



## IWA Weekly Newsletter

December 14, 2024

### Classroom Highlights

from the desk of Mrs. Congelio



### REAL WORLD MATH APPLICATION

Students in Mrs. Zullo's Geometry class were tasked with finding the area of the Shrine for Mr. Mark, Head of Facilities at IWA. The students were not given clues or help, as they had to apply the knowledge and skills they have already learned to solve this real world problem. Interestingly, the students discovered that there are many different ways to solve this problem!

## ROCK FOR PRESIDENT



Thank you to Parma Heights Mayor Marie Gallo for sharing what it takes to run for office as Mrs. DeLuca's third grade students launched their *Rock for President* project. Mayor Gallo spent time sharing her expertise in civic responsibilities as well as ways she works with other jurisdictions, the state of Ohio, and the legal system as it pertains to city ordinances in general. Students were encouraged to think of ways they can participate in democracy despite not being able to yet vote and also were given tips on creating platforms for their rocks.

The students brought their visions of a leader to life as they continue to work through the Warrior Design Process. Students spent time in the Innovation Lab personifying rocks as part of their Rock for President project. This is part of the final preparation as they move closer to presenting their candidate platforms to their classes for the upcoming class election. Which rock will become the class president?





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## FUTURE ENTREPRENEUR



Congratulations to fifth grade student Anna B.! Anna participated in Venture Visionaries Youth Entrepreneurship Workshop this past weekend at Laurel School's Lyman Campus. Students participated in teams learning about various business and non-profit ideas and crafting an idea resulting in a pitch competition. Anna's team placed second for their idea incorporating chores into an App model for parents and students. Awesome job, Anna!

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## WARRIOR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our November Warriors of the Month. These students and teacher have been recognized for demonstrating the Warrior trait of being Respectful. Great job, Warriors!



Back row (left to right): Lauren M., Mrs. Vavro, Hudson S., Marko D., Grace L., John Paul B., Nyuyfoni S., George M., Brendan P.

Middle row (left to right): Frankie C., Nash B., Eleanor M., Shreyas J., Olivia D., Aja A., Aubrie J., Monica G.

Front row (left to right): Peyton P., Makenna K., Valentina F., Maya K.

## LIFETIME LEARNING

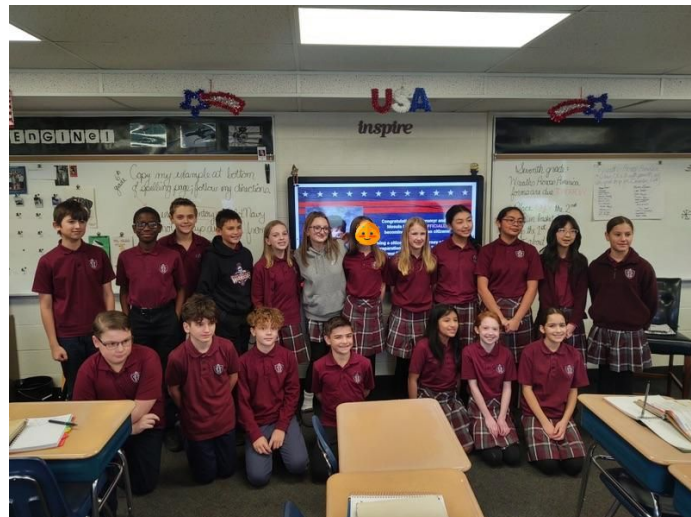


Congratulations to our very own, Ms. Cajka, who is graduating today from Baldwin Wallace University, receiving a Masters Degree in Special Education. We are so proud of the Warrior Resiliency she demonstrated throughout her learning journey.

The IWA school community honored her achievement with a surprise clap-out on Friday!



## CELEBRATING CITIZENSHIP



Congratulations to Yaromyr M. and his family for officially becoming United States citizens! As the students learned, becoming a citizen is a long journey which requires much preparation and studying. We are so proud of you and your family for making the commitment to starting a new life in this country. America is lucky to welcome new friends like you!

## SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Annual Sisters Raffle will take place beginning in mid-January. At our families request, we are *bringing back paper tickets* but there will be an online option to purchase tickets as well.

Each family is required to sell **\$100** worth of tickets. The cost per ticket is \$5.

Families will be sent home with an additional \$25 worth of tickets and each family that sells more than \$125 worth of tickets will be entered in a drawing to win a prize.


Tickets will be sent home with students on Friday, January 17 and the drawing will take place on Monday, March 17.



## DANCING WARRIORS




# DANCING WARRIORS WANTS YOU!



Our dance group is looking for  
great dancers in 1st-5th grade  
to join us!

PRACTICES WILL BE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAYS  
FROM 2:45-3:45  
STARTING JANUARY 15,  
2025



Use the link to sign up today!



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## 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

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## PTSU NEWS

### Catholic Schools Week Volunteers Needed

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 26th-31st.

During Catholic Schools Week, PTSU provides a lunch for the teachers. While the teachers are enjoying their lunch, we ask parent volunteers to come into each class and help students with a small appreciation craft (which will be provided).

Each teacher only needs 1-2 parents, but if your class fills up and you really want to volunteer, please just reach out to Erica Nowak at [ericaenowak@gmail.com](mailto:ericaenowak@gmail.com)

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IWA  
PTSU Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

7 pm at Saint Joseph Hall  
(a Google Meet option will also be available)

*Any/all parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. No participation is required; come join, listen, and mingle.*

*Guest Speaker: Teacher Adam Havel and 6-8 graders sharing about Genius Hour!*

*We hope to see you there!*







*The IWA PTSU sends thanks and appreciation to the Homeroom Parents and all parents who donated items, put together baskets, and/or volunteered time during our Santa Shop this week! We could not host these events/fundraisers for our students without your continued effort and support! Thank YOU!*

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## 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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