

THE WEEKLY WORD

May 28, 2021

*This is the last Weekly Word for the 2020 - 2021 academic year.
We'll see you back in your in-box on August 6.
Enjoy your summer!*

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!



Last Saturday, we held our Class of 2021 Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. It was an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the 74 young women in our senior class. Twenty-eight of our graduates will attend U.S. News and World Report top-ranked colleges and 25 graduated with a Distinguished Leader designation on their diplomas. We are so proud of all of our graduates!

Read more about the Class of 2021 and our graduation [here](#).

See photos from our Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation [here](#).

Missed the ceremony? [Watch it here](#).

Click the video below to hear our Class of 2021 sing the IWA Alma Mater.



Important Dates

June 7–11

- High School Strength and Conditioning Camp Session I

June 14–18

- High School Strength and Conditioning Camp Session II

June 19

- Love is All You Need REMIX: The 2021 IWA Gala and Auction, Hilton Americas Houston

June 21–25

- High School Strength and Conditioning Camp Session III

July 12 - 15

- High School Basketball Camp

July 12 - 16

- Urban Planning Camp for Rising Juniors and Seniors

July 19 - 22

- High School Volleyball Cam

Aug. 2 - 3

- Cross Country tryouts - Hermann Park Japanese Garden 6 p.m.

Aug. 4 and 5

- Volleyball tryouts - time TBD

Aug. 9

- First Day of School

See our [calendar webpage](#) for more details about the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Second Semester Grades and Senior Transcripts

Students and families will be able to access final grades for the second semester on Friday, June 4.

Final transcripts for the Class of 2021 will be available at that time.



IWA Students Give Back



On Wednesday, members of IWA's Leading With Business class presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to a representative from United Against Human Trafficking, a Houston-based organization that aims to prevent exploitation, educate the community and assist survivors. The funds came from the profits of 609 Coffee Street, this semester's student-run business. (Last fall, the student team behind Cocoa and Bark donated \$1,000 from their profits to Rainbow of Hope Texas, an organization that offers equine therapy for youth with developmental disabilities).

Service Projects Spotlight

Isabella Garza '21 wasn't initially sold on volunteering with the Houston Food Bank, but after a few visits, she came to love it, especially being able to help those in need. Her service taught her how to give of herself, and allowed her to meet people she might not have otherwise - including a fellow Houston Dash fan. She reflected on how, when we have more than others, we are called to give of our time, talents and



Sophia Schlak '21 chose to volunteer at Texas Children's Hospital. She discovered that volunteering sometimes means overcoming your own fears, like when she had to use her Spanish speaking skills to communicate with a family. She was hesitant, but the family appreciated her wanting to talk to them and that she treated them with dignity. She brought toys to patients, and did her best to bring normalcy to what could be a frightening stay. Her service helped her reflect on caring for our neighbors. [Read about Sophia's service here.](#)

treasure, to show our care for humanity. [Learn more about her service here.](#)



Nicole Fish '21 volunteered with The River, a performing arts organization that gives children with developmental disabilities the opportunity to act, sing and dance. Nicole worked one-on-one with children there, performing with them in shows and helping them see the joy theater can bring. She earned a Golden Heart Award for her service. The experience helped her reflect on how those with disabilities are often not treated respectfully, and that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity. [Read about her service here.](#)



Lily Cromeens '21 knew she wanted to help children in some way. Her grandmother taught her to knit, an activity they bonded over, and one that form the foundation of Lily's service project. While homebound during last year's COVID-19 pandemic, she knitted

baby blankets, which she donated to Knots of Love, an organization that provides blankets for babies in the NICU. Her service allowed her to reflect on the vulnerable, and helped her see that she could make a difference. [Read about her service project here.](#)



Anna Bourgoyne '21 volunteered with the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Community, her home parish where she attended the parish school. She began her volunteer work there as a freshman; over the years, she's helped with CCE classes and working to sort donated items when the parish served as temporary shelter for those displaced after Hurricane Harvey. Her service helped her develop gratitude for what she has, and see that she could use her time to help others. [Read about her service here.](#)



