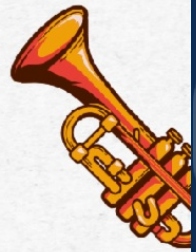
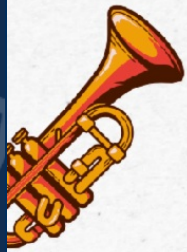




IWA Weekly Newsletter
August 1, 2025

SAVE THE DATE

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY



OKTOBERFEST



FALL FESTIVAL

BEER • FOOD • MUSIC

6620 PEARL RD. PARMA HEIGHTS, OH

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 27**

**6:00PM TO
9:00PM**

WITH FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD

EVENT LIMITED TO 250 GUESTS

Celebrate IWA's 90th Anniversary
with a full day of fun for all ages!

Fall Fun Run | 9:00 AM

Students, families, and friends can sign up to run or walk and help raise funds for our school.

Oktoberfest Fall Festival | 6:00–9:00 PM (21+ only)

Enjoy food tents, beer, live music, games, raffles, and more at this festive adults-only evening!

Tickets go on sale soon!

Welcome New Faculty!

Preparatory Religion

Please welcome Sue Caroscio, who will be teaching religion to students in grades 6-8. Sue has a long and rich history at IWA as her husband is an alum, as well as her three children: Hannah ('12), Emily ('14), and Adam ('16). As a past IWA parent, Sue was one of the first members of the PTSU and she helped organize the first Field Day! Sue has twenty years of experience in education and has been a substitute teacher at Incarnate Word for the past several years. We are so excited to have her at IWA in this new role!



Third Grade

Please welcome Jennifer Salk, who will be teaching third grade. Jennifer taught for 17 years at St. Joseph and John in Strongsville, teaching in both 1st and 2nd grade. This past year, she taught 2nd grade at St. Columbkille. She is not only excited to work at IWA, but to work alongside her friend, Mrs. Hannah DeLuca. Both teachers worked together at St. Joseph and John and have been friends ever since! We look forward to this new partnership in third grade!



Preparatory Science

Please welcome *back* IWA alumna Maddy Clement (Mostoller) '15. Maddy is a recent graduate of Bowling Green State University and has been the middle school science teacher at St. Brendan School for the past two years. One of Maddy's fondest memories at IWA was having Ms. Rossman as her science teacher. Ms. Cindy Rossman will remain part-time at IWA for the first semester of the 25-26 school year, teaching 8th grade science and collaborating with Mrs. Maddy Clement as she transitions into her new role.



CARRIERS OF THE CHARISM



Holly (Hamer) Bleakley '85, Director of Student Services at IWA, shares a special moment with her former teacher, Sister Joan of Arc.



The administration team recently participated in a back to school retreat in preparation for the coming school year. The time together allowed the team to reflect on what it truly means to be *Carriers of the Charism* for the Sisters of the

The day began by celebrating Mass with the Sisters in the chapel. Following Mass, the team departed for Calvary Cemetery to pay respects to the Sisters that have passed, laying a rose on each grave in gratitude for the gift that each one was by her vocation. Afterwards, they spent time at Regina Healthcare Center in Richfield...touring the facility, learning about its history, and visiting with resident Sister Joan of Arc Walsh.

It was a beautiful opportunity to learn about the Sisters' history, especially considering the awesome responsibility we all share in carrying on the legacy of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word.

Pictured from left to right:

Holly Bleakley '85, Steffany Congelio, Alexis Flinn, Liz Hjort, Mike Wisnor, Paul Gnatowski, and Gabe Kessler.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR FORMS

Beginning of the Year Forms

All families must complete Beginning of the Year Forms (for each child) in Digital Academy by **Monday, August 18th**. The forms will be available to complete beginning August 1st.

We appreciate your time in completing these forms, as the information collected helps keep your child safe concerning issues such as transportation, medical information, media releases, etc. Please note: ***STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND CLASS UNTIL THE FORMS ARE COMPLETE.***

Class Lists

Class lists have been finalized and will be shared on **August 11th** through Digital Academy. Teacher requests are no longer able to be placed and all class lists are final.

IMPORTANT DATES

The 2025-26 school year is right around the corner. Mark your calendar with these important dates which can also be found on our calendar in Digital Academy and on our IWA App.

Aug. 14

- Popsicles and Pajamas for Kinder Prep and Kindergarten at 7 p.m. Students in these grades and their families are invited to enjoy a fun event outdoors at IWA.

Aug. 18

- Supply Drop Off! Meet your teacher and bring your supplies to school. Stop by anytime between 4-6 p.m.



Aug. 19

- Kinder Prep Orientation: This is for all parents with a child entering Kinder Prep. The meeting will be in Saint Joseph Hall at 6:00 p.m. This event is only for parents.
- Kindergarten Orientation: This is for all parents with a child entering Kindergarten. The meeting will be held in Saint Joseph Hall at 7 p.m. This event is only for parents.

