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October Student Spotlights

Meet the Freeman twins! Rahim and Rahman are originally from Nork, New Jersey. They moved around a lot during their childhood, but eventually settled in Irving, Texas. They were behind in credits at Lamar High School, so they decided to transfer to Winfree Academy to catch up and graduate on time. So far, they have been able to stay on track with their school work and are planning on graduating this year. After graduation, Rahim would like to pursue a career in the automotive industry, and Rahman would like to pursue a career in the medical industry. In their spare time, Rahim likes to read, write, play games, and play football, and Rahman likes to draw, watch anime, and play games. We are so proud of these twins and their accomplishments. We can't wait to see what their futures hold for them.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH STUCO

Student Council is here!

Welcome back learners! As you all know, here at Winfree, we like to try to get our learners involved in extracurricular activities for school. Winfree Irving campus has an awesome program called Student Council. If you join student council, you will be able to assist in fun school activities, school politics, selling snacks, special projects, and much more. We currently only have 4 members, and we're looking to add more fun and responsible people to our team. If you're interested, please let Mrs. Spear or Mrs. Long know so they can get you started in on the fun!



Remembering 9/11

As we remembered and honored the brave lives lost on 9/11 at the Irving campus, an anniversary ceremony held each year on Sept. 11, took place at the 9/11 Memorial Plaza at the World Trade Center. The "Tribute in Light" public art installation shone from dusk to dawn on the night of Sept. 11. Two beams of illuminated, blue light, symbolizing the Twin Towers, reached four miles into the sky and were visible within a 60-mile radius.

The Pentagon Memorial also held its anniversary commemoration, and was the first national memorial dedicated to the terror attacks on 9/11. Each memorial unit consists of a cantilevered bench, a lighted, reflecting pool of water, and a tribute to each of the 184 Pentagon victims.

This year on Sept. 10, Flight 93 National Memorial hosted a "sound-breaking" for the memorial's last element, the Tower of Voices. Once constructed, the tower contained 40 different chimes to symbolize the eternal voices of the passengers and crew members of Flight 93.





We have a new art room and it is much bigger. It has running water so that we can paint and wash our brushes and we are very happy to be in that room.

We have been working on the new literary magazine called *WINFREE INSIGHTS*. The theme for this issue is Creative Connections. People are sending Ms. Warwick written works and artworks connecting to their past, future and places they love. To your right is an example of Savannah Vargas making connection with where she used to live in California. You do not have to be in art or English to contribute to the next issue.

Ms. Warwick



Artist of the Month-Savannah Vargas



Some of her featured work...



From *the* Principal



Welcome to the Irving Family. We are very excited for our returners and our new learners to the campus. The most important thing for your success will be your thoughts and your work effort. We are here to help you reach the finish line and achieve your ultimate goal of graduation. Yet, we cannot do this without your help. First you have to come to school each day with a positive mindset. That means whatever drama you are dealing with outside these walls has to be dropped at the doorstep once you walk into the Irving Family door. There is no way you can be successful if your mind is clouded and you are not able to concentrate and succeed in your school work. Secondly, we need you all to come to school prepared each day to work. Why sit here and do nothing? Why waste time only to be in the exact same position next year? If you want to waste time and not do anything, then you need to find some place that will help you graduate because at Irving we work. The only way to achieve this is to not give up and work every day until you're finished. Your effort each day must be geared towards you accomplishing your minimum goal of 5 credits for the school year. As we continue through the rest of the school year we will be filled with ups and downs but we will do this together and succeed. Have a great school year Irving. -Mr. Williams, Principal.



Meet our New Registrar

I'm new to the high school setting in the Irving campus and some of my hobbies are crochet, arts and crafts and my major hobby is cooking. I am a grandmother (Nana) of two girls 1 ½ year old and a 2 ½ year old. We will be adding two more to the family a boy and a girl in December of this year. Below is a little more about me from an excerpt on my website.

"My experience with cooking started when I was just a girl. I lived with my grandmother for a year while I was in 5th grade in Three Rivers, Texas. My grandmother's cooking was to die for, so in her small kitchen is where it all started for me. I learned the basics of cooking while standing on a little stool to reach the bowl to mix my first pan of homemade biscuits. After they turned out so well it opened the gates of curiosity and I wanted to learn more. I cooked for the family many years after that trying my recipes out. Later in life when I married, I was introduced to a new way of cooking, Middle Eastern Cuisine. This is now a specialty of mine I love trying new recipes."



Ms. Hamam

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