



IWA Weekly Newsletter

January 25, 2025

Classroom Highlights

from the desk of Mrs. Congelio

COLLABORATION MAKES US BETTER



Some of our Preparatory enrichment courses stepped outside of the classrooms to partner with the community for real-world experiences.

The Emerging Educators

enrichment course was developed to give students the opportunity to take a deep dive into the world of education. The students partner with one of our three Kinder Prep classrooms, joining them on Friday mornings. The emerging educators have been getting to know the mini Warriors, observing the teachers, and will eventually plan and execute a lesson of their own!



Buy One, Get One Free at the Upcycle Parts Shop!



Crochet Creations visited one of our community partners, the **Upcycle Parts Shop**, in Cleveland. The students learned about the mission of this store to promote creativity and community through reuse, resourcefulness, and relationships. We are not sure if this was a coincidence; however, all yarn was Buy One, Get One Free. Needless to say, our crafters were quite excited about this sale!



Newsworthy went behind the scenes at **Ideastream**, learning all about the production of their weekly show called **Newsdepth**, a program our 4th & 5th grade students watch weekly. This show highlights news from around the world, but is written for a young audience. The students met the



host Gabriel Kramer and Producer Natalia Garcia. The visit also included a tour of the studio and building, a career panel Q&A, and lunch. Icing on the cake was watching the filming of this week's intro!

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS VISIT THE PLAYHOUSE



Our kindergarten students visited the Playhouse Square this week to watch *Goodnight Moon & the Runaway Bunny*! This production merges two timeless stories that feature endearing rabbit characters that offer a reassuring sense of security. For many students, this was their first time visiting the Playhouse, and their first time on a school bus! Many firsts that made for a memorable experience.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Students in our Prep Academy will have the unique experience to develop skills in resiliency in the face of adversity and tap more deeply into Warrior Charisms such as accountability and service-learning. Alex Sheen from *because I said I would*. will spark the idea of how powerful a promise may be and the potential honesty has in forging and sustaining relationships. Watch

because
I said
I would.

Alex [here](#) on a recent *Good Morning America* broadcast. Join or support us in this work on February 7 at 1:00 in Saint Joseph Hall. Please RSVP Anne Hribar if you plan to attend at ahribar@incarnatewordacademy.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

 **SAVE THE DATE** **4** REASONS WHY FAMILIES LOVE TO ATTEND IWA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS & OPEN HOUSE

1. CELEBRATE OUR CATHOLICITY
2. JOIN AS A COMMUNITY
3. EXPLORE OUR NEW COLLABORATIVE SPACES
4. CELEBRATE OUR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

AND WHO DOESN'T LOVE A DRESS DOWN DAY?

FAMILY MASS @ ST. JOHN BOSCO
SUNDAY, JAN. 26 11 AM

CYO PLAYERS MAY WEAR THEIR JERSEYS & SIT TOGETHER. FATHER MATT WILL SAY A SPECIAL BLESSING OVER OUR TEAMS!
SINGING WARRIORS WILL BE PRESENT TO LEAD US IN SONG!

HELP US PLAN FOR MASS! **RSVP BY 1/23**

OPEN HOUSE @ IWA
SUNDAY, JAN. 26
12:30-2:00 PM

ATTEND OUR OPEN HOUSE, PLAY THE **CONNECT 4** SCAVENGER HUNT GAME, EARN A FREE DRESS DOWN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH!





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.



ENROLLMENT INFORMATION FOR 2025-26

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Screening for Kindergarten will take place on **Monday, March 10** and **Tuesday, March 11** in St. Joseph Hall. If you have a child who does not currently attend IWA that you would like to enroll in Kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year be sure to sign up for a time slot using the link below.



Areas of assessment are Physical Development, Language Development, Academic Skills/Cognitive Development, and Self-Help and Social-Emotional Skills. The purpose of the screening is to determine strengths, opportunities for growth, and to provide you with some activities that you can do with your child over the summer to help him/her be ready for kindergarten in August. The screening will take approximately 45 minutes to complete and we ask that a family member remain at St. Joseph Hall while screening is conducted.

[Click here to sign up for Kindergarten screening](#)

All parents with children in grades K-7 should have received an email with a letter from Mr. Wisnor including important information regarding enrollment information for the 2025-2026 school year.

If you did not receive that email, you can access the letter by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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 or call (440) 842-6818 x304.

[Click here to donate!](#)

SPRING FLING 2025



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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

[Sponsorship Flyer](#)

[Raffle & Auction Item Donation Form](#)

GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER

Students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join the IWA team as we compete in the Great Lakes Science Center

Design & Build Challenge on **Saturday, Feb. 2** from 9-12. Parents are not required to stay for the competition.

