

IWA Summer Newsletter - August 19, 2022

### **Principal's Message**

from the desk of Mrs. Congelio

#### Welcome Back, Faculty!

Our faculty members returned to school officially this week! On Wednesday, they collaborated in small groups to develop a Statement of Beliefs that are unique to IWA. On Thursday, Sam Crews from the Ohio Stem Learning Network led our faculty in all things STEAM. They took a deep dive into methods that utilize inquiry learning in the classrooms, such as Student Organized Learning Environments (SOLE) and Problem Based Learning (PBLs). We look forward to Sam returning to IWA in October for our next professional learning day.

Today, we nourished our hearts with a faculty retreat that began with Mass, followed by a focused walking tour of the Sacred Spaces on campus, and ended with team building at Shaker Rocks! This was a GREAT week!



### IWA Teachers "Rock"



Solving a Team Challenge



Creating a Statement of Beliefs



Describing Elements of an Effective Teacher

#### Friendly Dress Code Reminders

Our school uniform policy encourages students to focus on grooming that presents a positive image of our students and our school. Neatness, cleanliness, and modesty in dress and appearance are conducive to an academic atmosphere and are expected of all IWA students.

<u>Parents will be notified by phone</u> when a student is found to be in violation of the uniform policy and will be asked to bring the appropriate uniform clothing to the school OR the school can provide the clothing from the Uniform R Us shop, if we have the item in stock.

Hair is to be well groomed and combed. Haircuts for boys should be above their ears, eyebrows, and collars. No fads, no shaved heads, no facial hair. Highlighting or dyeing of hair for either boys or girls is not permitted. If a student's hair is found to be in violation of our policies, the parents will be notified by phone and the student may not return to school the following day until the hair meets the IWA guidelines.



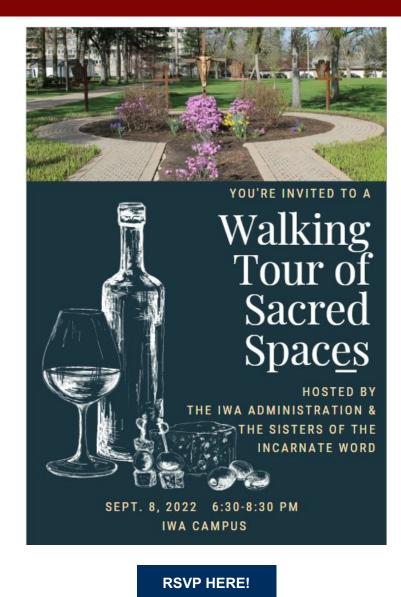
We appreciate your support with these policies!

## FAMILY MASS & PICNIC - AUGUST 20 AT 6 P.M.

We look forward to seeing families at our opening Family Mass and Picnic on Saturday, August 20. Due to a possibility of rain, Mass will take place in the gym. Indoor seating will be provided.

Immediately following Mass we will serve pizza and a treat. Families are welcome to eat in the gym or bring a stadium chair or blanket for outside, weather permitting.

### A WALKING TOUR OF SACRED SPACES



### **Lunch Monitors Needed**

We are in need of lunch monitors for the coming school year. Monitors work five days a week as a part-time position. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact Michelle Konopka at mkonopka@incarnatewordacademy.org.

## BACK TO SCHOOL! Here's what you need to know...

### Gym Uniform and Virtual Supply Cart

This is a friendly reminder that all school supplies and gym uniform orders will only be done virtually this year. We kindly ask you to use the links below if you need any items for the 2022-2023 school year.

Monday, August 22, 2022 there will only be paper order forms for you to complete and leave to <u>be processed</u>. All orders will be billed to your Digital Academy account and sent to your child's homeroom by the first day of school.



