

THE WEEKLY WORD

Feb. 5, 2021

Leading With Business Class Donates Its Earnings



Last Saturday, members of our student-run business Cocoa and Bark visited Rainbow of Hope Texas, where they presented the organization with a check for \$1,000. Rainbow of Hope offers equine therapy for young people with special needs. Currently, the organization is training a horse named Miracle to work with the "rainbow kids." Our IWA girls are amazing representatives of our Academy, their business and their commitment to serving others. We are extraordinarily proud of them and their efforts!

The Coming Week

February 8

- All students remote (Red Day schedule)
- Goff, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, and Impact Dance Team begin practice

February 9

- All students remote (White Day schedule)
- "Steel Magnolias" rehearsals resume

February 10

- All students return to campus (Red Day schedule)
- Pink Out Day (*see below*)

February 11

- White Day schedule

February 12

- All students remote (Plaid Day schedule - *see below*)
- Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30 - 3:30- p.m.

Important Dates

February 15

- President's Day Holiday - No classes

February 16

- Chick-Fil-A at Lunch**

We will collect money for this special lunch on Feb. 10 and 11 during both lunch period. The cost is \$5 for a chicken sandwich and \$1 for a cookie. **Cash only.

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences | Friday, Feb. 12

Virtual parent/student/teacher conferences will take place Friday, Feb. 12 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

All conferences will take place on Zoom.

REMINDER: [Please sign up in advance](#) to schedule a 10-minute Zoom conference with a specific teacher. ***Sign ups close Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 12 p.m.***

Only parents who have scheduled a conference will be allowed to meet with teachers. Because spaces are limited for the spring, we ask that parents only sign up if you have particular concerns you would like to discuss.

All students will engage in remote synchronous learning on February 12.

Our class schedule for the day is to the right, or you can [download it here](#).

Noon Dismissal Schedule for February 12

Plaid – Noon Dismissal	
0	7:00-7:55
1	8:00-8:25
2	8:30-8:55
3	9:00-9:25
4	9:30-9:55
5	10:00-10:25
6	10:30-10:55
7	11:00-11:25
8	11:30-11:55*

Spotlight on Service

Our weekly look at the service learning projects completed by the Class of 2021.

Avery Garig '21 loves to see children smile. That, and plans for a future in medicine, led her to Texas Children's Hospital, where she was part of the Summer Junior Volunteer Program. Amid the hospital's unpredictable days, she helped with paperwork and disinfected all the crayons, toys and puzzles the children played with. She also worked



directly with families, leading them from waiting to recovery rooms. Seeing the power of love the families felt was an incredible experience of her, and led her to reflect more on how we are all made in the likeness of God. Read more about Avery's service project [here](#).

Lauren Fuller '21 channeled her creative and organizational skills as a volunteer with the Christian Community Service Center's Resale Shop in Bellaire. Proceeds from the shop fund the organization's outreach programs, including job assistance and home caregiver training. Her service began with pricing and organizing donated clothing. But, she quickly grew to take on projects of her own, including organizing a very successful summer book sale, and creating Christmas floor displays. The experience helped her see leadership in a new, collaborative light. Read more about Lauren's service project [here](#).



Maddie Taylor '21 chose DeBusk Enrichment Center for Academically Talented Students (DECATS) as her service site. A graduate of the program, which serves gifted and talented students, Maddie enjoyed giving back to an organization she loved. As a Graduate Assistant, she did administrative tasks such as emailing parents and preparing classrooms for incoming students, and also worked with them on projects, stage shows and more. She learned to overcome her own worry of not doing things perfectly, to better focus on a great experience for students. Read more about her work [here](#).

The service project **Tessa Watson '21** selected brought her close to home, right here at IWA. She created care packages for the homeless, inspired by the sadness she felt in seeing homeless people on her commute to school. Tessa also engaged fellow IWA students in her work, setting up volunteers sessions to stuff bags with essentials such as toiletries, socks and notes of affirmation and encouragement. The donated items were taken to Loaves and Fishes, a downtown organization that helps homeless people by offering meals and resources. Read more about her work [here](#).



