



## ***IWA Newsletter - November 11, 2022***

### **Veterans Day Message**

Today, we honor and say thank you to our veterans, the selfless men and women who answered the call to serve and protect our country. We ask that God bless and protect them and their families for their sacrifices today and always.



**#GiveHope on the IWA Day of Giving!**  
**Tuesday, November 29**

*from the desk of Mrs. Schmuhl*



The countdown is on! The IWA Day of Giving is just 18 days away. Please click on the video above as Ms. Cajka and Mrs. Kovacs share why teaching at IWA is so rewarding.

We will be having a classroom challenge and opportunities to win gift cards and other prizes as we "Give Hope" on Giving Tuesday, and please join us at school that evening from 5 to 7 p.m. as we "Light Up the Learning Garden!"

Save the date and share now with your family and friends! Questions? Reach out to Mrs. Schmuhl at [hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org)!

## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

*from the desk of Mrs. Congelio*

### Honoring Veterans

In honor of Veterans Day, our seventh grade students received a visit this week from Mr. Buck Wilford, a Strongsville native and former Green Beret in the Special Forces of the U.S. Army. He has a Masters of Divinity degree from Liberty University and is the Pastor of Brunswick Community Church. Mr. Wilford shared stories about his service and explained how he still serves today. Thank you to Ms. Shalala for organizing this important visit!



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## Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Magdalene W. in 5th grade. Her short story, entitled Thunder and Ice, will be published nationally in Cricket Magazine's January 2023 issue. Magdalene's work had to be original, under 350 words and follow the theme of "mythical creatures."

[Click Here](#) to read her short story.



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## Outdoor Learning at Camp NUHOP

Our 6th grade students spent time learning outdoors this week at Camp NUHOP. The students engaged in outdoor field studies, a stream study and hike, learning survival skills, constructing a geodome, navigating a rope course and more. Thank you to Prep Academy science teacher Ms. Rossman for organizing such an amazing experience!





## UPCOMING IWA CLUBS

### Bowling Club Sign Ups

**What:** Bowling Club forms were distributed to students this week!

**When:** Mondays after school until 4:30 p.m. pick up at the lanes, or 4:45 p.m. pick up at school. Students in Extended Day will be dropped off in their respective classrooms.

**Grades 3-5:** will bowl for 7 weeks from 11/28/22 (bootcamp) thru 1/23/23

**Grades 6-8:** will bowl for 6 weeks from 12/5/22 thru 1/23/23



Click on the buttons below for more information.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Harb at [lharp@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:lharp@incarnatewordacademy.org).

Bowling Grades 3-5

Bowling Grades 6-8

### Drama Club Parent Night

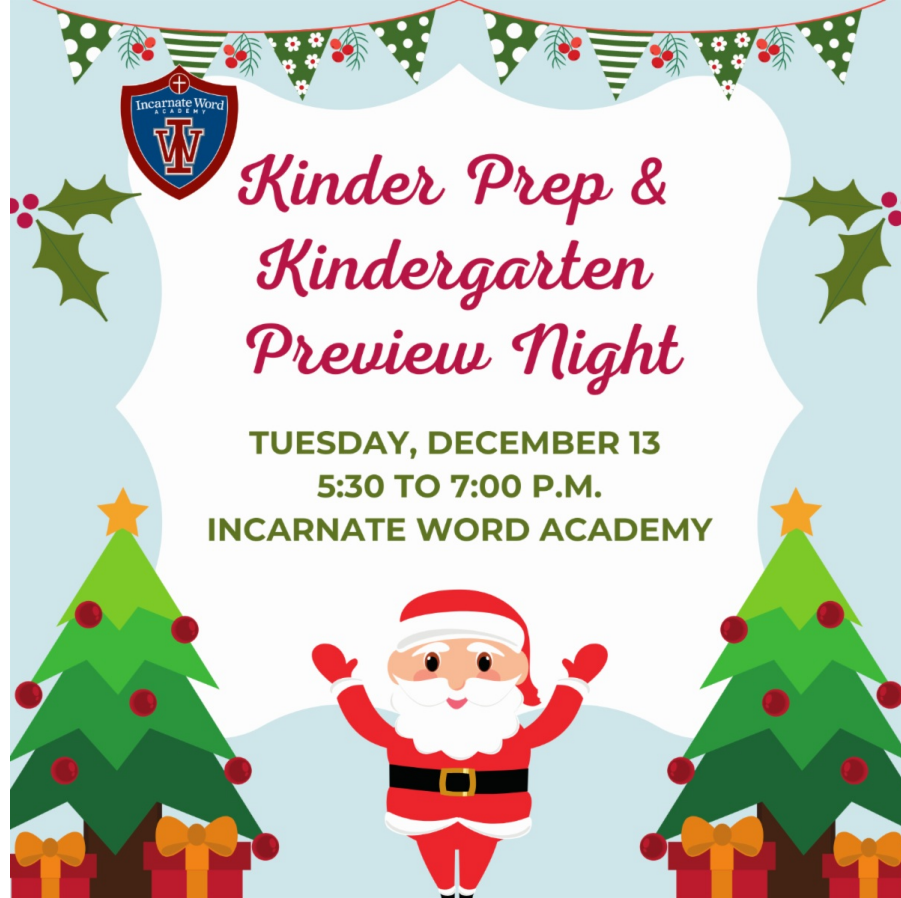
We are excited to announce our spring musical, Seussical, Jr.! If your child is in grades 4-8 and interested in auditioning or joining the crew, then please plan to attend an important Parent Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17th at 8 p.m. via Zoom.



