



## IWA Weekly Newsletter

November 23, 2024

### Classroom Highlights

*from the desk of Mrs. Congelio*

#### STEAM Learning from Around the World



#### Hura Delegation Visits IWA

On Friday, IWA was one of the host sites in Cleveland for the Hura Delegation, leaders visiting from Israel, who seek to learn more about



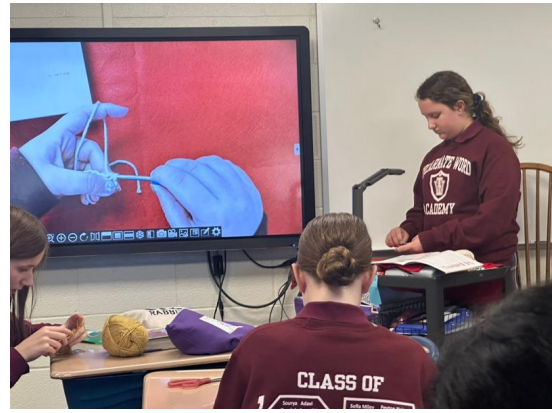
STEM/STEAM approaches. These leaders come from various cultural and religious backgrounds, yet have the same goal which is to improve Israel's ability to compete in a globalized high-tech world by supporting the children who are often "left behind" or "forgotten," so that they are able to thrive in a competitive marketplace as they mature. While in Cleveland, this group seeks to experience STEM best practices in Pre-K through employment so that they can increase collaboration and redesign/update the STEM Ecosystem in their homeland.

The Hura Delegation visiting IWA included educators, STEM teachers, religious leaders, municipal leaders, and community youth leaders. Sponsoring this learning was the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and TIES (Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM).

The visit included observations of classroom learning, community conversations, and a Q&A with our teacher and student panel. A special thank you to our 4th grade students who presented our guests with student-made key chains that spelled "Hura" in binary code.



## PREPARATORY ENRICHMENT COURSES



### Crochet Creations Underway

Students in grades 6-8 are offered enrichment courses during the 2nd and 3rd quarters. These courses are teacher and student interest-driven and developed, cross-curricular, can be problem-based, and include an opportunity for the students to develop soft skills such as public speaking, team-building, problem-solving skills, leadership, and communication.

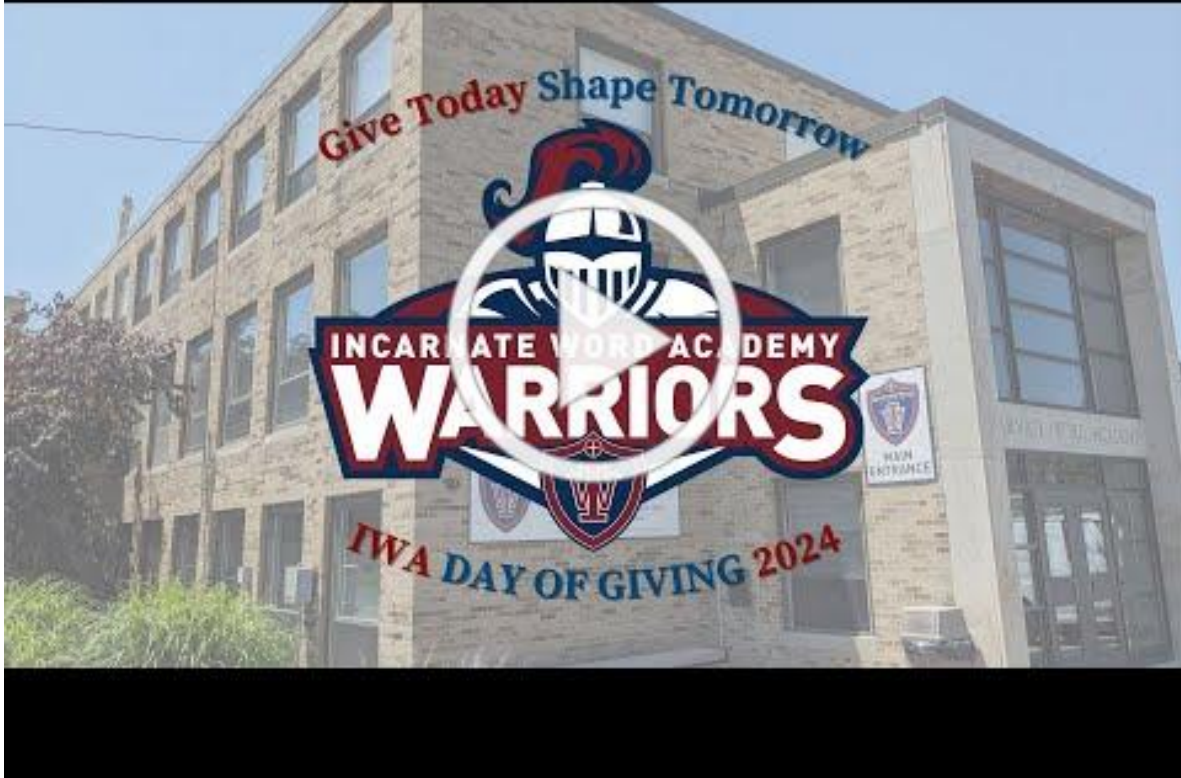
This year we are offering a new course, Crochet Creations, which was initiated and is led by eighth grade students Ariana D. and Peyton N. after expressing an interest to share their talents with others. Before offering the course, they surveyed the preparatory students to determine if this something they would be interested in learning. After gathering positive feedback, they met and worked to develop weekly lesson plans, determined materials that would be needed, and started a Google Classroom to organize student learning.

