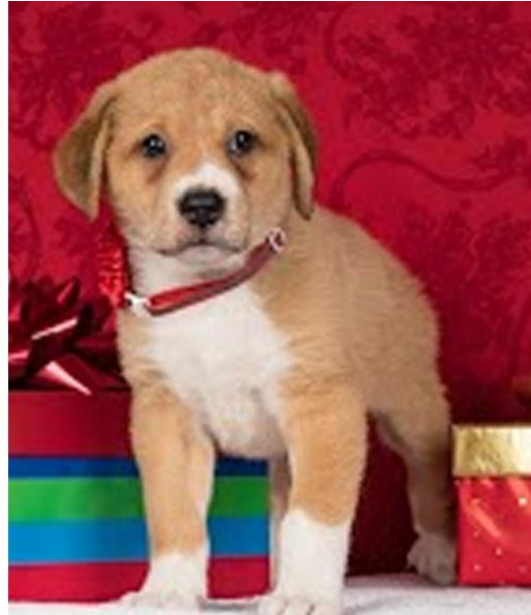


THE WEEKLY WORD

Dec. 11, 2020

IWA Students Help Animals in Need



For many people, pets are part of the family. That feeling is what motivated half a dozen IWA students to create Leading with Service projects that would benefit animals in the Friends for Life shelter. [Learn more about their efforts and what you can do to help them here.](#)

The Upcoming Week

December 14

- Group A: Wear your best ugly Christmas sweater

December 15

- Group B: Wear your best ugly Christmas sweater
- Advent Reconciliation Service for Group B - Flex Time

December 16

- Junior Retreat
- Falcon Theatre "Tales of a COVID Past" virtual performance

December 17

- Group A: Wear your most fun Christmas hats, scarves or socks
- Advent Reconciliation Service for Group A - Flex Time

December 18

- Group A: Wear your most fun Christmas hats, scarves or socks

Important Dates

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
12.14-12.18	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

Next week is the last week of school before our Christmas Break. Click on the photo above for a printable version of our schedule changes.

Wellness Week



From ugly sweaters to holiday hats, from hot chocolate to dancing, we've created a series of events for students to de-stress at the end of the semester. Each on-campus day next week will feature themed clothing and activities. Students may also have lunch at Discovery Green on our IWA rooftop. These lunches are by sign-up only and [students may register here](#). [Click here](#) to find out when to wear your ugly sweater and went to break out your fun Christmas scarves and socks.

A Choral Rosary | Watch Now



If you're looking for something to remind you of the splendor of our faith this holiday season, and you missed this presentation featuring the Incarnate Word Academy Choir in concert with the St. Thomas Singers, [you can view it here!](#) It features gorgeous musical settings of the Ave Maria and The Lord's Prayer.

Falcons on Stage



IWA students Sofia Ellis, Danielle Bartholet and Allison Tirado appear in "Poirot" as part of St. Thomas High School's Radio Plays.

Radio Plays at St. Thomas High School

Throughout December, catch some of our IWA actors on air with students from St. Thomas High School as part of STH's Radio Plays series. Three shows remain, each a mystery, all recorded live. The productions are an homage to the kinds of programs that aired during the Golden Age of Radio in the 1930s and '40s. Tales of mystery and intrigue, they're sure to delight. Tune in to a new mystery every week.

Saturday, Dec. 12
"Dragnet"

Saturday, Dec. 19
"Poirot"

Saturday, Dec. 26
"Candy Mason"

[Listen here.](#)



Tales of Covid Past Virtual Performance

IWA's Falcon Theatre launches its 2020 - 2021 season with this original production of monologues, poetry and soliloquies, all written by IWA students. The show draws on the experiences of our student body, living through the pandemic. "Tales of Covid Past" will premiere on Wednesday, Dec. 16. We'll send out a link to the show next week!

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.

Here's how to join:

<https://zoom.us/j/98568252801?pwd=Z001RThpZVZIYkxLVkcxY3lBamJhdz09>

Meeting ID: 985 6825 2801

Passcode: 2kan9X

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](#).

Athletics



There was an exciting finish to Thursday night's soccer match against The Village School. After a hard-fought battle in regular play, the game went into overtime, culminating in a penalty shootout. That's Esperanza Vazquez shooting the last penalty kick to lift the Falcons to victory 1-0. Go, team!

Campus Ministry

Junior Retreat | Dec. 16

Our final retreat of the semester brings together our Class of 2022.

[Find details here.](#)



Advent at IWA

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."

Yearbook Ads on Sale Now!

Families who want to celebrate their IWA students with an ad in our 2021 yearbook, *The Magril*, can do so online. [Click on this link](#) and enter your daughter's name to begin crafting your ad. The prices are as follows:

Full Page
\$355

Quarter Page
\$115

Half Page
\$205

Eighth Page
\$65

Advancement News

We're so grateful for the outpouring of support from last week's Giving Tuesday initiative. As a reminder, more than [500 companies sponsor matching gift programs](#). Check with your HR department to see how your gift last week (or a future gift) can make double — or even triple — the impact at IWA!

IWA Snapshots



This week's Sophomore Retreat was a chance for students to come together and share faith and fellowships. The day began with Mass, and featured several activities to allow students to reflect on their relationships with God and each other.

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