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Interact Club

Dear incoming freshman,

Hello! First off I would like to congratulate you on your upcoming 8th grade. You have accomplished so much, now you are getting ready to start a new chapter in your life, and with that comes questions about your future, including the question about where you will be attending high school. I understand that you have many options, because we are fortunate to have many great schools in the Chicagoland area; so what makes Ida Crown so special? Besides the fact that we have students and a community that is very supportive of each other, we have a variety of clubs especially Interact Club.

Interact Club is the high school chapter of Rotary International, an international organization that organizes world and community leaders to give aid and goodwill to those in need. Interact is Ida Crown's high school chapter and we have the unique opportunity to work with Jewish and secular organizations in the Chicagoland area. Interact is one of Ida Crown's biggest clubs, with over 30 active members. We create drives for food, toys, and toiletries to give to local shelters. We sell candy-grams to raise money for women in Nepal to attend college. We raise money for local animal shelters and hold raffles to raise money for at-risk children. At the end of the year, the leaders of the club attend the Skokie Rotary conference, a luncheon where we give a recap of the year to the Rotary members and brainstorm ideas for the future.

Being in the Interact Club gives you the opportunity to meet new people from many different backgrounds. It allows you to open your horizons and to help those around you, by giving the opportunity to interact with other leaders in your community. Another interesting fact about this club is that it is 100% student run and is open to all. We have a faculty advisor to help us but ideas, organization, and execution of the club is all by Ida Crown students. Due to the pandemic we are not meeting as frequently, just twice a month and hold events once a month.

Many schools have amazing clubs, but Ida Crown's Interact Club is one of a kind. We work with so many different members of your community that allows you to make a real difference. Interact is hands on work with organizing a food drive or going to a special needs adult home to make pizza with the residents and have a movie night. I hope you consider this club as an incentive to come to Ida Crown.