for a practice test and to learn more about each of these exams. Listen for announcements on how to sign up.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE NEWS

Sr. Brendan is delighted to tell you all that the final \$150,000 matching grant from the Scanlan Foundation is down to \$4,324.88. She will be glad when that goal is reached and is most grateful to all the people who have helped with that challenge. Without friends, a goal like that in our present economy would be beyond her endeavors, she says. So God bless all donors.

Please remember in your prayers the following benefactors who have died: Wilhelmena Robertson, Eleanor Tinsley, Hester Brelsford and John James Heyburn. May their dear souls rest in God's peace.

SPIRIT OF THE WORD ANNUAL FUND

It is not too late to donate to IWA's Spirit of the Word Annual Fund. Please know that all gifts, no matter what size, are greatly appreciated. We still are striving for 100% participation from our families!

We thank the following families who have generously contributed to Spirit of the Word Annual Fund.

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We thank the following faculty and staff who have generously contributed to the Spirit of the Word Annual Fund.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GALA & AUCTION UPDATE

The big event is fast approaching! We have received some wonderful auction items such as beautiful jewelry for live and silent auction, a considerable donation of wine for live auction, custom boots for live auction, many gift cards and certificates from local businesses, exquisite crystal for silent auction and exciting items for dads. We are still looking for silent auction items.

We are having a volunteer meeting on March 10 at 5:30 pm at the school. Parents are welcome.

If you are interested in a reservation, please contact Kate Ryther, Advancement Director, at 713-227-3637 as soon as possible as we expect to sell out!

CHILI COOK-OFF

The chili cook off was a huge success; NHS made \$400 for Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen!

Some of the NHS members will present a check to the organization in early March. Thanks to all the participants!

TAPPS COMPETITION

Kudos to the IWA TAPPS team who competed at the 2009 Art/Academic TAPPS District Competition hosted this year at St. Agnes Academy. Our ladies competed in academic, speech, and art categories. They made us proud and at least 12 of them will travel to the State TAPPS Competition held in Austin in April. The girls that are eligible to continue to state are:

Olivia Birkhead
Paulina Sosa
Kirby Orosco
Bethany Hamilton
Maire Kelly
Sarah Masters
Fernanda Montiel
Kirby Jenkins
Jacqueline Hohenstein
Briana Hernandez
Lynn Vitela
Lindsey Stryk
Jillian Camarillo
Samantha Salcedo
Jamie Roy
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