



IWA Weekly Newsletter
January 11, 2025

Classroom Highlights
from the desk of Mrs. Congelio

EXPLORING ENGINEERING PRINCIPLES





Mr. Havel's 6th grade Social Studies studies are gaining a better understanding of favorable geographic characteristics in early civilizations through the utilization of engineering principles. While working through the design process, the student groups were encouraged to use prior knowledge to construct a pyramid using just marshmallows and toothpicks with specific constraints. Through trial and error, reflection, and redesign, the students can appreciate historical contributions to a society.

RESILIENT WARRIORS OF THE MONTH

"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again." Nelson Mandela

Congratulations to our December Warriors of the Month! These students and teacher were recognized for demonstrating the Warrior trait of being Resilient.



Back Row: Marko D., Yuri B., Sophia Z., Eric N., Ariana D.
Third Row: Nathan D., Harper H., Emma-Grace H., Karina Z., Yaromyr M.
Second Row: Ruhi M., Edison C., Emma Bella C., Izabella S., Kate S., Mrs. Stiegelmeier
Front Row: Everett G., Arson H., Camryn Z., Andriy K.



Lillian J.



Marvin B.

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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Turn your taxes into tuition by participating in Ohio's scholarship tax credit program. The Angel Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to every family at IWA by supporting the *IWA Award* which every family receives.

The best part? You may be eligible for a dollar for dollar credit when you file your 2024 Ohio tax return! All Ohio taxpayers are eligible for tax credits of up to \$750 individually or \$1,500 if you file a joint return.

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For more information contact Mr. Gabe Kessler at gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org or call (440) 842-6818 x304

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADES 5-8

JOIN BRIDGE THE GAP CLUB and make a difference for seniors!

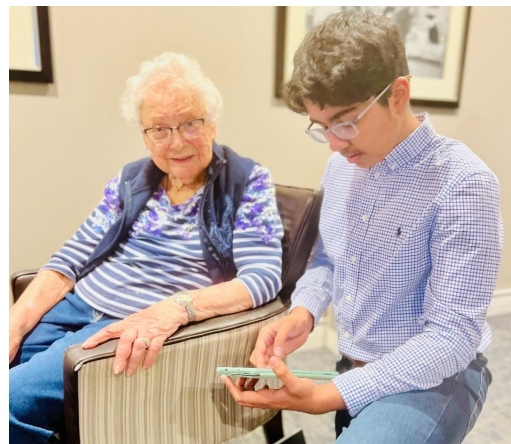
Unique opportunity to volunteer and provide senior citizens with **digital literacy, promote empathy, and happiness by IWA students**. Volunteers are needed to support and help senior citizens with technology, organize games, play music (violin/piano etc.), storytelling, and more.

Monthly meetings will be conducted by the club President to plan for quarterly visits at Senior Home Living Vitalia, in Strongsville. Volunteer service hours will be provided.

***To sign up, students must use their IWA online email address.**

Kindly contact IWA student Riyansh Arora (riyansh.arora@iwaonline.org) for more details.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



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.



HOMEWORK CLUB SESSION 2

Sign-ups are now open for Homework Club Session 2. Session 2 will run from Jan 20 - May 15.

Sign-ups are **first come, first serve**. Families will receive a confirmation email if their child has been enrolled in homework club session 2.

HOMEWORK CLUB

AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR
STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5

2:45-3:30 P.M.
MONDAY- THURSDAY



- A CALM AND QUIET SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO FOCUS
- TEACHER SUPPORT AS NEEDED
- A CHANCE TO DEVELOP GOOD WORK HABITS
- AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP SKILLS TO BECOME INDEPENDENT LEARNERS



K-2: LED BY MS. CAJKA
3-5: LED BY MS. ALBERT
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!

**Club sizes
will be
limited!**

K-2 REGISTRATION

3-5 REGISTRATION

IWA ATHLETICS NEWS

Monthly Meeting:

The IWA Athletic Association invites all parents and guardians to attend its monthly meetings which are held on the second Tuesday each month.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7 pm in St. Joseph's Hall.

Spring Sports Sign-ups:

It's still Winter, but Spring is just around the corner. That means that SPRING SPORTS SIGN-UPS will begin soon.

Spring sports will include Track & Field, Baseball, Softball and Tennis.

Further details will be announced in the near future. Please stay tuned to this Newsletter for sign-up information.

IWA Student Advisory Committee

Please send in anytime next week any empty tissue boxes for an advisory project the IWA Advisory Team is working on this month.

We thank you in advance for your contributions!



PTSU NEWS

Thank you, IWA Community

We are excited to share that \$561 was raised at our Culvers Dine to Donate event! Your generosity helps support our entire community. Even Mr. Wisnor and the Sisters of the Incarnate Word took a night off of cooking!



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

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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!

Incarnate Word
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SPRING PARENTS NIGHT OUT

What: WhirlyBall

When: Friday, March 21st, 2025
7-9 p.m.

Where: 5055 Richmond Rd.
Bedford Hts., OH 44146

Who: Any and all IWA parents
(Adults ONLY)

Cost: Approx. \$15-\$30 a person depending on
number of participants

Register: Via Digital Academy Account by
01/30/25

Payment: Billing will occur on 02/01/25. You must
pay the fee for this event no later than
02/14/2025 to be able to attend. No refunds.

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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