[Parent Meeting Zoom Link](#)

## KINDER PREP & KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW NIGHT

*Tuesday, December 13, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at IWA*



Register  
here!

Are you interested in enrolling your child in IWA's Kinder Prep or Kindergarten program? Then please join us on Tuesday, December 13, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at IWA for our Kinder Prep & Kindergarten Preview Night!

Students will engage in Christmas activities in the classrooms, while parents will have an opportunity to see the classroom spaces and meet the teachers and administration.

This event is open to both current and prospective families! Click on the button above to register. [Contact Heather Schmuhl, Director of Admissions & Advancement, with any questions!](#)

## PTSU UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Santa Secret Shop: Parent Volunteers Needed!**

We are looking for Parent Volunteers to help at the Secret Santa Shop! If you are able to help out at this magical event, please sign up using the button below.

Also, please check for an email from your Parent Homeroom Representative. Items for the Raffle Baskets will be collected Monday, November 14 through Tuesday, November 22.



[If you have any questions, please click here to email Alicia Kelly.](#)

[Click here for the Santa Shop Volunteer Sign Up!](#)

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## Getting to know...your PTSU!

*Michelle Holiday-Crandall, Vice President*



Michelle is the Vice President of PTSU and mom to a fourth grader at IWA. Michelle quickly involved herself at IWA by volunteering to assist with her daughter's IWA volleyball team and her family is looking forward to being active participants in the activities and community at IWA. Michelle has been married to her husband, Brian, for 12 years, and together they are raising two daughters, three rescue dogs, a cat, and a bearded dragon.

Michelle grew up in Ohio and attended Hiram College where she received her B.A. followed by her J.D. from the University of Akron School of Law. Professionally, Michelle has been practicing law for over 20 years and enjoys helping her clients navigate through difficult times. When Michelle isn't working, she enjoys being outside with her family, and volunteering with several animal rescue organizations. There is never a dull moment in her household as both girls are active in numerous activities.

Michelle shared, "Our family joined IWA late last year, and words cannot describe how welcoming everyone was. The staff and families made us feel as though we were always a part of this community and I am honored to be a part of PTSU. I felt it was important that I become involved in PTSU to help connect our family and other families to the school to build a stronger IWA community through engaging programs and events. As the Vice President, I am dedicated to helping enhance our children's academic and social experiences at IWA."

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**Crumbl Cookie Fundraiser on  
Thursday, November 17!**

**The Giving Tree kicks off on  
the Day of Giving!**





## Incarnate Word Academy & CRUMBL COOKIE FUNDRAISER

Thursday, Nov. 17th, 2022

4-7pm

Parma Crumbl Cookie  
8647 W. Ridgewood Dr.  
Parma, OH 44129



IWA PTSU will receive 15% of all sales during this time  
period to use for student events!

