

THE WEEKLY WORD

Dec. 4, 2020



Giving Tuesday Was A Success

Thank you to everyone in our Falcon family who contributed to our Giving Tuesday fundraiser for the IWA Annual Fund. Together, you helped us raise more than \$50,000! Gifts came from current students, current families, alumnae and alumnae families, IWA Board of Advisors members, friends and more. We are so grateful for all of you who shared your gifts. [Read more here.](#)

The Upcoming Week

December 8

- All-School Mass | Feast of the Immaculate Conception 18:10 a.m. (*See details below*)

December 9

- Sophomore Retreat

December 10

- School Picture Make-Up Day 3 - 4 p.m.

Important Dates

December 15

- Advent Reconciliation Service for Group B - Flex Time

December 16

- Junior Retreat
- Falcon Theatre "Tales of a COVID Past" virtual performance (*details TBD*)

December 17

- Advent Reconciliation Service for Group A - Flex Time

December 21, 2020 - January 4, 2021

- Christmas Break - No classes

Schedule through Dec. 18

IWA INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR		THROUGH DECEMBER 18, 2020				
WEEK OF:	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
12.07-12.11	7 Instructional Day: Odd Classes (1, 3, 5, 7) A Group: On Campus B Group: All Remote	8 Instructional Day: All School Mass (9, 10 – class, 11, 12 – Church) Even Classes Mass Schedule (2, 4, 6, 8) A Group: All Remote B Group: On Campus	9 Instructional Day: Wednesday Flex A Group: All Remote B Group: All Remote Sophomore Retreat	10 Instructional Day: Even Classes (2, 4, 6, 8) A Group: On Campus B Group: All Remote	11 Instructional Day: Odd Classes (1, 3, 5, 7) A Group: All Remote B Group: On Campus	
	12.14-12.18	14 Instructional Day: Odd Classes (1, 3, 5, 7) A Group: On Campus B Group: All Remote	15 Instructional Day: Even Classes (2, 4, 6, 8) A Group: All Remote B Group: On Campus Advent Reconciliation during flextime	16 Instructional Day: Wednesday Flex A Group: All Remote B Group: All Remote Junior Retreat	17 Instructional Day: Even Classes (2, 4, 6, 8) A Group: On Campus B Group: All Remote Advent Reconciliation during flextime	18 Instructional Day: Odd Classes (1, 3, 5, 7) A Group: All Remote B Group: On Campus

We return to our hybrid schedule beginning Dec. 7, with some important changes. Click on the photo above for a printable version of our schedule changes.

A Choral Rosary | Watch Now



If you missed this special presentation featuring the Incarnate Word Academy Choir in concert with the St. Thomas Singers, [you can view it here!](#) The concert is a gorgeous arrangement of settings of the Ave Maria and The Lord's Prayer.

Athletics



Soccer

IWA's soccer team beat Beaumont's Kelly Catholic High School 4 -0 Thursday evening. It's the first time the Falcons have defeated the team. "The girls played their hearts out," said coach Bryan Gonzalez. Klarissa Martinez '22 scored three goals and AnaSofia Aragon '21 scored one.

Basketball

Varsity basketball beat Kinkaid on Nov. 26 68-44. On Dec. 1, both JV and Varsity won their games against St. John. The final score in the varsity game was 62 - 31, and the final for the JV team was 28 - 25. On Dec. 3, the varsity team beat Bay Area Christian Academy 61 - 41 and the JV team won their game 41 - 19.

Go, Falcons!

Returning Graduates Panel | Jan. 7



Claire Fuller '19
University of Houston



Olivia Green '20
University of Texas at Austin



Madison Ripp '18
Loyola University, Maryland



Merriam Scaffide '20
Trinity University



Emma Wiederhoeft '17
University of Arkansas



Domanique Williams '17
University of Texas at Austin

We're so proud to welcome back these alumnae for our annual Returning Graduates Panel. They'll talk to current students about the transition to college life, how they chose their schools and majors, and more. The event will take place on Zoom, and the Zoom link is coming soon.

College Counseling News

Upcoming Virtual College Representative Visits

Tuesday, Dec. 8 | [Louisiana Tech University](#)
Wednesday, Dec. 9 | [Texas State University](#)
Thursday, Dec. 10 | [University of St. Thomas](#)
Friday, Dec. 11 | [Mississippi College](#)

Summer Opportunity

Students are invited to apply for the Ecoteen Program at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The summer volunteer opportunity allows students with an interest in science to assist with the museum's summer camps. For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

Campus Ministry



All-School Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception | Dec. 8 | 8:10 a.m.

Join us for Mass on this holy day of obligation. All students will participate in the Mass. Group B juniors and seniors will attend Mass at Annunciation Catholic Church, while freshmen and sophomores will take part in their classrooms. Students in Group A are expected to [join via livestream](#), where we also invite friends and family of the IWA community to watch.

Upcoming Retreats

Sophomore Retreat | Dec. 9
[Find details here.](#)

Junior Retreat | Dec. 16
[Find details here.](#)

Advent Happenings

Advent Reconciliation Service | Dec. 15
(Group B) and Dec. 17 (Group A)



Fr. Richard McNeillie, Fr. TJ Dolce, Fr. Charles Johnson, O.P. and Fr. Tom Rafferty are among the priests who will join us on campus to hear students' confessions during Flex.

Individual Prayer and Reflection

Throughout Advent, students are welcome to visit the second-floor chapel on to pray, inspired by the Nativity scenes that we've

collected from many IWA families.

"Each nativity scene is a simple and beautiful reminder of something amazing: the mystery of the Incarnation," said Campus Minister Ana Paula Panzarini. "God became human to reveal the greatness of his love, 'by smiling and opening his arms to all,' as Pope Francis reminded all of us on his letter on the meaning and importance of setting up Christmas cribs."

Mothers' Club News and Notes



Christmas Gift Fund

These voluntary monetary contributions from IWA families are equally divided into individual cash gifts for every member of the IWA faculty and staff.

You can either [give online](#) or drop off a check with "Christmas Gift Fund" in the memo line at IWA's front office in the "Teacher Gift Fund" box.

Those with questions can reach out to Mothers' Club president [Nicole Benedict](#).

Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support of our dedicated teachers and staff.

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