Ana Sofia Aragon '21 started working with Humble Area Assistance Ministries during her freshman year. Across her four years of high school, she volunteered in HAAM's food pantry and resale shop. She calls the experience "eye opening," and says that it's changed the way she lives her life. Being able to provide services for those less fortunate allowed her to reflect on the Catholic Social Teaching of respecting the life and dignity of every person. [Read about her service project here.](#)



Stephanie Donson '21 volunteered with Operacion St. Andres, based in Peru. Its mission is to provide for those living in poverty in a small town outside Lima. Stephanie spent a week there with her youth group, where they helped repaint the local church and youth center. She



and a friend also taught some children to dance. The experience helped her see that being a servant leader means giving of yourself, and that seemingly small things can make a big difference in others' lives. [Read about her service here.](#)

Service Learning Program Update

We have some important information about our Service Learning Program and how it's been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. You can [read all the details here](#). You'll also want to take a look at the details and requirements for next year, [which you can find here](#).

Classroom Creativity



We stopped by several IWA classrooms this week to see our students and faculty in action. Many were working on end-of-year projects that showcased both knowledge and creativity.

Allison Porche '24, Abby Christensen '24, Catherine Mayeu '24, Julia Pinell '24, and Alexia Nanquil '24 collaborated on this animated project detailing the life cycle of an ecosystem in Mr. Comer's Honors Biology class. Click on the video to play.



In Mrs. Neaves' World History and Geography from 1500 course, the freshmen were asked to "go down the rabbit hole" and research a subject that interested them and then present in to the class in any way they chose. Jazmin Garza played two pieces she prepared on her viola to show the changes in musical styles during the period of 1500-1700. Scout Hatfield researched fashion divas during the Renaissance and had a friend model a simple peasant dress. There were also several recreations of works of art, along with experiments and original inventions.



This week, our chemistry students were conducting titration lab experiments. They combined hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide to find the neutralization point in order to determine an unknown concentrate in their sodium hydroxide. On Wednesday, Dr. Farner's AP chemistry and Ms. Garza's on-level chemistry classes did the experiments together, giving students the opportunity to learn from each other. "It was great to see both the expertise of our AP class and the curiosity of our on-level students," said Ms. Garza.

Win Prizes for Writing!

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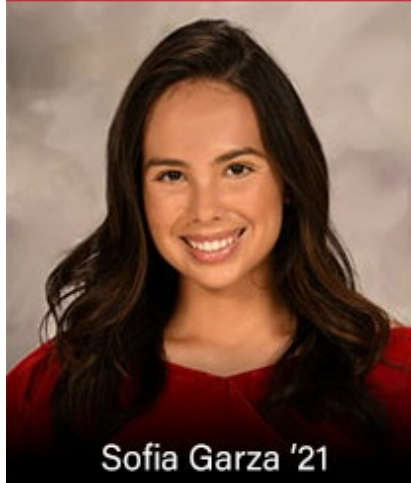
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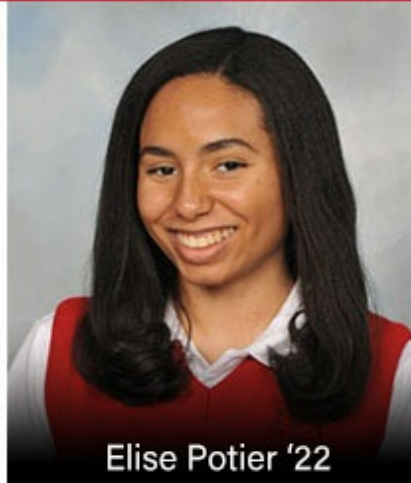
Girls with Impact and the Bic Corporate Foundation are teaming up to sponsor a creative essay contest. First prize is \$1,000! The contest is open to young people ages 12 to 21. The deadline to submit your essay is July 28, 2021. Read more about the contest and the [rules for submission here](#). [Click here](#) to submit.

