



## ***IWA Newsletter - September 16, 2022***

### **Principal's Message**

*from the desk of Mrs. Congelio*

### **IWA once again recognized with the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education!**



Since 2009, Incarnate Word Academy has received the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education, and this year was no exception!

IWA is just one of a dozen schools in the Diocese of Cleveland to receive this award, and 22 of our current teachers have also been recognized for their dedication to excellence in STEM education.

Congratulations and thank you to the IWA faculty for all that they do for our students!

Adam Havel  
Cheryl DelBane  
Christina Kotsanis  
Claire Kovacs  
Cynthia Rossman  
Debbie Schieferle  
Elizabeth Grusenmeyer  
Hannah Cajka  
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Jessica Battaglia  
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Katie Cuevas  
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Linda Harb  
Mallory Marsico  
Mary Beth Schram  
Stacy Shalala  
Sue Szabo  
Theresa Hovanec-Davey  
Traci Borden

[Click here to read more!](#)

## **CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS**



## IWA in the news!

Brothers Colin '25 and Liam '22 were featured in this week's episode of Newsdepth on PBS's Ideastream. Last year, the brothers worked to assess, troubleshoot and fix student chromebooks to get them back in circulation.

[Click here to watch the episode! Their featured segment begins approximately at the 10 minute mark.](#)

## PARKING LOT REMINDERS

### Please slow down in the parking lot!

We have several preschoolers and younger children who are exiting parked cars in the morning for drop-off. Please be sure you are driving slowly so administration can safely cross the students to the main doors. Thank you for your cooperation!



## PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Golf Outing Friday, 9/23 - Drivers Wanted!

The IWA Athletic Association is looking for two volunteers to drive two beverage carts during the outing next Friday, 9/23. Please contact Tim Patrick, Greg Kozarik and Tim DeGeeter if you are willing and able! [You can also email Mrs. Schmuhl here.](#)

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IWA Music Boosters is in need of new members! Music Boosters supports our music program through financial support, scholarships, drama productions and more.

A few homerooms are still looking for parent representatives! Please click on the button below to see if you can help.

Click here to sign up to be a homeroom parent!

Remember how awesome Annie Jr. was? We have Music Boosters to thank! So please consider joining and helping to plan fundraisers and activities that will support our IWA students!

[Click here to email Mrs. Schmuhl if you are interested!](#)

### Oktoberfest Donations Needed by Friday, 9/23

If you signed up to donate an item for Oktoberfest, please be sure to bring it to the Main Office by Friday, 9/23. Thank you for your support!

Oktoberfest Volunteer & Donation Sign Ups!



## LUNCH MONITORS STILL NEEDED

We are in need of lunch monitors for the school year. Monitors work as a part-time position. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact Michelle Konopka at [mkonopka@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:mkonopka@incarnatewordacademy.org).

## SPIRIT WEAR

Did you forget to order a t-shirt, pair of sweatpants or joggers for gym class from the online store? If so, a limited number of items are available by using the link below. Please note that a small fee is charged for your order to be shipped directly to you. Our next large sale will be in November in time for Christmas!

Click here to shop the Spirit Wear Sale!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, September 19: Rapid Dismissal Safety Drill

This is a friendly reminder that all students with signed permission slips will participate in a rapid dismissal safety drill on Monday, Sept. 19th at 8:15 am. Students will exit the campus and meet at Andy's Hardware Store, then return to IWA.

## Friday, September 23: Grandfriends Prayer Service Grades K, 1, 2 & 3

Please save the date for Friday, September 23, for a special prayer service for Grandparents and Special Friends of our students in Grades K-3. The prayer service will take place in St. Joseph Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

*Grandfriends can arrive between 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.*

## Tuesday, September 27: Singing Warriors Meet & Greet

The Singing Warriors is our school liturgical choir. Students interested in singing or playing an instrument at this year's school Masses should attend the Meet and Greet. If you have questions or your child did not bring home a flyer please email Mrs. Hjort.

## November 2, 3 & 4: Music Boosters Clothing Drive

Clean out your closets and help the IWA Music Boosters! Music Boosters are collecting large bags of clothes and household soft goods November 2 - 4 in the after school pick-up line.

Our goal is \$1,000 which equates to 385 tall kitchen bags worth of items!

**Clothing:** We are collecting men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

**Household Items:** Bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

Click the flyer to the right to learn more!



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**Our Goal:** \$1000  
385 Tall Kitchen Bags (avg. 15 lbs.)  
**Fundraiser Dates:**  
10/02/2022 - 10/04/2022

Clean out your closets for  
Incarnate Word Academy-  
Music Booster Club!

We are collecting large bags of clothes and household soft goods on November 2nd, 3rd, & 4th, in the after-school pickup line. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Music Boosters Club and the many scholarships, field trips, and activities that it provides.

### We Are Collecting

#### Clothes

men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

#### Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Please gather clothes and household textiles in bags. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

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## STOP THE HATE CLUB

### Stop the Hate Club: Grades 6-8

Are you civic-minded and an advocate for the rights of others? Do you enjoy writing or wish to improve your writing? Would you like to collaborate with other professionals to leverage these skills and even explore songwriting? Then this club is for you! Join us in the writing workshop for the STOP THE HATE and explore advocacy, be a change-maker, and contribute ideas with others as you shape an idea to combat bias. Stand up and speak out! Stay tuned for an official sign-up form.

**Who:** Interested 6th-8th grade students with Mrs. Borden and Mrs. Hribar

**When:** Tuesday mornings before school on Tuesdays mornings (first meeting TBD).

Maltz Museum Presents

**STOP THE HATE**

(Additional meetings may be scheduled depending upon the availability of *Roots of America Music and Lake Erie Ink.*)

**Where:** Mrs. Borden's classroom

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAM - UPDATES

The Certificate Program kicked-off this week! A special thank you to our two volunteers, Mrs. Danielle Brooks and Mrs. Jill Fanous for their continued support in making this program possible!

There are a few changes this year that were communicated at Meet The Teacher Night and also explained in the documents below. ALL ORDERS are to be submitted electronically through the Raise Right website or the Raise Right app. **No physical order forms or checks will be accepted.**

Paid orders received electronically will be processed at 8 a.m. on Mondays and physical cards ordered will be received by the end of that week. Gift cards will be delivered to your child's homeroom. eGift cards are available at your fingertips as soon as you purchase!

Click below for the details. Contact Heather Schmuhl at [hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org) with any questions!

[Certificate Program 22-23](#)

[How to Use Raise Right](#)

## ALUMNI NEWS

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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