



## IWA Weekly Newsletter

January 18, 2025



**2023  
NATIONAL  
BLUE RIBBON  
SCHOOL**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

**Celebrating IWA Families & Communities**

- Mass at St. John Bosco at 11:00 a.m. including CYO teams
- Open House from 12:30-2:00

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025**



**MONDAY,  
JANUARY 27**

**Celebrating the Military**

- Students may add camouflage top or accessories to uniform bottoms
- Honoring military activities



**TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 28**

**Celebrating the Sisters of the Incarnate Word & Vocations**

- All School Mass at 10 am



**WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 29**

**Celebrating Our Nations**

- Cultural/Unity Walk
- Students may dress down in cultural attire or red, white, and blue



**THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 30**

**Celebrating Our Faculty & Staff**

- Students may dress like an IWA teacher
- Faculty Luncheon



**FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 31**

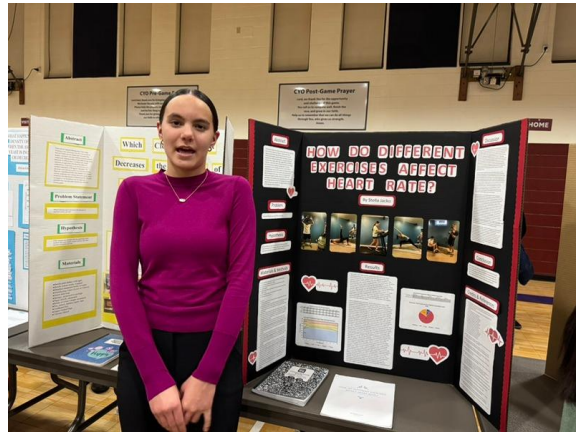
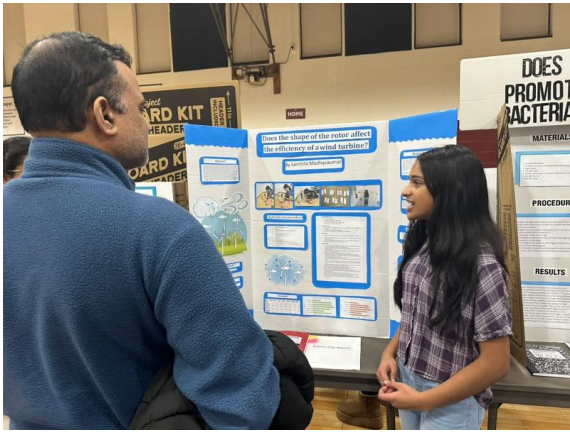
**Celebrating Our Students**

- Students may dress down or wear pajamas
- Dance Party in the gym
- 8th grade vs. Faculty volleyball game at 12:45 pm.



**Classroom Highlights**  
*from the desk of Mrs. Congelio*

# STUDENT LEARNING SHOWCASE



Our annual Science Fair Open House showcases the perseverance and curiosity of our students. Seventh, and some returning eighth grade students, had the opportunity to share their research results to our families. Ten of the students will move on to compete throughout Ohio in the coming months.

A special shoutout to our “mock” judges for sharing their time and providing feedback for our competitors:

Kat - Gelfand STEM Fellow, CWRU

Matt Debelak- Education Coordinator, Greater Cleveland Aquarium

Shawn Toy, Education and Workforce Development Director, Ohio Natural Energy

Matt Hribar, PR and Social Media, Akron Museum of Art and Adjunct Professor, John Carroll University

Heather Bambam, Senior Director of Education Programs, Drink Local. Drink Tap.

Anne Hribar- IWA STEAM Building Coach

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## BUZZWORTHY NEWS



Our Spelling Club members met at St. Joseph Hall this week, competing for recognition as the top speller at IWA.

Seventh grader Shamita K. took 1st place in Preparatory, earning her a spot to advance at the

next level against students from other schools. In 2nd place Samhita M., and in 3rd place Molly D. In grades 4 & 5, first place went to Mishika P., 2nd place was Elsa J., and 3rd place Urii S.

The spellers have been meeting weekly at 7 am for the last several months to prepare for this competition with coaches Mrs. DelBane and Mrs. Rolle. A shout out to our judges: Mrs. Rolle, Mrs. DeLuca, Mrs. DelBane, and Ms. Grusenmeyer.



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## CAREER GUESTS FROM JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY



On Fridays, our Preparatory students attend one of eight Enrichment courses offered during the 3rd quarter.

Our Newsworthy enrichment course, led by Mrs. Szabo and Mrs. Borden, started the quarter with guest speakers who provided their knowledge and thoughts in regards to writing, the interviewing process, and mindsets that support this work. A special thank you to our speakers from John Carroll University!

Bella Congelio- Junior at John Carroll University majoring in English with a concentration in professional writing. She is currently an Opinion Editor for The Carroll News.

Matt Hribar- PR and Social Media, Akron Museum of Art and Adjunct Professor at John Carroll University

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# STEAM IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION? YES!



Through the winter months, our students demonstrate patience, as the beloved outdoor Gaga Pit is currently unavailable for use. Seventh grade students in Rm 213 developed an alternate solution so that this activity could continue to be enjoyed regardless of the weather! Mrs. Harb challenged them to design an indoor Gaga Pit. Working through the design process, they created the pit and developed some new rules for indoor usage. The indoor pit is now being enjoyed by other students throughout the building...and all approve!