Join us on the Day of Giving  
to grab a tag from the Giving  
Tree!



**IWA & PTSU**  
**The Giving Tree**  
**Nov. 29th-Dec. 16th**

**Donations benefit:**  
**Berea Animal Rescue Fund (ARF)**  
**The Malachi Center**

## STUDENT EXTENDED VACATION FORM



**Incarnate Word  
ACADEMY**

### Extended Vacation Absence Notification

Students /family vacations during the school year are strongly discouraged. Incarnate Word Academy policy is to consider the absence unexcused but allow for the opportunity to make up the work. Please fill this form out and return it two weeks in advance of your child(ren)'s extended absence.

This letter is a formal request for student name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Absence from school on the following dates:

Date Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Returning: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state the nature and reason for the absence \_\_\_\_\_

We, the parents of the student(s), understand that the absence from school for the reason listed above is not provided for under the school attendance laws of the State of Ohio. This absence will be considered unexcused but by completing this form and fulfilling the requirements listed below, work will be allowed to be made up and the student will not be considered truant.

Because teachers' plans change, not all assignments can be given prior to the absence. Upon returning the student must make arrangements for making up missed assignments and/or tests. All make-up work, tests & quizzes must be completed within one week of the student return. If these conditions are not met, the student will receive a failing grade for the missed work. The school does not assume responsibility for a change in grade(s) incurred by a student who is absent due to personal convenience.

We have read & understand the above statement.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If your student will be absent for longer than three days, we kindly ask that you complete the Extended Absence Notification Form.

While we understand how important family time is, this form allows the teacher(s) the opportunity to prepare any missed work and it also notifies the attendance office of the extended absence.

When completing this form, we ask that you **turn it in to the homeroom teacher at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled absence.** Thank you for your partnership!

[Click here for the Extended Absence Form](#)

## CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

Thank you to all of our families, students, and staff who contributed, sorted, and delivered the 50 Thanksgiving Meal Kits to the Middleburg Heights Food Pantry!



## CERTIFICATE PROGRAM BONUS DAYS

The biggest eGift card bonus event of the year!

Mark your calendar—Raise Days is back with 150+ bonuses. Participants can stock up for all their holiday shopping and earn even more.

Things to know

- Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards
- Participants must have an online account to participate

Participants can plan ahead with a sneak peek of all brands on bonus—available Wednesday, Nov 16.

Exclusively in the RaiseRight mobile app.

COMING SOON

**RAISE DAYS**  
Formerly ThankScripting Day  
NOV 17 - 18

**Click here for more  
info!**

## PART-TIME FOOD PREP POSITION AVAILABLE

We are excited to share that a new lunch program will be coming to IWA soon! This will offer our students the opportunity to purchase a hot lunch every day. If you or someone you know is interested in working part-time as a food prep staff member, contact Mrs. Congelio at [scongelio@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:scongelio@incarnatewordacademy.org)



## IWA ALUMNI NEWS

### #FlashBackFriday Alumni Spotlight: Natalia Griffiths '18

Happy #flashbackfriday! This week, we are featuring Natalia Griffiths, IWA Class of 2018!

After IWA, Natalia attended Walsh Jesuit High School and graduated in June of this year. As a student at Walsh Jesuit, she maintained a high academic performance, was president of the photography club, and the captain of the women's Bowling team. Natalia was a performing arts photographer and had numerous photos featured on the school's social media accounts and in the yearbook. Because of her photography skills, she received a college photography scholarship. As an athlete at Walsh Jesuit, she qualified for Districts twice and assisted her team in multiple championship wins.



Natalia learned of her love of bowling through Bowling Club at IWA with Mrs. Harb, and some of her favorite memories of Incarnate Word Academy include the many skating parties she attended with her classmates. Natalia attends Kent State University where she is majoring in Visual Communication Design and minoring in Photography. Outside of school, she loves fencing, volunteering at church, and working on earning her Eagle Scout rank.

### Benedictine High School Honor Roll



Congratulations to Benedictine High School freshman, Luca Bucci, IWA Class of 2022, for achieving Summa Cum Laude on the honor roll for his GPA of 4.21 for the first quarter of school.

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!

[Are you an IWA Alumni? Click here!](#)

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