## IWA DAY OF GIVING - DECEMBER 3RD

Please join us and save the date for this year's IWA Day of Giving on Tuesday, December 3rd.

Click the video below to hear from IWA Principal, Steffany Congelio, and the Sisters on how your gift impacts Incarnate Word Academy!

[Click here to view our 2024 IWA Day of Giving donation page.](#)



## PICTURE RETAKE DAY: DEC. 4th

Picture Retake Day is Thursday, December 4th at Incarnate Word Academy!

Save time and preorder your photographs online by clicking on the "Order Online" button below.

If you wish to exchange your child's portraits from the original Picture Day for their Retake Day portrait, then send the entire package (including the portraits) with your child on Retake Day.

Any unreturned portraits or incomplete packages will not be processed. You must call Customer Service for additional support.

Online ordering code for Retake Day preordering will expire 48 hours after Retake Day.

Click on the "Order Online" link below or simply go to [RipchoStudio.com](https://RipchoStudio.com) to order your school pictures.

Your online password is: **1001160614**



**ORDER ONLINE**

# KINDER PREP AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

All families with children entering Kinder Prep or Kindergarten are invited to our Open House on Wednesday, December 11.

Join us as meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and let your future Warriors enjoy some holiday themed activities. RSVP is required at the link below.

Questions? Contact Mr. Kessler at [gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org)

[RSVP HERE](#)



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 11  
5:00 - 6:30 PM**

**KINDER PREP &  
KINDERGARTEN  
OPEN HOUSE**

**See our classrooms,  
meet our teachers,  
& learn what makes  
IWA so special.**



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**CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD**

*December 3rd at 6 pm*

Attention All IWA Families: We welcome all families to [SIGN UP HERE](#) and share your holiday traditions and your culture at the second annual *Christmas Around the World and Other Holiday Traditions*

*in Saint Joseph Hall.*

### Many Cultures, One School

What a unique opportunity to sample delicious food, celebrate with others the richness of what makes IWA so very special: EACH AND EVERY ONE YOU!

Our diversity is an expression of God's creativity. All students and teachers attending will receive a dress down pass as well and we even anticipate a visit from Saint Nicholas. You will not want to miss this event.



Seventh and Eighth grades: host a table with your heritage and earn service hours as you showcase for others what special traditions you have!

[Click here to complete the interest form](#)





## CHRISTMAS SPIRITWEAR SHOP NOW OPEN ONLINE

It's that magical time of year when the online Christmas spiritwear shop opens! If you missed ordering sweatpants or joggers, are looking for a Christmas gift, or interested in what is new, now is your chance to place an order!

The shop is open from **Friday, November 1, 2024** until **Sunday, December 1, 2024**. All orders placed will then be completed and delivered to the school before Christmas break on Friday, December 20, 2024.

Please note **all sales are final**. All orders will be delivered to the student's homeroom upon delivery. Please contact Mrs. Bleakley at [hbleakley@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:hbleakley@incarnatewordacademy.org) if you prefer to pick up your child's order at the office.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER  
SPIRITWEAR](#)





## WINTER SPORTS SPIRITWEAR!

A special Online Spirit Shop has been set-up featuring basketball and cheer merchandise for both students and parents. The site will remain open through Wednesday, November 27.

[Click here for the Winter Sports Spirit Shop](#)



## YEARBOOK DESIGNERS NEEDED!

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\*\*\*Calling all Student Artists in grades 3 - 8\*\*\*

Show off your talents on the cover of this year's IWA yearbook.

\*What comes to mind when you think of IWA?

\*What does IWA mean to you?

\*Who or what has impacted you the most at IWA?

\*What inspires you as you walk through the halls?

All sketches need to be done on a standard, blank, white sheet of paper.

Designs can be in color or black & white.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN TO THE OFFICE BY **MONDAY DECEMBER 2nd**.

Your **NAME & HOMEROOM NUMBER MUST** be on the back of your design.

More details to follow after submission deadline.

## SKI CLUB

Students in grades 3-8 are invited to join the IWA Ski Club! Each week, the students will be transported to Boston Mills by bus for a night of FUN starting January 10th! No experience is necessary.

Questions? Contact Robert Landry at [landrystrk@aol.com](mailto:landrystrk@aol.com)

[CLICK HERE](#) to register by Dec. 10th.



## ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - REDIRECT YOUR TAXES TO SUPPORT IWA



*Turning taxes into tuition with the  
Catholic Community Foundation*

Be a Guardian Angel for IWA by donating to the Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF). Individuals can receive a tax credit of up to \$750, while married couples filing jointly can receive up to \$1,500. In essence, the state allows you to "spend" a portion of the Ohio state taxes you're already required to pay to and redirect them to support IWA. The Angel Scholarship Fund is a win-win for both you and the school.

Our goal is to have at least 100 people commit to supporting IWA through the ASF, helping us raise \$75,000. For more information contact Mr. Gabe Kessler at [gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org) or calling (440) 842-6818 x304

[Click here to donate!](#)

## CONGRATS IWA ALUMS



Congratulations to *Cooper Hughes*, IWA Class of 2021, and *Kendall Hughes*, IWA Class of 2023, on receiving First Honors with a GPA of 3.7 or above at Trinity High School at the end of the first halfterm.



Congratulations to the following IWA Alums who earned recognition on the Honor Roll at Padua Franciscan High School for the first quarter.

9th Grade Rose Abdullah  
9th Grade Eliza Bachlani  
9th Grade Ava Behal  
9th Grade Thea Buehrer  
9th Grade Diya Gupta  
9th Grade David Jablonski, Jr  
9th Grade Kiran Joseph  
9th Grade Vinny Pierce  
9th Grade Alexandra Rezie  
9th Grade Aedan Stevens  
10th Grade Ella Figliano  
10th Grade Gretchen Jordan  
10th Grade Akshay Kondapuram  
10th Grade Victoria Sanders  
10th Grade Maria Shrefler  
10th Grade Jacquelyn Tymkewicz  
10th Grade Kacee Waggoner  
11th Grade Shivani Arulselvan  
11th Grade Jack DeGeeter

11th Grade Ava Heinz  
11th Grade Isabella Higgins  
11th Grade Kaley Jablonski  
11th Grade Kayla Kozarik  
11th Grade Paige Muhvic  
11th Grade Christopher Orzan  
11th Grade Matthew Pafford  
11th Grade Lily Sainato  
11th Grade Madison Speroff  
11th Grade Ben Thomas  
11th Grade Lizzie Tuel  
11th Grade Chase Weizer  
12th Grade Hayden Baker  
12th Grade Sofia Berkheimer  
12th Grade Gina DiFilippo  
12th Grade Matthew Iacobelli  
12th Grade Owen Nance  
12th Grade Reagan Potoczak

## TREEHOUSE BEREA CLUBS



# ROBOTICS • CODING ART • GAME DESIGN

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## DECEMBER TECHNOLOGY CLUBS:

### JUNIOR BATTLE BOTS CLUB

Who? ages 6 to 9 years

When? Saturdays in December, 11am-12pm

December 7th, 14th, 21st

\$75 per student, limited to 10 students



Game Night  
12/20 @6pm

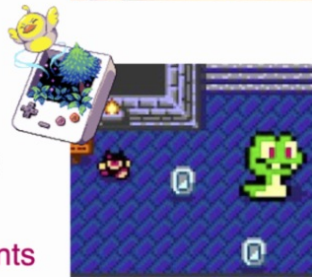
### GAME DESIGN CLUB

Who? ages 7 to 12

When? Tuesdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

December 3rd, 10th, 17th

\$75 per student, limited to 10 students



### MINECRAFT - BRIDGE BUILDERS!

Who? ages 7 to 12

When? Thursdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm,

December 5th, 12th, 19th

\$75 FEE, SPACE IS LIMITED TO 12 STUDENTS



## REGISTRATION IS ALSO OPEN FOR JANUARY CLUBS AND EVENTS!

visit [treehousebera.com](http://treehousebera.com) to  
learn more and sign up today!

### WHAT IS THE TREEHOUSE?

We are a local family-owned business providing STEAM-based enrichment experiences for ages 6 to 12!  
We are ODE-licensed educators with over 10 years of experience teaching and inspiring K-8 learners.



## PTSU NEWS



**Tickets Required**

A signup form is live on your Digital Academy dashboard. Payment is due at the end of the signup process. Login to your DA dashboard for more details.

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# IWA & PTSU

## giving tree

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DONATIONS TO  
THE MAIN  
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FOYER BETWEEN  
12/2-12/18



**Donations benefit:**

**Berea ARF**

**Mount Alverna Village in Parma, OH**



### Parent Volunteers Needed!

We need your help to make this year's Santa Shop a success! Please sign up to volunteer by clicking the button below:

### Raffle Basket Donations

Donations for the raffle baskets, organized by homerooms, will be accepted through December 4. Please contact your child's homeroom parent for more details or with any questions.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the Santa Shop!

Sign up to volunteer by clicking here!

## Spring Parents Night Out Survey

Please complete the survey at the button below. We are considering a few options for Parents Night Out in the Spring and want your opinions. Thank you in advance! [CLICK HERE](#) to share your thoughts!

## ALUMNI

Are you an Incarnate Word Academy alum? We'd love to hear from you! Please take a moment, click the button below and send us an update!

[Are you an IWA alum? Click here!](#)

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