Teens 4 Unity Talent Show | Postponed

We are redesigning our annual Teens 4 Unity Talent Show. Stay tuned for more details next week!

Swim Team Heads to State



We're thrilled to report several IWA swimmers will be competing in the State Swim Meet next Wednesday!

Individual Swimmers

- Carson Chestnut '22: 100 freestyle, 50 freestyle
- Olivia Hill '23: 100 butterfly, 500 freestyle
- Flinn Burrell '24: 50 freestyle
- Daniela Taboada-Palau '21: 100 freestyle, 50 freestyle
- Ruth Linbeck '21: 100 backstroke

200 Freestyle Relay

- Daniela Taboada-Palau '21
- Flinn Burrell '24
- Daniela Alvarez '24
- Sarah St. John '23
- Alternate: Ruth Linbeck '21

200 Medley Relay

- Daniela Alvarez '24 (backstroke)
- Sarah St. John '23 (breaststroke)
- Olivia Hill '23 (butterfly)
- Carson Chestnut '22 (freestyle)
- Alternates: Flinn Burrell '24 & Ruth Linbeck '21

400 Freestyle Relay

- Olivia Hill '23
- Carson Chestnut '22
- Flinn Burrell '24
- Daniela Taboada-Palau '21
- Alternates: Sarah St. John '23 &



Weekly Winners



Congratulations again to **Sheridan Victoria Simmons '23** who won last week's prize drawing for students who sold more than 40 tickets. She received a Nike gift card.

We're giving shout outs to students who've sold more than \$100 in tickets. As a reward, they get to wear jeans every Friday through Raffle Season. Way to go, girls!

- Alexandra Benedict '21
- Flinn Burrell '24
- Madison Lacey '24
- Shannon McLaughlin '21
- Alexandra Perez '23
- Kylie Salch '23

We had a great group of young women who received most-improved seller prizes this week, earning them Chick-Fil-A gifts cards.

- Ana Sofia Bello '22
- Piper Bratton '21
- Whitney Bratton '24
- Kathryn Conti '22
- Elizabeth Hatten '22
- Allison Huddleston '21
- Autumn Hunter '24
- Gabbi Lastovica '24

- Olivia Dickens '22
- Denver Fowler '22
- Devin Fowler '23
- Jordan Fowler '24

- Lorena Lease '23
- Shannon McLaughlin '21
- Catherine Mayeu '24

Next Week's Incentives:

- Be one of the Top 5 sophomore seller by Thursday, Feb. 11 and be entered to win *custom Vans (Value of \$75+) to wear during Raffle Season*
- Sell 75 or more tickets between now and Thursday, Feb. 11 and be entered to win a \$100 Target gift card

The IWA Falcon Raffle runs through March 5. [Buy your tickets here.](#)

Pink Out | Feb. 10



Wear your uniform skirt or pants and something pink! You may wear as many pink articles of clothing and accessories as you like, as long as they are school appropriate. *You must wear your uniform skirt or pants* We'll also be writing affirmations at both lunches on Thursday, Feb. 11.

Hope and Healing

Evalyn Navarro and other members of IWA's newly formed Origami Club completed this incredible art installation inspired by a Japanese legend that 1,000 cranes can bring health and healing from illness. Each colored strand represents one of the Academy's classifications, with the shortest strand representing our faculty and staff. White cranes surround them, symbols of prayers and hope in this pandemic year. The installation hangs in the foyer by our auditorium, and offers a powerful reminder about the beauty of creativity and the need for care and healing in our world.



IWA Snapshots



As part of Catholic Schools Week, students created clothespin affirmations on Tuesday during our lunch periods. They shared the notes of encouragement and affirmation with fellow students and other members of the IWA community, as a reminder of how much they are appreciated.

Don't Miss Out

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