



IWA Weekly Newsletter

January 31, 2025

Classroom Highlights

from the desk of Mrs. Congelio

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025

This week we paused to celebrate Catholic Schools Week! Throughout the week, we celebrated our faith, the military, vocations, nations, faculty/staff, and students.

A special shout-out to Father Matt Byrne for hosting our students in grades 4-8 at St. John Bosco for Mass. We were excited to have IWA alumnus, Deacon Chris Cotone '12, offer the homily. Also, much thanks to our PTSU for arranging for our teachers to have an extended lunch while parent volunteers made a teacher craft with the students.

We love being a part of our faith-filled community and are grateful to all of YOU for supporting Catholic education.





NEWSDEPTH Student Advisors



Fifth graders Nathaniel D. and Ivan M. were nominated and selected to participate as student advisors for Ideastream's [Newsdepth](#) team.

The boys met with the team through



Zoom. Today was their first session and they offered feedback on the recent episodes, pitched ideas for future episodes, and also got a scoop on an upcoming project! The photo to the left shows Gabriel Kramer, *Newsdepth* Reporter/Producer and Host.



Fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Hovanec-Davey, incorporates *Newsdepth* into her social studies curriculum weekly as a means to enrich and extend Ohio learning standards. Fantastic job, Nathaniel and Ivan!



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 Alex [here](#) on a recent *Good Morning America* broadcast. Join or support us in this work on February 7 at 1:00 in the Sisters' Chapel. Please

RSVP Anne Hribar if you plan to attend at ahribar@incarnatewordacademy.org

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](#)

KINDER PREP ENROLLMENT

We are excited to announce that enrollment for our Kinder Prep program is now open! This is a wonderful opportunity to begin your child's educational journey at Incarnate Word Academy.

Please note that your child must be **4 years old** to begin the program and a **non-refundable \$250 registration fee and 10% of tuition are required** at the time of enrollment to reserve your child's place.

If you currently have a child enrolled in Kinder Prep who will remain in Kinder Prep for the 2025-2026 year please contact Mr. Kessler.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gabe Kessler in our Admissions Office at (440) 842-6818 x304 or by email at gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org

[Click here to enroll in Kinder Prep](#)

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



Incarnate Word
ACADEMY



~~Change
Save the Date~~



Friday, May 9 - Fun Run
Saturday, May 10 - Spring Fling

More details to follow.

Due to the recent fire in St. Joseph Hall, Warrior Weekend has been moved to May 9 and 10!

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 Intent
Form

Raffle and Auction Item Donation Form

Field Day Logo Contest!



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@incarnatewordacademy.org
Tim DeGeeter at tdegeeter@cox.net



Full logo design contest rules and instructions here!

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.

PTSU NEWS



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 6:30-9pm



St. Colette Hall

330 W.130th Brunswick

*Please note time & location change due to

St. Joseph Hall restoration*

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



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



IWA Alumnus, Deacon Chris Cotone '12, to be ordained a priest on May 17.

Deacon Chris Cotone, IWA Class of 2012, is completing his final year at St. Mary Seminary and will be ordained a priest on May 17. He is currently assigned to St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake.

This week, he joined us for the 4th-8th grade Mass and shared an inspiring homily about his vocational journey. We hope you will join us in wishing him all the best and praying for him as he finishes his formation and embarks on this exciting new chapter as a priest!

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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