



IWA Weekly Newsletter
February 21, 2026

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

WE BELIEVE: *FAITH IS OUR FOUNDATION*



Our Warrior traits shape who we are and who we strive to be in this world. This month, we recognize students and a teacher that reflect the Warrior trait of being Intellectual.

Congratulations to the following students.

Back row (left to right): Nicolina S., Tiara P., Mr. Havel, Shamita K.

Middle row: Vivienne G., Emily G., Julian K., Mayra N., Margo T., Bhavishya M., Stowe B., Atrem I., Alexandra S., Brian S., Elle P., and Ryan S.

Front row: Yelyzaveta R., Theo K., Hank T., Yvie F.

Missing: Hudson S. and Lottie M.



Many Cultures, One School.

Tuesday was our rescheduled Cultural Day from Catholic Schools Week. Our students proudly wore traditional attire representing their heritage and countries of origin, filling our halls with color, culture, and community. What a beautiful reminder that while we come from many backgrounds, we are united as one IWA family.

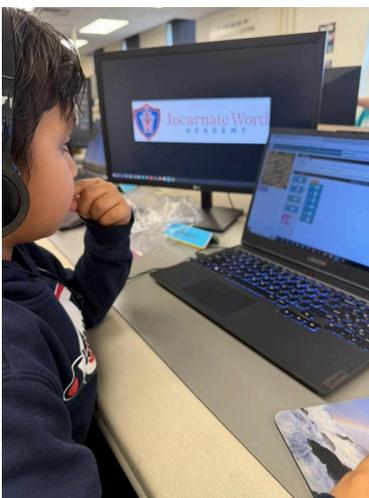
WE BELIEVE: *LEARNING IS INTENTIONAL*





Subtraction Flashcard Olympics

Congratulations to our second grade mathletes who recently competed in the 2026 Winter Olympics Subtraction Flashcard Event! After months of hard work and preparation, Team DelBane and Team Rolle marched into Room 103 ready to chase gold! The competition was tough, with two students coming out on top. In the end, two outstanding students rose to the podium—congratulations to Sarvaye D. for earning the silver medal and to Lauren C. for capturing the gold. We are so proud of all who competed, using the Warrior trait of being Intellectual and Resilient during the competition, and demonstrating Respectfulness by showing good sportsmanship.



Cracking the Code: Success in Computer Science

Our kindergarten students are diving into computer science on Code.org, where they're learning how coding works through sequencing. In this hands-on lesson,

Students guide a squirrel through a maze to reach an acorn by stacking code blocks in the correct order.

As they build step-by-step instructions, students practice problem-solving, logical thinking, and debugging when their code doesn't work the first time. The block-based format makes it easy to focus on ideas and strategy without worrying about complicated typing or syntax.

Students understand how programs follow precise directions while building confidence with technology and creativity. Along the way, they're developing foundational skills in algorithms and programming and learning how computing impacts the world around them!

IWA STRATEGIC PLAN



The poster features the Incarnate Word Academy logo on the left, which includes a shield with a cross and the letters 'IW'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY' in a serif font, with 'PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO' in a smaller font below it. The main title 'Strategic Planning Roundtables' is written in a large, elegant script font. Below the title, the text 'Join us for meaningful conversations as we come together to Reflect • Discuss • Inspire.' is centered. The background of the poster shows a group of people sitting around a table in a meeting room, with a lit candle and a crucifix in the foreground. The overall tone is warm and inviting.

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY
PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO

Strategic Planning Roundtables

Join us for meaningful conversations as we come together to
Reflect • Discuss • Inspire.

Share your ideas, explore possibilities, and help shape the future of IWA in a welcoming, collaborative environment.

Strategic Planning Roundtables – You're Invited

You are cordially invited to participate in **Roundtable Discussions on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM in St. Joseph Hall on the grounds of Incarnate Word Academy.** These small-group discussions will be facilitated by our Strategic Planning Counsel from Partners in Mission

This is **your opportunity to share your perspective** in critical areas such as Academics, Advancement, Admissions and Enrollment, Catholic Mission and Identity, Facilities, Finance, Governance, and Student Life.

[Click here](#) for more information about the roundtables.

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

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.

February 22

- Mother Son Bowling

February 24

- 4th Grade Class Mass
- PTSU Butterbraid, Pretzels, and Cake Roll Sales begin

March 5

- Parent Teacher Conferences

March 6

- No School: Teacher PD Day
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Admissions Update & Reminder

If you have not yet done so, the K-8 Enrollment Paperwork can be accessed through your Digital Academy dashboard or by [CLICKING HERE](#).

A \$25 late fee will now be applied.



Summer Updates & Notices at IWA

Please see [THIS COMMUNICATION](#) regarding summer improvements, summer camps and tutoring at IWA for the 2025-26 school year.



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!](mailto:clubs@IWA)

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Watch this 2-minute video to learn how you can direct your tax-dollars to support Incarnate Word Academy students. Click the button below to view the Angel Scholarship Fund website, view FAQs, and make your contribution today.

The Best
Things in Life
Are Free



Angel Scholarship Fund

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Kindergarten screening will take place on **Monday, March 9** and **Tuesday, March 10**. Children who are currently enrolled in Kinder Prep at IWA do not need to sign up for a screening time.

Screening sign-ups are only required for children who are not currently enrolled in Kinder Prep at IWA.

Click the link below for additional information and to reserve a screening time.



KINDERGARTEN SCREENING SIGN-UP

KINDER PREP ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in Kinder Prep for the 2026-27 school year is now open! Families who do not have a child currently enrolled at IWA should also schedule a tour by [clicking here](#).