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## STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the following student(s) who have earned the designation of an incoming Namer Scholar at Holy Name High School.

These students placed in the top 15% on the High School Placement Exam and will be receiving a renewable scholarship ranging from \$1,000-\$6,000 to Holy Name High School!



Congratulations Cohen V., Saharsh G., Riyansh A., Abhijeet M., and Alejandro S.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

"Service-Driven" Warriors volunteered this week at the Middleburg Heights Food Pantry and did an outstanding job!

Dennis, Landon, and Shamita created a system and then sorted and stocked



hundreds of canned food items that will be available for the community. It was a huge task!

The IWA school community donated thousands of food items to the food pantry for Thanksgiving. By volunteering their time on site, our students got to see first hand how our food drives impact those in need.

At IWA, we are committed to living Gospel Values.

## ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### CLAIM YOUR TAX CREDIT!

Watch this video to learn how easy it is to contribute to the Angel Scholarship Fund, which 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. For more information contact Mr. Gabe Kessler at [gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org) or call (440) 842-6818 x304.

[Click here to donate!](#)

## SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD ANNUAL RAFFLE - UNDERWAY!

The Annual Sisters Raffle is underway! Students have been sent home with paper tickets and instructions answering any questions you may have.

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 may be purchased online by clicking [HERE](#) or the button below. We do ask that families sell all their paper tickets.

The drawing will take place on Monday, March 17.



[Click here to purchase tickets online](#)

## Spring Fling 2025



**Incarnate Word**  
ACADEMY



*Save the Date*

*Spring*  *Fling*

**Please save the date for our annual Spring Fling!**

Saturday, March 15, 2025  
St. Joseph Hall

**Featuring:**



**BUFFET DINNER**



**RAFFLE &  
AUCTION**



**LIVE MUSIC**

**AND MUCH MORE!**

Please save the date for our annual Spring Fling during Warrior Weekend!

We are currently seeking sponsorships and any connections to auction and raffle items, including sporting events, local entertainment and activities, and travel experiences. If you or someone you know may be interested in sponsoring this event or donating raffle and auction items, don't hesitate to reach out.

Contact Mr. Kessler with any questions: [gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org)

[Sponsorship Flyer](#)

[Raffle & Auction Item Donation Form](#)

## **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.

A promotional graphic for Homework Club. The background is blue with white clouds. At the top, the word "HOMEWORK" is written in large, bold, yellow letters, and "CLUB" is written in smaller, bold, yellow letters on a purple banner below it. Below this, the text "AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5" is written in white. Underneath, the schedule "2:45-3:30 P.M. MONDAY- THURSDAY" is listed. To the right is a large yellow pencil with a pink eraser. Below the schedule are four bullet points: "A CALM AND QUIET SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO FOCUS", "TEACHER SUPPORT AS NEEDED", "A CHANCE TO DEVELOP GOOD WORK HABITS", and "AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP SKILLS TO BECOME INDEPENDENT LEARNERS". On the left is a purple backpack filled with school supplies. In the center, it says "K-2: LED BY MS. CAJKA" and "3-5: LED BY MS. ALBERT" in white, followed by "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!" in yellow. On the right, a white cloud contains the text "Club sizes will be limited!" in purple.

**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

### Spring Sports Sign-ups - Open Now!

Spring is just around the corner, and it is time for CYO Spring Sports Sign-Up.

Please see links and contact information herein to register or inquire. IWA will be looking to field teams for **Track and Field, Baseball, and Softball**. We also encourage any parent or guardian who would like to volunteer as a coach to inquire on how to do so. If there is interest, but not enough to field a team for IWA, the Athletic Association will work with CYO to find a team for IWA athletes. So, there is NO REASON to not sign up for Spring Sports!

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





### Softball - Girls Grades 3 - 8

See link to register. Please contact Chris Brooks (440-409-6291) or Tony Lee (440-539-4962) with any questions.

[Click here to sign up for softball](#)



### Baseball - Boys Grades 3 - 8

See link to register. Please contact Chris Brooks (440-409-6291) or Tony Lee (440-539-4962) with any questions.

[Click here to sign up for baseball](#)



### Track & Field - Boys and Girls Grades 1 - 8

See link to register. Please contact Jill Thein ( [jkthein@prodigy.net](mailto:jkthein@prodigy.net) ) or Joe Dombrosky ( [dombroskyj57@gmail.com](mailto:dombroskyj57@gmail.com) ) with any questions.

[Click here to sign up for track](#)

## 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

Incarnate Word  
Academy

# 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.

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IWA PTSU

# Spring

## CRAFT FAIR

**APRIL 12, 2025  
10AM-2PM**

**Vendors needed!**  
\$40 fee includes table and chairs. Email Susie  
[ptsu\\_vicepresident@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:ptsu_vicepresident@incarnatewordacademy.org)



**ALUMNI**



## **IWA Alumna, Tamara Broderick '99, Receives Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)**

PECASE recognizes scientists and engineers who show exceptional potential for leadership early in their research careers. The award recognizes innovative and far-reaching developments in science and technology, expands awareness of careers in science and engineering, recognizes the scientific missions of participating agencies, enhances connections between research and impacts on society, and highlights the importance of science and technology for our nation's future.

We are so proud of Tamara for this incredible achievement! Click the link below to read the full article.

[PECASE White House Article](#)

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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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