Choir Members Receive Recognition

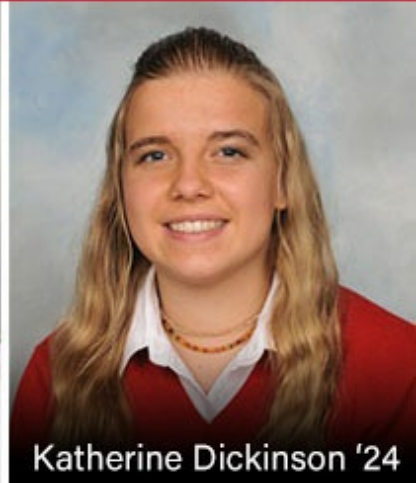
TPSMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest I (Superior)



Sofia Garza '21



Elise Potier '22



Katherine Dickinson '24

Three IWA Choir members received ratings of 1 (Superior) by the Texas Private Schools Music Educators Association. Sofia Garza '21, Elise Potier '22 and Katherine Dickinson '24 entered the organization's online competition. Congratulations to these wonderful singers!

Freshman Earns Kudos in Harp Competition

Miranda Rinaldi '24 won 3rd Place in her division of the American Harp Society Greater Houston Chapter's Milligan Harp Competition. She and the other winners will perform in the



Milligan Competition Winner's Recital later this fall. Miranda is one of only three high school harpists chosen to be part of the American Festival for the Arts Symphony Orchestra, which performs at Miller Theater on July 2 at 8:30 p.m. Miranda and Nora Navarro '23 are the two original members of the Houston Youth Harp Ensemble, which performs themed concerts each spring and fall.

Something to Cheer About

Carson Chesnut '22 has been named head cheer captain of the St. Thomas Cheer Team. She is the very first person to hold that title.

Typically, there are two co-captains for the team. However, Carson received the most votes from both the JV and Varsity cheerleaders who elect the captains. Because she was such an overwhelming choice, the position of head cheer captain was created.

She was a member of the squad this year, which included several Incarnate Word Academy students. The team, made of up students from IWA, St. Agnes and Duchesne, will cheer at St. Thomas High School football and basketball games.



Congratulations, Carson!

Athletics News

Cross Country Team Tryouts | Aug. 2 and 3 | 6 p.m.

Hermann Park Japanese Gardens

Training starts June 7.

For more information, contact Assistant Athletic Director [Bryan Gonzalez](#).

Volleyball Team Tryouts | Aug. 5 and 6 | Time TBD

Look for more information in your inbox later this summer



Student Council Election Results

Congratulations to all our winners!

Alyson Ubungen '22
Student Body President

Alessa Elkareh '22
Student Body Vice President

Emily Green '22
Secretary/Historian

Colleen Sontheimer '22
Class President

Isabelle Lavoie '23
Class President

Hayden Coogan '24 Class
President

Ciara Juanico '22
Class Vice President

Claire Michael '23
Class Vice President

Addsion Solis '24
Class Vice President

Jorri Odom '23
Class Representative

Lauren Gentry '24
Class Representative

Spring Break 2022 in Europe



Info Session | June 7 | 1 and 4 p.m.

IWA students who are interested in traveling to Europe over Spring Break should attend one of the two information sessions we're hosting on June 7. The informational meeting for students and parents will be held via Zoom. Email [Mrs. Andrea Smith](#) if you're interested in attending one of the Zoom meetings and which time preference works best for you.

Class of 2022: Schedule Your Senior Photos!

Rising seniors, it's time to schedule your senior yearbook photos. All Class of 2022 members must make an appointment with Freeman Photography for a photo session over the summer. Details on how to schedule your photos [can be found here](#), and pricing for your senior yearbook photos [is here](#). **NOTE: All photography sessions must be completed and senior yearbook images selected by Sept. 1, 2021!**

Class of 2022 Parents: Responses Needed by June 1



Class of 2022 Families: Our juniors are wrapping up the spring semester and are building their college lists with excitement and curiosity towards their future. Along with teacher recommendations, all students receive a counselor recommendation from IWA. We need your help as parents to write a thorough narrative to help complete her applications. Please fill out [this parent survey by June 1](#) to help the college counseling department tell your daughter's story.

School Uniform Sale | June 8 - 24

Save at least 15 percent on nearly everything between June 8 and 24. It's Mills Uniform Company's biest sale of the year, guaranteed to make sure you have all you need to start the 2021 - 2022 school year in style. The sale prices [are good online](#) and in store.