Aug. 20

- Welcome back! First Day of School for grades 1-8

Aug. 25

- Welcome back! First Day of School for Kinder Prep and Kindergarten.

Aug. 28

- Back to School Night Grades 1-5. This event is for parents of students in grades 1-5. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Saint Joseph Hall.

Sept. 4

- Back to School Night Grades 6-8. This event is for parents of students in grades 6-8. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Saint Joseph Hall.

IWA SPIRIT WEAR

IWA spirit wear is an online store that offers a wide variety of items. These items are able to be worn on your child/children's physical education day and tops may be worn with the uniform on Mondays for Spirit Day. The joggers or sweatpants must be worn from October 1st to April 30th. This large sale is held in August, November and in the Spring. Items will vary per sale but all items will be delivered to the school at no additional cost and sent home with the student named on the order. If you prefer to pick up the order in the office, please contact Mrs. Bleakley.



Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery to the school after the store closes on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

This year, the store includes the option to get IWA's 90th Anniversary logo on many of the apparel options!

ALL SALES ARE FINAL.

Order Spirit Wear Here

ORDER FORMS

GYM UNIFORMS:

SUPPLIES:

- Gym shorts (K-8)
- Gym t-shirt (K-8)

Kinder Prep students will only change shoes for gym class. Kinder Prep families are not to purchase any items on this form.

All students in grades K-8 are required to wear the school gym uniform. The uniform consists of a 50/50 cotton-poly blend and gray heavyweight t-shirt with the school insignia on it. The shorts are 100% maroon mesh.

Please submit 1 order form per child to preorder any items needed for the school year. The items will be filled and distributed to your child's homeroom during the first week of school. Your total order will then be billed to your account. Please process payment upon receipt of the invoice. Should any items be on backorder you will be notified via email.

Please fill out all fields on the order form.

**Order Gym Uniforms
Here**

- Warrior pencil pouch (optional)
- Bow ties (boys grade K-2)
- Ties (boys grade 3-8)
- Science aprons (grades 6-8)
- Laddie pencils (KP - grade 2)
- Iron-on emblems

Please submit 1 order form per child to preorder any items needed for the school year. All students in grades 3 to 8 are required to have a homework assignment pad. This year all accounts will be billed the first week of August for the homework assignment pad and distributed to homeroom teachers.

Additional items ordered through this jot form will be filled and distributed to your child's homeroom no later than the first week of school.

Your total order will be billed to your Digital Academy account. Please process payment upon receipt of the invoice. Should any items be on backorder you will be notified via email.

Please fill out all fields on the order form.

Order Supplies Here

WE ARE HIRING!

Attention parents and grandparents! We are in need of more lunch monitors for the 2025-26 school year. This position is daily from 11am- 1pm. Lunch monitors are responsible for a specific class during lunch and recess time. Ideally, the person would work Monday through Friday; however, we are open to monitors working anywhere from 1-5 days a week. This is a paid position. Interested? Contact [Mrs. Steffany Congelio](#)



SUMMER WORK PACKETS: FOR CURRENT AND NEW STUDENTS!



SUMMER WORK PACKETS

Students: keep your skills sharp!

All current and new students are required to complete summer work packets over the summer.

[Click on your child's grade to get started!](#)

Primary & Intermediate

Entering Kinder Prep	Entering 2nd Grade	Entering 4th Grade Math
Entering Kindergarten	Entering 3rd Grade	Entering 5th Grade ELA
Entering 1st Grade	Entering 4th Grade ELA	Entering 5th Grade Math

Preparatory English Language Arts & Service

Service Hours	Entering 7th ELA On-Track	Entering 8th ELA On-Track
Entering 6th Grade ELA	Entering 7th ELA Honors	Entering 8th Honors
ABC Assessment - 6th Grade Only		

Preparatory Science Fair 7th Grade (Mandatory) & 8th Grade (Optional)

Science Fair Packet	Science Fair Proposal Packet (for new students)	Science Fair Report (example)
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Preparatory Math

Entering 6th Math	Entering 7th On-Track	Entering 8th On-Track
	Entering 7th Honors	Entering 8th Algebra

UNIFORM INFORMATION & DRESS CODE



2025-26 Dress Code

UNIFORMS-R-US

St. Joseph Hall

August 6, 5-7 pm
Used Uniform Sale #2

**We are in need of jumpers
and gray polos. Consider
donating prior to August 6!**

2025-2026 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School Supply Lists for the 2025-2026 school year are now available! Click on the links below for your respective list. Let us know if you have any questions!

[Kinder Prep & Kindergarten
Supply List](#)

[Grades 1-5
Supply List](#)

[Prep Academy \(6-8\) Supply
List](#)



SCHOOL TOOL BOX



School Supply Boxes

School Tool Box is once again offering a one-stop shop for all of your school supply needs! Select the items you need, the grade levels you are seeking, and let School Tool Box do the rest! Items will be delivered to your doorstep.

