



Incarnate Word Academy
PTSU
2025-2026

“Stay informed and involved while helping shape school programs and events.”

IWA PTSU Mission and Vision Statement

The Incarnate Word Academy Parent Teacher Student Union (PTSU) serves the school, administration, teachers, and students by:

- Providing educational and social opportunities to strengthen our school community
- Providing financial support to the school through fundraising activities
- Contributing to the school's continual advancement through active family support

The PTSU serves to foster a collaborative partnership between parents, teachers, students, and school staff in order to support the academic success, well-being, and personal growth of every student. We aim to build a strong, inclusive school community through active volunteerism, open communication, and enriching programs that empower families and educators alike.

Meet the IWA PTSU Officers of 25-26



President - Rachel Connelly

Claire; 3rd grade

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Entering year 2 of 2 year term as
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Vice President - Susie Cheraso

Frankie; 2nd grade

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Secretary - Nikki Puckett

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Treasurer - Brittany Jones

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Who Can Be a Part of PTSU?

- **Parents/Guardians** of current students
- **Teachers and school staff**
- **Students** (if coming to present/share as guest speakers)
- **Community members** (dependent on guest speaker and approval by officers and admin)

Participation at meetings/events by any/all families is encouraged

Parents/Guardians can attend some or all meetings (no requirement)

Parent/Guardians can volunteer at PTSU organized events or simply be attendees at events

NEW: All Homeroom Representatives are required to attend the PTSU meetings each month; virtually or in person.

We cannot have a successful PTSU without parent, teacher, and students attendance, support, and volunteer efforts!

Family Events Organized by PTSU

Dairy Queen Putt Putt Family Event and Fundraiser - July

Fall Festival/Halloween Party - October

Santa Shop - December
Saint Nicholas Day - December

Catholic Schools Week - January

Mother/Son Event - February

Father/Daughter Dance - March
Father/Son Event - March

IWA Craft Fair - April

Mother/Daughter Event - May
Field Day - May





Accomplishments Initiated by PTSU

Educational and Faith Based Initiatives:

- Catholic Schools Week
- The Giving Tree
- St. Nicholas Day
- Monthly Meetings with Teacher/Staff or Community Member as Guest Speaker

Social Initiatives and Parent Support:

- Halloween Party
- Parent/Child Events
- Field Day
- Monthly meetings
- Parent meetups/social events
- Spring Fling Support

Fundraising (optional):

- Mum sale (Fall)
- Santa Shop (Winter)
- 3 Dine to Donate Events (1 per trimester)
- Craft Fair (Spring)
- Butterbraid Fundraiser (Spring)

Staff Support:

- Teacher Conference Meals and Quarterly Treats
- Monetary Support with Teacher Wish List
- Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
- K and 8th Gr. Graduations
- Welcome Back to School Events
- Parent Homeroom Rep Organization

PTSU Goals for 25-26

We're excited to continue building a strong, connected school community by hosting **fun and engaging events for students and families, warmly welcoming new families**, and **encouraging greater involvement** from our current IWA community.

This year, we plan to continue the **same successful fundraisers** as last year. Thanks to your support, we've been able to:

- Provide teachers with funds at the start of the school year to purchase items from their classroom **Wish Lists**
- Fund the installation of **two Gaga Ball Pits**
- Equip classrooms with **jump ropes and recess balls**
- Contribute to the **tree structure in the school library**

With continued success, we hope to **sustain the Teacher Wish List Program** and support other meaningful projects that enrich the learning environment for our students and staff.

We're always open to **new ideas**! Whether you're a teacher, staff member, student, or parent, we invite you to share your thoughts and suggestions on how PTSU can further support our school.

 **Have an idea? Let us know! We'd love to hear from you.**

We Can't Wait to See You! Please Come Join Us! All are Welcome!

Our PTSU meetings are held **on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in Saint Joseph Hall.**

Can't make it in person? No problem — a **Google Meet virtual option** is also available, so you can join us from the comfort of your home. (Meeting links sent via email by PTSU Secretary or will be found in the PTSU weekly email newsletter.

Each meeting begins with a presentation from a **guest speaker, teacher, or staff member**, followed by a collaborative session to review the previous month's events and plan for upcoming ones.

 **Our first meeting of the year is Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**

We'd love for you to come check it out! Here the link to join virtually: meet.google.com/cpi-mbnj-ycx

This is a great opportunity to connect with other IWA parents and get involved — as much or as little as you'd like — in our vibrant school community.

 For more information, please refer to the **IWA PTSU email newsletter**, which will begin circulating to all families at the **end of August 2025.**