

THE WEEKLY WORD

April 9, 2021

Honoring the Class of 2022



Yesterday, we marked a long honored IWA tradition at IWA. The Class of 2022 received their class rings during a beautiful Mass celebrated at Annunciation Catholic Church. Prior to the blessing and distribution of the rings, Sister Lauren Beck, C.V.I. reminded the students that the class ring will forever connect them to IWA and their memories of good times, challenges, successes, values they embraced and the strong bonds of sisterhood among them. Following the distribution of the rings, the students recited the Women of the Word pledge, based on the Beatitudes, when they promised to make every effort to live these gospel values each day to bring Jesus, the Incarnate Word's presence into the world. "It is inspiring to watch these young women take such a stand," said Sister Lauren. "They really serve as wonderful role models for the rest of the student body. Personally, I am bursting with pride to know that all of us at the Academy has been privileged to help them along the way." Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

The Coming Week

April 13

- PSAT 8/9 and SAT (*see below*)
- Softball (Away) vs. St. John XXIII 4:30 p.m.

April 14

- College Planning Night (*see below*)

April 14 - 15

- Track and Field District Meet at St. Agnes

April 16

- Senior/Junior Prom - No school

Important Dates

April 20

- Academic Awards Night 6:30 p.m.

April 21

- Honor Society Induction Ceremony at Flex

April 29

- Astros game for Class of 2024

Upcoming Schedule Changes

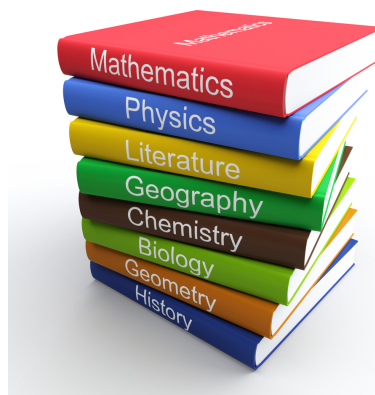
Plaid Schedules for April 12th and 13th

Plaid – April 12 th		Plaid – April 13 th (PSAT)	
0	7:00-7:55	0	7:00-7:55
1	8:00-8:44	1	8:00-8:25
2	8:48-9:29	2	8:30-8:55
3	9:33-10:14	3	9:00-9:25
4	10:18-10:59	4	9:30-9:55
5 (9/10) LUNCH (11/12)	11:03-11:44	5	10:00-10:25
FLEX	11:48-12:29	6	10:30-10:55
LUNCH (9/10) 5 (11/12)	12:33-1:14	7	11:00-11:25
6	1:18-1:59	8	11:30-11:55
7	2:03-2:44		
8	2:48-3:30		

We've adjusted our class schedules for Monday and Tuesday, April 12 and 13. Both days will follow a special Plaid Day schedule. Click on the image to the left for a downloadable version , or [see the schedule here](#).

2021 - 2022 Registration

If you have not registered your daughter yet, please do so as soon as possible. You will find complete details on the [registration process here](#).



A Reminder about Final Exams

We sent an email to parents and students last advising that we've made the decision to cancel final

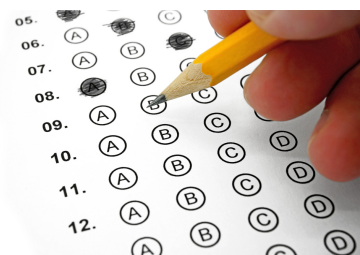


exams in favor of an extra week of instruction, since students lost instructional time in February due to the winter freeze. This decision was also based on the difficulty of creating fair, appropriately designed cumulative assessments for both in-person and remote students.

Based on this change, the regular class schedule will proceed through the end of the year.

PSAT and SAT News

On April 13, freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9 and juniors will sit for the SAT. Sophomore and senior students will engage in asynchronous remote learning.



Class of 2022 College Planning Night | April 14 | 6 p.m.

Class of 2022 parents and students are invited to join our college counselor, Mrs. Lesley Watkins, for this informative event. She'll give a presentation on what to expect with the college planning process. She will be joined by admissions representatives from Trinity University, Villanova University and Michigan State University, who will host a Q&A session at the end of the presentation.

Families can join [via Zoom](#).

Meeting ID: 946 9946 5919

Passcode: 6Mxgpz

Spotlight on Service



Alexandra Ortiz '21 has been volunteering at the Houston Food Bank since the fifth grade, so it was a natural choice for her service project. As a volunteer there, she sorted food, created care packages, mopped floors, cleaned out the freezer and helped in the organization's pantry. While she knew the Houston Food Bank provided an important community service, she had not realized the impact it had on Houston's food insecure. Her service made her more aware of those in need, and cemented her belief that everyone is entitled to food. Read more about Alexandra's work [here](#).

Emily York '21 focused her service on Loaves and Fishes, which provides hot meals to homeless families, along with support for housing, mental health and wellness. Together with classmate Tessa Watson '21, she started a donation drive at IWA, collecting socks, toiletries and other items for the homeless. The donated items were put into care

packages, which also included notes of affirmation. The experience helped her realize more fully the dignity of every person, and that she and her classmates could make a difference in the community. Read about her service [here](#).



Leading With Service Class Donation Drive | April 6 - 15



Students in our Leading With Service class have launched an initiative called Treat Yourself, designed to provide single mothers with self-care items. The students are looking for donations of face/hair masks, creative journals, cards with inspirational quotes, fuzzy socks, adult coloring books, scented or unscented candles, and lip and eye masks. [They've created a wish list on Amazon.](#) They're asking the community to purchase items from their wish list or elsewhere and bring them to IWA between April 6 and 14.

Students Collect Donations for Casa de Esperanza | April 9 - 27

The student-led Leading with Service group, Casa de Esperanza Collection is collecting donations of body wash, hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, baby wipes, and disinfecting wipes/sprays. All items will go directly to the organization, which seeks to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect through outreach programs and support. Donations can be dropped off in the YLP room on the first floor into the box labeled "Casa de Esperanza Collection" or through the [Amazon wish list](#). Students can check their emails for more information or contact Claire Michael '23 or Xiomara Salinas '23.



Athletics News

Wine and Whiskey Wednesdays | Through April 14



The Wine Pull is one of the most-loved items in our annual Gala and Auction.

Donating is easy. Bring a bottle of wine or liquor worth at least \$35 to IWA before or after school on Wednesdays.

Donating one bottle on Wednesday gives your daughter a Jeans Day on that Friday. If you donate three or more bottles on Wednesday, your daughter gets lunch on the rooftop with a friend during the week you donate.

Volunteers will be in the carline to collect your donation; just *besure to include your daughter's name and grade on your items.*

Want to donate to our Wine Pull, but don't want to go shop for wine? No problem [Click here to make a donation.](#)

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