

THE WEEKLY WORD

March 5, 2021

The Coming Week

March 9

- Service Learning Fair
- Softball vs. Episcopal (Away) 4 p.m.

March 11

- Softball vs. St. John's (Away) 4:30 p.m.

March 12

- End of 3rd Quarter
- Softball vs. Bay Area Christian Academy (Away) 4 p.m.

Important Dates

March 15 - 19

- Spring Break

March 26

- Senior Retreat (all day) Carolina Creek Christian Camp

April 2 - 5

- Easter holiday

April 8

- Junior Ring Ceremony and Mass

April 9

- Junior Retreat (all day) at Carolina Creek Christian Camp



Falcon Family Reveal is a Morning of Fun at the 609

Tuesday kicked off with one of IWA's favorite traditions, Falcon Family Reveal, an all-school event that showcases sisterhood and creativity. "Falcon Families" are made up of students from different classifications. During Reveal, freshman must find their families, looking for students who are costumed similarly to them. Costume themes included everything from Pixar movies to Whataburger to M&Ms. Usually held in the gym, this year's event was a street party in front of school, complete with music. The Mothers' Club supplied breakfast treats for everyone. Check out a video of the event [here](#).



Course Selection 2020 - 2021

Course selection for the 2021 – 2022 school year is underway. *Students must register with their respective advisor for a meeting before school, during lunch or*

after school between Monday, March 1 and Friday, March 12. These meetings will last between 10 and 15 minutes.

The following advisors have been assigned to your students for course selection:

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| Class of 2022: | Ms. Howard |
| Class of 2023: | Mr. Kerr-Herally (Last names: A-G) |
| | Mrs. Watkins (Last names: H-Z) |
| Class of 2024: | Mrs. Eberhart |

[Students should sign up for appointments here.](#)

Students are asked to bring their course planning sheet with them to the meeting. This year, we are excited to introduce our four-year plans, designed to help students better visualize their academic goals at IWA. Copies will be available for families upon request at the conclusion of the meeting. We are also encouraging parents to be part of the process. We ask that students call or Facetime their parents during their individual registration meetings. Course registration will occur on [myIWA](#). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Stefanie Howard, Academic Dean.

Remote Learning Course Selection Process

Students who are learning from home will follow the same course selection process. Individual course registration meetings will occur on Zoom and we highly encourage parents to participate if able. Zoom information will be sent via email by the advisor. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Stefanie Howard](#), academic dean.

Service Learning Fair | March 9

The Campus Ministry Team hosts this exciting event, where seniors will showcase the culmination of their service learning experience. Their presentations will inspire the other classifications to be eager to serve, and demonstrate the variety of options IWA students have to make a difference in the community. Everyone will participate in the Service Learning Fair, whether in person or remotely.

Spotlight on Service

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



Ellie Westby '21 likes being around - and learning from - children, especially when she can help teach them in the process. Her service led her to Easter Seals of Greater Houston's Camp Buckaroo, which offers recreation to children with special needs. She worked one-on-one with individual campers, helping them explore a range of activities. While Ellie admits being nervous that she wouldn't be a good counselor, she leaned into her fear and volunteered anyway. Her service helped her realize that being a servant leader is to seek ways to help others. Read more about Ellie's service project [here](#).

Estreya Rocha '21 volunteered with the Magnolia Park Sharks, a youth sports organization. It was a perfect match, since she loves sports and outdoor activities. She worked training the Sharkettes, the dance and cheer team for the Sharks. Estreya not only helped them create routines, but worked with them to gain confidence in their abilities. She realized that the organization, for many girls, was a safe space from other traumas in their lives. Estreya's volunteer service helped her see that she has gifts that were meant to be shared, and a passion for community service. Read about Estreya's project [here](#).



