



IWA Weekly Newsletter
December 13, 2025

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

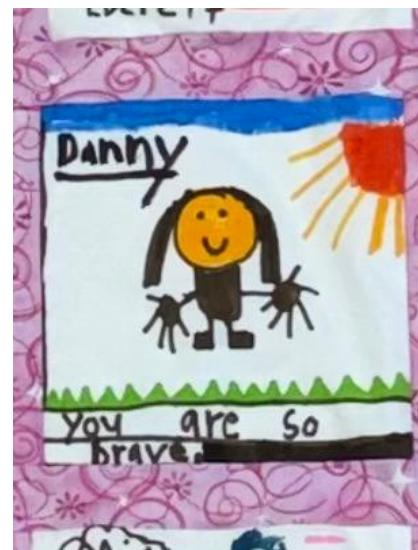
WE BELIEVE: *FAITH IS OUR FOUNDATION*



MIA'S FIGHT, OUR FIGHT!

Students in first grade have been very busy developing ways to support their classmate and friend, Mia S., who is fighting leukemia. Although these students are only 6 and 7 years old, their creative ideas are inspiring!

The picture above is a community quilt that includes original work from the students, teachers, and administration. The students were able to draw images and write messages to Mia on the squares. An expert quilter in our community used the squares to create the quilted blanket and added special touches such as embroidered hearts around the edge. On Thursday, the students came together to bless the quilt before sending it off to Mia, using holy water, a simple sprig, and lots of love!





CALLED TO SERVICE

IWA celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday with Father Bill Bouhall as our presider. We also used this time to recognize and bless our altar servers, students that have answered the call to serve God and their community after receiving the proper formation. Students were presented with a special pin from Mrs. Hjort as a token of gratitude.

We are grateful for their time and commitment to their faith!





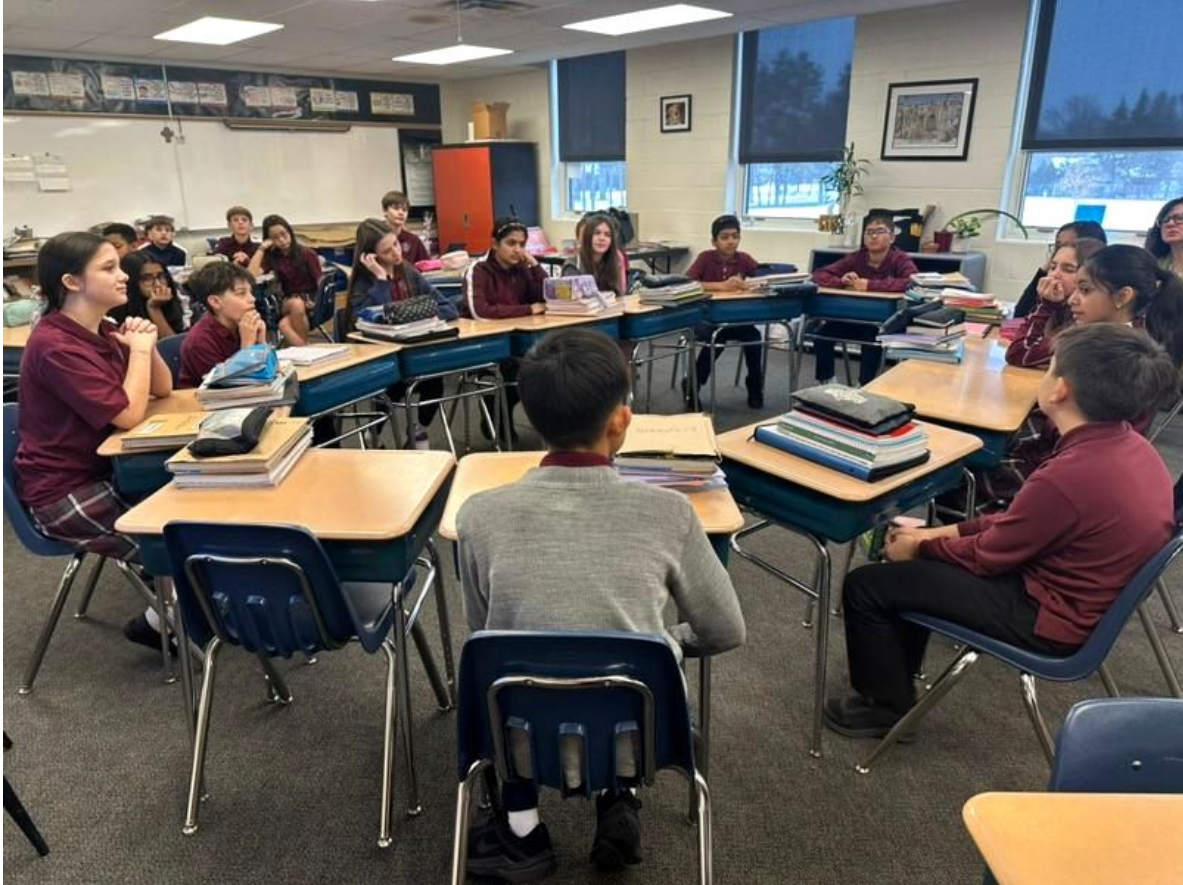
Congratulations to the following altar servers:

