



IWA Weekly Newsletter  
*August 16, 2025*

## BUILDING BELONGING









Our faculty and staff returned this week, ready to start the 2025-26 school year! After several days of professional development, the week ended with a retreat at the Cleveland Museum of Art led by IWA STEAM Building Coach Mrs. Anne Hribar, Lisa Lefstein-Berusch from the Facing History organization, and community partner Jeremiah Myers from the Cleveland Museum of Art. Our day focused on building belonging within our community, a theme that we continue to explore throughout the school year. The faculty and staff put on their learner hats as they engaged in various classroom strategies that use art and storytelling to ignite conversations and deep thinking around how we build a culture of belonging where all members of the community feel included, respected, and loved.

**GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**



INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

# OKTOBERFEST

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ENTRY

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2025

21+  
ONLY

## 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 are on sale now—don't wait, they'll go fast!**

Secure your spot today, and explore our many sponsorship opportunities that include event tickets.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

[Explore Sponsorships](#)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



# Supply Drop Off

MONDAY, AUG. 18TH

Welcome Back!

Stop by anytime between



4-6 pm!

Still need supplies sold at IWA? Visit our supply table located in front of the Learning Garden. CASH ONLY!



Visit our PTSU Photo Booth!



back to school



Each student will receive a ticket, good for one Kona Ice treat! Sponsored by IWA & PTSU



Help Us Celebrate 90 Years!

Bring in 1 family photo and add it to our 90<sup>th</sup> Year bulletin board at Supply Drop Off!

- ✓ Any size no larger than 4x6
- ✓ Photos will be displayed all year and will not be returned.
- ✓ IWA alums...do you have a photo from your time at IWA?



## 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.**

# 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

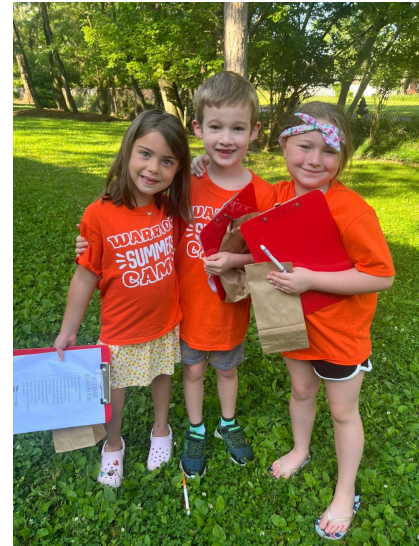
- Welcome back! First Day of School for Kinder Prep and Kindergarten.

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:

- 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**

### SUPPLIES:

- 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**



# 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](mailto:gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org)

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

# 6TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



IWA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

# 6TH ANNUAL **GOLF** CLASSIC



**FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 19**

**AT RIDGEWOOD GOLF COURSE  
6505 RIDGE RD. PARMA, OH**

**Light breakfast - 8:00am  
Shotgun start - 9:00am**

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\$90 - Per Player  
\$360 - Foursome  
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Includes:  
18 Holes of Golf and Cart  
Breakfast and Lunch  
Beverages - Prizes  
Ball Drop Contest - \$5.00  
per ball



Register now, space is limited

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**  
**or scan the QR code**



## MESSAGES ART GALLERY

Please join us in celebrating the art and design that went into this collaboration with our amazing partner, Bernadette Glorioso, for Parade the Circle. This unique gallery exhibit will be open on **Saturday, August 30.**

Visit the gallery and check out all that went into the mobile



puppets and more. So many students contributed to the beautiful messages incorporating the theme of the parade, transcending into inspiring works of community art.



**MESSAGES**  
at HAC Gallery

**SATURDAY AUGUST 30TH 12PM-4PM**

**HILDEBRANDT ART BUILDING  
3619 WALTON AVE.**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS  
LOTS OF INSPIRATIONAL AND  
MOTIVATING ART

## PTSU NEWS



**WIN  
MORE THAN  
\$75 IN FREE  
PRODUCT!**

**LEVEL ONE:  
SELL 9 ITEMS AND  
GET A PACKAGE OF  
5 DAFFODILS BULBS  
WHITE & YELLOW MIX**



**LEVEL TWO:  
SELL 19 ITEMS  
AND RECEIVE LEVEL 1, PLUS A  
FREE MUMKIN WITH A MUM  
(GROWERS CHOICE)**



**LEVEL THREE:  
SELL 25 ITEMS AND GET  
LEVELS 1 & 2, PLUS A 100 DAYS OF  
COLOR 35 BULB PACKAGE  
THAT INCLUDES TULIPS, CROCUS,  
DAFFODILS, MUSCARI, AND ALLIUMS**

SUBSTITUTIONS MAY OCCUR BASED ON PRODUCT AVAILABILITY AND CROP PERFORMANCE.  
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**FALL 2025**

**YOUR GUIDE TO ORDERING ONLINE!**

**THE MUMKINS! & MUMSTERS**

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**BENEFITS:**

- HUGE, VIBRANT MUMS
- SHOW CONVENIENTLY FROM YOUR HOME
- FRESH FROM OUR GREENHOUSE TO YOUR SCHOOL
- EXPERTLY GROWN BY SKILLED HORTICULTURISTS
- ECO-FRIENDLY, PESTICIDE FREE
- EASY CARE MUMSTERS
- SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ORGANIZATION

**ORDER ONLINE!**

PARENTS: CHECK YOUR EMAIL TO SET UP YOUR STORE

SCAN THE QR CODE TO ORDER

**Foertmeyer & Sons** Greenhouse Co.

Warm your home with Mumkin family fun!

Visit our online store to order!





## 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.

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### 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

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### 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**

## 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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