[Click here to shop for your School Tool Box online](https://schooltoolbox.com)

KINDER PREP ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for our Kinder Prep program is 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.

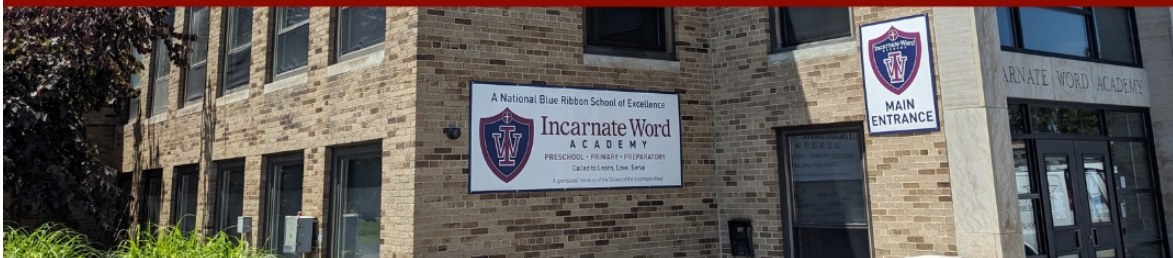
If you currently have a child enrolled in Kinder Prep who will remain in Kinder Prep for the 2025-2026 year please contact Mr. Kessler.

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](#)

CLASS OF 2021 REUNION

Save The Date



FRI

08

AUGUST

3PM

IWA CLASS OF 2021 ALUMNI REUNION

Reconnect, tour campus, and see what's new!
Pizza and drinks will be provided

RSVP and help us spread the word!

If you or someone you know graduated from IWA in 2021 help us spread the word for the class reunion! Since 2021 we've renovated the gym, library, and added the Innovation Center on the 2nd floor. There is a lot to see and we would love to see you! RSVP at the link below and help us spread the word.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

THE FOUNDRY: ROWING & SAILING

Are you interested in joining a new sport this fall? Join one of our community partners at the Foundry! The Foundry offers middle school rowing and sailing teams that are focused on developing young athletes while building lasting friendships over the course of

the fall season.

See below to learn about our offerings or contact (216) 413-3966 for more details!



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

ATHLETICS NEWS

6th Annual Golf Classic

Mark your calendars for the IWA Athletic Associations 6th Annual Golf Classic on Friday, September 19 at Ridgewood Golf Course.

Additional details and registration to follow.



PTSU NEWS



THANK YOU to all families that were able to attend the PTSU DQ & Putt Putt social this week. The rain didn't stop the fun! This event raised \$466.96, which helps support the school.



IWA PTSU 25-26 Meeting Dates

Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month in SJH, and a Google Meet option is available. All parents are welcome; no commitment.

8/21/2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

9/18/2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

10/16/2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

11/20/2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

12/18/2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

1/15/2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

2/19/2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

3/19/2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

4/16/2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

5/21/2026 @ 6:30 p.m. Parent Social

Babysitting will be available for IWA children, by student volunteers, while parents attend the meeting.

Teacher/Community Members will have a highlighted topic to present each month. Stay tuned for more info.

IWA PTSU Sponsored Student/Family Events:

Fall Festival, Saint Nicholas Day, The Giving Tree, Catholic Schools Week, Spring Craft Fair, Mother Daughter Event, Mother Son Bowling, Father Son Event, Father Daughter Dance, Family and Parent Night Out

IWA PTSU Sponsored Fundraisers:

Foertmeyer and Sons Mum Sale

Start: 9/3/2025 End: 9/17/2025

Mum Pickup: 9/26/2025

Santa Shop and Grade Level Raffle Baskets

December 9 - December 12

Butterbraid, Pretzels, and Cake Rolls Sale

Start: 2/3/2026 End: 02/17/2026

Butterbraid Pick Up: 3/12/2026

Spring Craft Fair

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Dine to Donate

Marco's Pizza 10/22/2025

Aladdin's 01/15/2026

Culver's 03/26/2026

We Want to Hear from You!

The PTSU is already looking ahead to next school year, and we'd love your input! Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey. Your feedback helps us plan events, allocate funds, and better support our students, teachers, and school community.

[2025-2026 PTSU Contact Form](#)

Thank you for being an important part of the IWA family!

2025-2026 CALENDER



The official school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year is here! Click the button below to download and review next year's calendar.

August 20 - First Day of School for Grades 1-8.
August 25 - First Day of School for Kindergarten and Kinder Prep.

2025-2026 Parent Calendar

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

SUMMER
Office Hours

JUNE*	Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8 AM TO 2 PM
JULY	Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8 AM TO 2 PM
AUGUST	M-F 8 AM TO 2 PM

**Closed the week of June 30*

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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