Children must be 4 years old to begin Kinder Prep. Contact Mr. Kessler for full enrollment details at gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org



ENROLL IN KINDER PREP



Community Prepares for Lent

This week our IWA community gathered for Ash Wednesday Mass as we began the sacred season of Lent. We are grateful to Fr. Bill for leading us in prayer and reflection, and we extend a special thank you to our altar servers and student readers who served so reverently. As we received ashes and the reminder to "return to the Lord," may this season be one of growth, reflection, and renewal for our entire IWA family.



Rosary Opportunity

The Rosary will be prayed every Wednesday throughout Lent beginning at 7:20 a.m. in room 107 with Ms. Schram. Any student who would like to join is welcome to attend!

CRS Rice Bowl Donations

As we begin our Lenten journey as a school community rooted in faith, we also begin our annual [Catholic Relief Services](#) Rice Bowl collection. For more than 80 years, CRS has provided life saving humanitarian assistance across the globe. This year's collection will specifically help families facing hunger in Guatemala, Timor-Leste, and Ghana.



*If you would like to contribute to IWA's Rice Bowl campaign and do not have a student currently attending the school, a check can be mailed to **Incarnate Word Academy, c/o Campus Ministry, 6620 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, OH 44130**. Please write "Rice Bowl" in the memo line.*



We're thrilled to welcome Mr. Randy Daley as the new Director of Safety at Incarnate Word Academy! Though he's been with us just over a month, he's already making a positive impact by helping keep our campus safe and prepared. Mr. Daley oversees all safety and emergency planning, supporting a secure, welcoming, and Christ-centered environment for our students, staff, and visitors.

Moving forward, we will share safety updates in the fall, winter, and spring in our newsletter.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read about our winter updates.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

Lunch Monitor

We are currently looking for a lunch monitor to assist during our school lunch periods. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Mrs. Congelio for more information. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

Custodial/Maintenance

IWA is looking to hire a full-time custodial person to join our maintenance team. The position offers a competitive salary, benefits, paid time off, and a great work environment. If you know somebody who might be interested, please have them contact Mike Wisnor at mwisnor@incarnatewordacademy.org.

SPRING SPIRIT WEAR

Millie says, "It's im-paw-ssible to wait... time to order your spirit wear!"

Do you have a 90th anniversary t-shirt or spirit wear? This will be the last time to purchase anniversary logo items.

Be sure to check out all of the new merchandise and [order today](#). This is the last spirit wear shop until August. Orders can be placed until Sunday, March 15. At that time, all orders will be processed and delivered to the school before Easter break.

All orders are final and sent home with students named on the order.

Please contact Mrs. Bleakley if you prefer to pick up your order at the office.



SJB RUN WITH ME 5K/1 MILE WALK

Each summer, St. John Bosco proudly hosts their annual 5K race, bringing together families, friends, and community members for a great cause. This event

serves as a fundraiser for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Ann George/Parma Heights Food Pantry, supporting local individuals and families in need.

Whether you're a seasoned runner, a casual walker, or simply cheering from the sidelines, the Bosco 5K is a wonderful way to give back while enjoying a fun, community-centered morning.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for businesses and families who would like to support the event and gain visibility while making a difference. Join us in helping our neighbors and making this summer tradition another great success!



[Registration Form](#)

[Sponsorship Form](#)

BOWLING CLUB

Bowling Club is starting soon and will run on **Mondays from February 23 through May 11!** Forms and payment are due by Wednesday, February 18. Please see the attached information for details and registration instructions. 🎳

Bowling Club is available to students in grades 3-8 and runs for 11 weeks.



[CLICK FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

PARMA HEIGHTS POOL JOB OPENING

Our friends at the Parma Heights Pool are looking for help! There are job openings for their seasonal team. Click the link below or scan the QR for the job application and support our local community!

[Job Application](#)

WE ARE HIRING!

Join our seasonal team!

CITY OF
Parma
Heights

COMMUNITY GROWS HERE

Pool Staff

- Lifeguards
- Customer Service
- Concessions
- Deck Crew
- Swim Instructors
- Assistant Pool Manager

Parks Crew

- Park Maintenance
- Umpires
- Referees
- Recreation Attendants

📞 440.884.9606

🌐 recreation@parmaheights.us

Application



DRAMA CLUB

Support the Drama Club by purchasing an ad in our program!

Looking for a splashy option that includes a photo or business logo? An **Ad** is the perfect choice. Want to wish your favorite cast or crew member good luck? A **Shout-Out** is a great way to show your support.

Ads and shout-outs need to be submitted by Friday, February 27th.



PURCHASE AN AD

PURCHASE A SHOUT-OUT

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

SPRING SPORTS SIGN-UPS

RACE RELAY HURDLES
JUMPS DISCUS

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY CYO

TRACK & FIELD

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: MARCH 1ST

Sign-up today if you enjoy sprinting and running with speed, strength, endurance, and skill.

SIGN-UP FEE: \$125

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY CYO

BASEBALL

SIGN-UP \$125 DEADLINE 1 MARCH

JOIN THE EXCITEMENT OF BASEBALL

Are you ready to hit a home run this season? Sign up for CYO Baseball and give your child the opportunity to learn, grow, and have fun on the field!

TEAMWORK • LEARN SKILLS • HAVE FUN

Get ready for an exciting spring season! Students can now sign up for **Track & Field** and **Baseball**. Don't miss the chance to be part of the team, build skills, and have fun representing IWA. **The deadline to register is March 1.** Click the link below to sign up today!

SIGN UP HERE!

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, 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

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!](#)

TREEHOUSE BEREA

Our friends at The Treehouse Berea are now offering a knitting club! This is in addition to their offerings including chess, lego, art studio, jr. robotics, minecraft, and game design!

Check out the attached flyer for more details!

[Click here for more information.](#)



PTSU



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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