Atrem L.
Andrew B.
Owen H.
Peter M.
Jonas Z.
Sophia M.
Molly D.
Makayla G.
Joseph F.
Anthony S.

Ellen P.
Laya J.
Katherine H.
Evelyn N.
Nicolette S.
Lyla P.
Emmanuel S.
Ivy S.
Magdalene W.
Stella J.

Dominic E.
Brendan P.
Brennen H.
Sam G.
Lauren M.
Sophia S.
Margaret R.
Andrew D.
Jude H.
Esmerad S.

WE BELIEVE: *COLLABORATION MAKES US BETTER*





Students in Ms. Shalala's ELA classes participated in a Fishbowl exercise, which is a dynamic discussion format that includes an inner and outer circle, those talking and those observing with the addition of a floating chair to allow one observer to jump in at any time. This cross curricular activity focused on the beatitude of the month that all students are learning, which is *The Meek Shall Inherit the Earth*. After watching clips from *Little House on the Prairie* that related to this beatitude, the students discussed and made connections to the world and their own lives. Powerful reflections made for truly impactful and collaborative learning!

IMPORTANT DATES

Mark your calendar with these important dates which can also be found on our calendar in Digital Academy and on our IWA App.

December 16

- All School Advent Prayer Service @ 10 am

December 18

- Dress Down for IWA Fund
- Music Concert (Rms 212 & 213) @ 6:30 pm
- PTSU Meeting @ 6:30 pm- VIRTUAL

December 19

- **Christmas Themed Dress Down**- pajamas!
- Fall Pep Rally
- Deadline for yearbook cover design contest.

December 25

- **Merry Christmas!**

Christmas Dress Down Days at IWA

Friday, December 19- Dress down in Christmas pajamas or in Christmas colors



Get a bird's eye view of the clubs offered at IWA throughout the year. Registration for clubs can be found in our newsletter closer to the date when the club starts. Click clubs @ IWA!

DIRECTOR OF SECURITY

We're excited to welcome Mr. Randy Daley as IWA's new Director of Safety beginning January 12, 2026. Mr. Daley comes to IWA with over 30 years experience in the public safety field, most recently with the Cleveland Police Department.

Please read our full announcement and watch a brief welcome video from Mr. Daley to learn more.



[READ OUR FULL
ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

[WATCH A VIDEO FROM MR.
DALEY](#)

MLK JR DAY OF SERVICE



IWA FAMILIES
PLEASE JOIN US



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE



**JANUARY 19, 2026
9 A.M.-NOON
SAINT JOSEPH HALL**

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ABOUT THE STATE
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PROJECT**

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT MRS. HJORT
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SERVE WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Attention 4-8 grade students!

We're looking for students to design a cover that captures the essence of our school year and embodies the spirit of our community. This is your chance to leave a lasting mark on the yearbook and be recognized for your artistic talent.

The submission deadline is Friday, December 19, 2025.

Click below for more details.