#### Bring Supplies to School Day: Monday, August 22

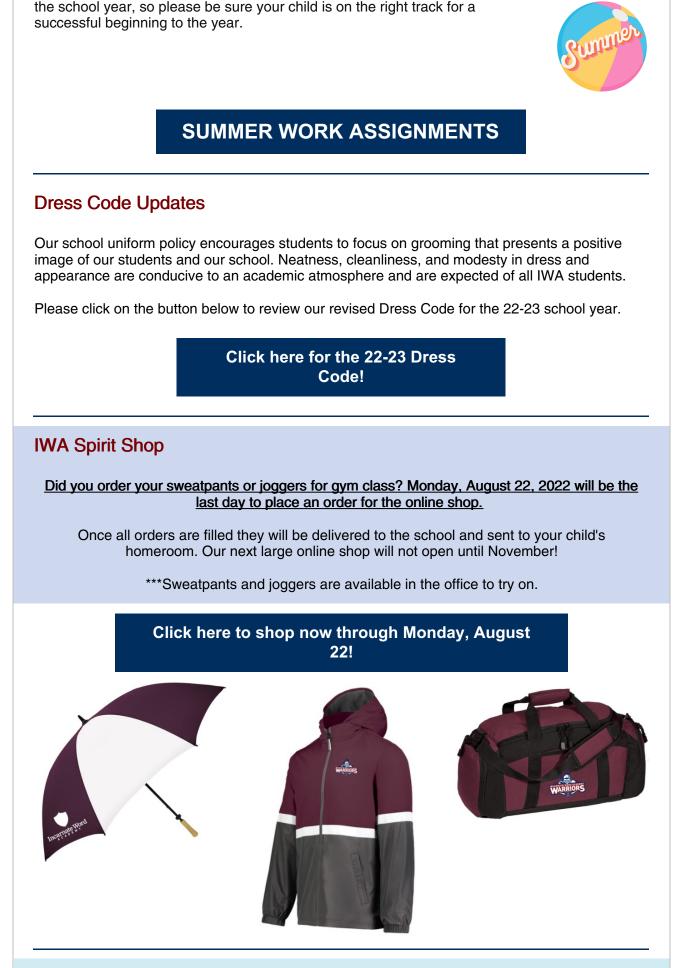


Bring Supplies to School Day will be on Monday, August 22. <u>There are two</u> <u>drop off sessions: 8 to 10 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.</u> Please pick whichever time works best for your family.

Stop into your child's classroom to drop your supplies, meet your teacher and see your classmates!

### Summer Reading and Math Work

Have you started your summer work yet? Be sure to click the button below to view your child's summer work information! Assignments are due at the start of



### 2022-2023 School Calendar Highlights

Click on the button below for a list of the 22-23 school year calendar dates and highlights!



### IWA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING

#### **Register Now!**

#### Download the flyer!



## **IWA PTSU NEWS**

The Incarnate Word Academy Parent Teacher Student Union (PTSU) wants to ensure that all families, new and returning, are aware of the IWA PTSU. The PTSU Officers are committed to

sharing what the PTSU's mission is, its purpose, and how families can volunteer and be involved. You can be present as little or as much as you see fit and determine how you want to spend your time; monthly meetings, planning events, attending/volunteering at events, etc.

To learn more about IWA's PTSU mission, annual events organized by PTSU, monthly meeting dates, previous PTSU accomplishments, and contact information for the PTSU officers, please click below. We would be so blessed to have some new and returning faces join us at a meeting or help organize a school community event. We hope to see you soon!

### **PTSU Mission Statement**

# IWA OKTOBERFEST - Saturday, October 1 @ IWA!

Tickets and Sponsorships now available!

#### Oktoberfest Tickets

#### **Oktoberfest Sponsorships**



On Saturday, October 1, IWA will be hosting an outdoor Oktoberfest event right here on the beautiful grounds of Incarnate Word Academy! All proceeds raised from this event will support the *NEW Incarnate Word Academy Library and Writing Lab* to be located on the second floor to better serve our students.

This event will feature a local band, *Northcoast Mix*, Oktoberfest favorites served up by Der Braumeister restaurant including German sausage, pierogies, Bavarian pretzels, spaetzle and strudel, as well as traditional Oktoberfest beer and wine.

All are invited to attend this event, to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, and see all of the great things going on at the school! It is through your generous support that Incarnate Word Academy has flourished as an institution of academic excellence since 1935.

# IWA IN THE NEWS

Last week, Mrs. Congelio and Mr. Wisnor sat down with the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce for an opportunity to share our school and our story. Take a listen!

Click here to listen!

### **ALUMNI NEWS**

### Are you an IWA Alumni?

Are you an Incarnate Word Academy alumni? We'd love to hear from you! Please take a moment, click a button below and send us an update!