NOTE: As you are taking advantage of Miller's Uniform sale, please remember the school's skirt policy. [As stated in the handbook](#), skirts are to be *no higher than three inches above the knee*. *Skirt lengths are expected to follow the guidelines, which will be strictly enforced this upcoming school year.* Please plan to measure

your skirt prior to purchasing. It must follow the guidelines. Appropriate consequences will be earned for skirts out of compliance with school policy.

Summer Camp for IWA Students!

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SUMMER CAMPS

ATHLETICS

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING \$50 PER WEEK
June 7-11, 14-18, 21-25, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Feel and grow stronger in this week of totally energizing exercises that combine fitness and fun.

BASKETBALL \$150 PER WEEK
July 12-15, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Polish your court skills, including shooting and passing, playing good defense and how your offense is based around their defense.

VOLLEYBALL \$150 PER WEEK
July 19-22, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
A week of skills training and drills to improve your game and help you better understand volleyball.

SOCIAL STUDIES

URBAN PLANNING (RISING GRADES 11 AND 12) \$125 PER WEEK
July 12-16, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
In this week-long, project-based experience, students will work in teams, reimagining a fictional community and then present their project to development experts from the greater Houston area.

To register and for more information,
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Our IWA summer programs offer great opportunities for students to learn new things and build on their current skills.

[See our summer camps webpage](#) or click the image to the left for more details and to register.

Know a middle schooler who loves to get involved, wants to take the lead and gets into project-based learning? Tell her about our Middle School Leadership Camp. This fun, week-long session allows students to find out about our Young Leaders Program and offers engaging activities that showcase creativity and teamwork. [Register now!](#)



FOR \$100, WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE?



You can buy a \$100 raffle ticket for a chance to win this stunning Lagos diamond bracelet and a \$500 MasterCard gift card. Or you can buy a \$100 ticket for our Wine and Liquor Pull and go home with a great bottle. Can't decide? Buy one of each! Your purchase supports our 2021 IWA Gala and Auction.

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PULL TICKETS**

Auction Preview



Sunday Jazz Brunch for Four at Brennan's

Spend an afternoon filled with great memories and a delicious multi-course meal at one of Houston's favorite brunch spots. Sit at Brennan's Kitchen Table and enjoy selections that may include wild game, fresh seafood and locally grown produce, not to mention the award-winning service that has made Brennan's an institution.

Skip the Drop Off Line at IWA

You'll have a front-of-the-line pull up spot in the IWA Car Line for both drop off and pick up. That means you can skip the line, rain or shine. That's a great deal that saves time and sanity.

Want to see more of what's available in our auction? [Click here for new sneak peeks](#) every week. Some other great items include a trip to the Phoenix Open; private and exclusive wine tastings, a new summer grill with accessories; outings at high-end Houston restaurants; staycations; family memberships and more!

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We Need Your Help!

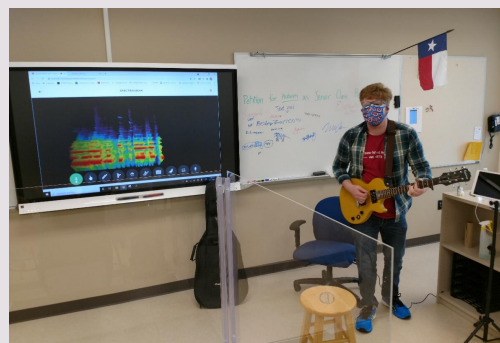
Our gala and auction is one of our biggest events of the year. We need volunteers to help us with everything from set up to check out. Parents and friends can [sign up here](#).



IWA Snapshots



We held a baby shower for English teacher Mrs. Gibbons yesterday. She and her husband are expecting their first child next month. We can't wait to meet Baby Boy Gibbons later this summer. Congratulations to Mrs. Gibbons and her family!



On the last day of school, we captured Dr. Farner on his guitar, demonstrating how to plot the frequency of sound. The Spectrogram app allowed him to show his students the notes he was playing and the harmonics around them.

Don't Miss Out

Missed an issue of *The Weekly Word*? Catch up with our *Weekly Word* archive, [available here](#).

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