This competition includes student teams, as well as adult teams from corporations around Cleveland: Moen, Parker Hannifin, Lincoln Electric, Swagelok, and more. No practice required... just bring your Warrior mindsets! [CLICK HERE](#) to register.



*Watch this short video to get an idea of what the competition looks like.
I Spy students from IWA!!*

Field Day Logo Contest!



FIELD DAY LOGO CONTEST GRADES PK THRU 8



We could be wearing YOUR design for Field Day!

PTSU graciously helps organize T-Shirts for our annual Field Day Event. We are asking all students in grades Pre-K through Eighth grade who are interested in showing off their creative skills to submit a T-Shirt Logo Design for the school to proudly wear at this year's 2024-2025 Field Day.

The logo designs will be due by Monday, February 10, 2025. Please turn in your design to the Attendance Office addressed to Harb/FD Logo. Please make sure to turn the designs in on time. Logo designs will not be accepted after the due date.

Carefully read the instructions for the LOGO DESIGN. Logo designs will not be considered this year if the design does not meet the requirements.

The IWA faculty and Staff will be part of the anonymous voting process to select our 2024-2025 Field Logo Design Winner.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:
Mrs. Harb at lharb@incarnatowordacademy.org
Tim DeGeeter at tdegeeter@cox.net



[Full logo design contest rules and instructions here!](#)

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

Track season is fast approaching and there has been a lot of interest so we wanted to share some information for those who were considering joining the team. The season will begin the first week of March and run through mid-May.

Varsity track (grades 5-8) has practice Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00 pm until around 7:15 pm. Juniors (grades 1-4) will practice Monday and Thursday from 6pm-7pm. Initial practices will be held inside St. Joseph Hall but will move outside once the weather warms up. Outdoor practices will alternate between the tracks at TRI-C West (off of York Road in Parma) and Berea Midpark Middle School (Paula Road in Middleburg Heights).

Meets generally begin the first week in April. Juniors have six meets on Saturday mornings and Varsity has seven meets on Sundays.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Coach Joe Dombrosky (dombroskyj57@gmail.com) for Varsity track or Coach Matt O'Brien (matthewobrienlaw@gmail.com) for Junior track. See link to register.

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

Lacrosse, Tennis and Spring Volleyball - Boys and Girls Grades 3 - 8

CYO is also offering Lacrosse, Tennis and Spring Volleyball for Boys and Girls in Grades 1-8. If there is any interest in Lacrosse, Tennis or Spring Volleyball, please contact Chris Brooks (440-409-6291) or Tony Lee (440-539-4962). We will help coordinate with CYO to facilitate participation for our IWA Athletes.



IWA
FEBRUARY PTSU MEETING



WHERE: IWA INNOVATION CENTER IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING

WHEN: TUESDAY 2/11/2025 AT 7:00 P.M.

WHO: ALL CURRENT IWA FAMILIES ARE WELCOME

GUEST SPEAKERS: MS. GUILDOR; KINDER PREP TEACHER AND MRS. MICHELI; TECHNOLOGY TEACHER

TOPICS TO DISCUSS: MOTHER/SON EVENT, MOTHER/DAUGHTER EVENT, FATHER/SON EVENT, FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE - COMPLETE FORM BELOW

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

Save the Date!

IWA Father-Daughter Dance



Friday, March 7th 6-9pm

St. Joseph Hall

RSVP and Volunteer Sign Up Coming Soon!



MOTHER & SON

Bowling **NIGHT!**

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH 2025



\$20/ PERSON

12PM-2:30PM
Yorktown Lanes, Parma Heights

REGISTER BY 2/28/25
Link will be on Digital Academy



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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.

IWA 2025

FATHER SON EVENT

DADS AND FATHER FIGURES WELCOME!

- OUR GROUP WILL BE FEATURED ON THE JUMBOTRON
- FIRST 50 PEOPLE TO PURCHASE TICKETS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE BIG FLAG PRESENTATION ON THE ICE BEFORE THE GAME

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 9TH

CLEVELAND
MONSTERS GAME

\$22/PERSON

<https://www.rocketmortgagefieldhouse.com/Incarnate>
Tickets are limited after 3/9

Click here to purchase tickets for the Father Son Event



IWA PTSU

Spring

CRAFT FAIR

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

Vendors needed!
\$40 fee includes table and chairs. Email Susie
ptsu_vicepresident@incarnatewordacademy.org



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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