Leah Lucas '21 served on mission trips with St. Martha Catholic Church, her home parish, which took her to Cartagena, Colombia and McAllen, Texas. The experiences allowed her to reflect on the dignity of the human person. Leah's work included helping to clean a family's yard and assisting with an education and family program. By giving of her time, she was able to see that we are called to help others and to share our gifts. It was also a chance for her to reflect on the need for solidarity in the world, and that we are all children of God. "Our lives are infinitely connected," she said. Read about her work [here](#).

Victoria Swanson '21 wants to be a pediatric or oncology nurse someday. Her desire to work with children led her to the Periwinkle Foundation's Summer Camp. The organization helps children undergoing cancer treatment. During her first years of volunteering, Victoria assisted camp counselors lead activities for the campers. She would go on to be a camp counselor herself this past summer. One of her most meaningful experiences involved helping a shy camper come out of her shell and learn to enjoy interacting with others. Read more about Victoria's work [here](#).



Falcon Theatre | "Steel Magnolias" | March 5 - 7

Join us this weekend for our student-directed production of "Steel Magnolias," Robert Harling's gentle comedy about the power of female friendship in a Louisiana town.

Performances are:

Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6
at 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m.



Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Seating is limited to 88 people per performance so advanced booking is encouraged. [Purchase your tickets here.](#)

Directed by Kate Sullivan '21; program artwork by Emma Welsch '22

Athletics



IWA's winter sports wrapped up this week, and our Falcons did a great job representing our school community.

Basketball made the playoffs for the 6th time in a row since 2016. They finished in 4th place this season with a record of 19-5. They had a great run and are looking forward to what the future holds for them!

Swim went to the state meet, competing in multiple events.

The IWA soccer team made the playoffs for the first time in school history. They finished 5th in their district with a record of 10-5 and are looking forward to next season.



2021 IWA FALCON RAFFLE

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Classification Raffle Standings

1

Class of 2022
with 3,007
tickets sold

2

Class of 2024
with 2,595
tickets sold

3

Class of 2021
with 2,501
tickets sold

4

Class of 2023
with 2,456
tickets sold

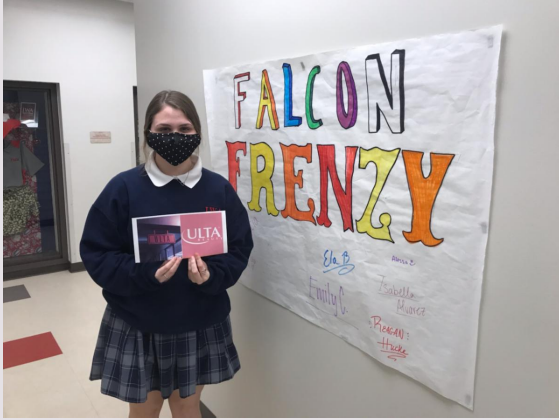
Total Ticket Sales and Donations | \$58,880

Weekly Incentive Winners

We had 116 IWA students who sold 40 or more tickets entered into the drawing for a \$50 Live Nation Gift Card. The winner is **Daniela Lewis '24**.

Another 33 IWA students who sold 90 or more tickets were entered into a drawing for the TIK TOK BOX, which includes LED room lights and a \$50 Ulta gift card.

The winner is Britney Bell '22.



Brittney Bell '22

The Top 10 Raffle sales women at IWA were entered to win a \$100 Amazon Card. The winner is Kylie Salch '23.

Our Top 10 sellers are:

Alexandra Benedict '21
Alexandra Perez '23
Felecia Gonzalez '21
Jorri Odom '23
Kylie Salch '23

Madison Lacey '24
Shannon McLaughlin '21
Stephanie Fish '23
Valentina Salazar '24
Zoe Yokubaitis '23

IWA Snapshots



Students in Mrs. Mastrangelo's Theology IV class heard from Samantha Povlock, founder of [FemCatholic](#), a campaign for the promotion of women. Povlock discussed her Catholic faith and how it led her to study the role of women in the Catholic Church. Her research found that women have a dynamic space within the faith. FemCatholic offers blogs, conferences and more.

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