Click For More Details

DANCING WARRIORS

Dancing Warriors are back! That's right, graduates

Josie B. and Sophia Z. will be joining us here at IWA on Mondays after school from 2:45-4:15 in Saint Joseph Hall beginning January, 5 and concluding with a showcase and potluck on Monday, May 4. There will be no practices when school is closed. Registration is \$20 per dancer and will be billed to your Digital Academy account. Simply complete this registration form. Dancing Warriors is open to students in grades 1-8.



[Click here to sign up.](#)

We hope to see you there!

SEWING FOR SERVICE LEADERSHIP



Are you ready to review or learn new sewing skills, lead fun projects, and make a difference? We are excited to offer Sewing for Service Student Leadership Training and Certification starting in January for IWA 7th and 8th graders!

Why join?

- Master sewing skills and machine care – from basic stitches to threading bobbins
- Lead and teach others – teach and assist fellow students in the Sewing for Service Club.
- Plan meaningful service learning projects – bring your ideas to life and make a difference.
- Lead Sewing for Service Club sessions – guide 1–2 student projects (about 3 weeks each) and see your leadership in action.

Information Meeting:

- When: Monday, December 8th at Noon
- Where: Innovation Center

Training Days/Times:

- Thursdays after school or Friday mornings

Interested?

- Sign up here: [Click here to register](#)
- Deadline: Wednesday, December 17th
- Questions? Contact Mrs. Micheli or Ms. Schram

CHESS COMPETITION

The Greater Cleveland Scholastic Chess League (GCSSL) has multiple upcoming events for students in grades K-12 with trophies, medals, and scholarship prizes available.

Upcoming events include:
Jan 17 @ Solon MS
Mar 14 @ Rocky River HS

[Click here to view the flyer for more details.](#)



DRAWING CLASSES AT IWA- Grades K-5



Drawing
Classes for Kids



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NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

JOIN US AT INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY!

Young Rembrandts students will flex their artistic muscles with an exciting lineup of drawing lessons. We'll warm up with whimsical Winter Birdhouses and a festive birthday cake—perfect projects to spark imagination. Budding artists will take on dynamic challenges like a Snowboarder, adorable Llamas, and a Young Rembrandts take on Grant Wood's American Gothic. We'll wrap things up with a blend of elegance and graphic design in imaginative lessons like Trolls at Home. Don't let the winter blues stick around—enroll your artist today and make this season a masterpiece!



 **THURSDAYS**
2:45pm - 3:45pm
1/8/26 - 3/26/26

 **TUITION**
\$176.00
(11 Week Session, NO CLASS on 3/5)

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VOTE FOR OLIVIA FOR BEST PERFORMER IN A MUSICAL

Our very own Olivia G. '26 has been nominated for "Best Performer in a Musical" for her outstanding performance as Annie in Annie at Cassidy Theatre! You can help us by voting for Olivia at the link below.

Cast your vote here:

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/cleveland/awards/>

You can select "no nominee" for any categories you're unsure about. The "Best Performer in a Musical" category is a few sections in—let's show our support for Olivia!



ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Join us for our upcoming Athletic Association meetings! These gatherings are a great opportunity to get involved, share ideas, and support our Warrior athletic programs.

All parents and supporters are welcome. Come see how you can make a difference for our student-athletes!

- Monday, December 15th @ 6p
- Monday, January 12th @ 6p
- Monday, February 9th @ 6p
- Monday, March 9th @ 6p
- Monday, April 13th @ 6p
- Monday, May 11th @ 6p

Join us for the

ATHLETIC MEETINGS

MONDAYS @ 6PM

ST. JOSEPH HALL HOSPITALITY ROOM

DECEMBER 15TH
JANUARY 12TH
FEBRUARY 9TH
MARCH 9TH
APRIL 13TH
MAY 11TH

JOIN US TO DISCUSS ATHLETICS AND
ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU
MAY HAVE

The graphic includes several illustrations: a basketball player in mid-air on the left, a cheerleader with pom-poms on the right, and a basketball at the bottom left. There are also decorative swirls and a large pom-pom graphic in the top right.

ALUMNI UPDATE

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!](#)

PTSU

Incarnate Word Academy



Parent Teacher Student Union

We've moved!

All PTSU related meetings, information, events, and fundraisers can now be viewed **EVERY THURSDAY** in our newly created PTSU newsletter. Find everything you need in one location!

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