



IWA Weekly Newsletter
December 6, 2024

Classroom Highlights
from the desk of Mrs. Congelio

Genius Hour Sparks Innovative Thinking





Students in Mr. Havel's 7th grade social studies classes participate in Genius Hour throughout the year. Students choose a topic of their choice and lead their own learning through research and investigation.

Last year, 7th grade students Hudson S., Dominic T., and Arseny M., participated in one of the IWA enrichment courses, Ancient Greek Triremes. This course challenged the students to design and build a life-size boat that could stay afloat in a body of water. The students were so passionate about the process, that they continued the learning this year as their Genius Hour project. The newly designed trireme was launched locally, with much success!

The video captured was taken by IWA alumnus Anthony Togliatti, Class of 2024, using his drone.

Other projects included:

- Stella J. and Margaret R. researched recipes, learned one of Stella's grandmother's deserts, and then recorded the process.
- Sam M. and Rishica K. researched different mediums of artwork such as chalk, water colors, clay, and more. They then explored and taught the class about their culture and religion through the artwork.
- Abbey O. and Nicolette S. wanted to focus on jewelry. They sent out a survey to their classmates. Based on the results they then planned, designed, and created 18 individual pieces for the class.

Looking ahead, 8th grade students started their Genius Hour process this week. The key to their second Genius Hour is the requirement of having to “create” something new OR “give back” to the community.

IWA DAY OF GIVING - RESULTS AND THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for your support on the IWA Day of Giving. Thanks to the incredible generosity of the IWA community we were able to **increase our goal from \$65,000 to \$75,000 during the day and still exceed it!**

We are also still receiving matching gifts from employers, so be sure to check if your employer has a matching gift program and will match some or all of your donation. An additional donation receipt can be provided if needed.

Check out the video below for a special thank you from Mr. Wisnor, Mr. Kessler, and our students!




KINDER PREP AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

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

Join us and meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and let your future Warriors enjoy some holiday themed activities. Some of the activities will include an ugly Christmas sweater math activity and creating a pretend ginger bread house!

RSVP is required at the link below.

Questions? Contact Mr. Kessler at gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org



RSVP HERE

DRESS DOWN FOR IWA FUND

Parents, please note that the date for the December dress down for the IWA Fund has been changed to **Thursday, December 19.** This is because the original date is a Festive Friday dress down. The remaining

schedule of dress down days in December is as follows:

- Friday, December 13 - Christmas Dress Down
- Thursday, December 19 - Dress Down for IWA Fund
- Friday, December 20 - Wear Christmas Pajamas



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.



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



A special shout out to all of our families and faculty for sharing your holiday traditions with our community. Our 2nd annual *Christmas Around the World and Other Holiday Traditions* was a huge success!

Many Cultures, One School





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

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



ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - REDIRECT YOUR TAXES TO SUPPORT IWA



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 or calling (440) 842-6818 x304

[Click here to donate!](#)

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giving tree

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DONATIONS TO
THE MAIN
ENTRANCE
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:

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!

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