



IWA Newsletter
May 26, 2023

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

from the desk of Mrs. Congelio

HONORING OUR HEROES







Our IWA community of students, faculty, staff, and families joined together to show our appreciation for those that have served with our annual Military Appreciation Day. Special guests who joined us included St. Brendan School, the 3rd Battalion 25th Regiment Marines out of Brook Park, and the Civil Air Patrol of Medina. In addition, we are so thankful to the Parma Heights Police Department for their support with our walk, as well as the hospitality from Mayor Gallo for allowing us to visit the Parma Heights City Hall on our journey! A special shout out to Ms. Stacy Shalala, IWA Preparatory teacher, and our 7th grade students, for leading such an honorable and memorable event!

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Please note that all balances in your Digital Academy account are due upon receipt.

Attention ALL families: Report cards will not be distributed if there are any remaining balances on the last day of school.

Any questions on outstanding account balances can be directed to Mrs. Bleakley at hbleakley@incarnatewordacademy.org.



SCHOOL CHOICE ADVOCACY

Catholic Education: Action Alert

Attention parents, parishioners, and Catholic school supporters!

The state of Ohio is planning its next two-year budget, as it does every other spring, with K-12 education consistently the largest area of spending for our state income and sales tax dollars.

Lawmakers are currently weighing proposals both to substantially increase funding for all of Ohio's public schools and to dramatically increase the availability of school choice scholarships such as EdChoice, which currently provides eligible pupils up to \$5,500 in tuition for grades K-8 and \$7,500 for grades 9-12.



"This could be the biggest seismic shift in Ohio's school choice landscape since the programs were first introduced, but it will require our sustained voice..."

FRANK O'LINN, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Diocese of Cleveland

Recently, the Ohio House proposed increasing eligibility for EdChoice scholarships to a maximum annual household income up to 450% times the federal poverty level (see figure, next page).

The Ohio Senate is considering multiple proposals, including making EdChoice scholarships universally available to every student.

These scholarships are paid for by state revenues and **do not impact the public school funds generated from local tax revenues**, of which every dollar will remain with the local districts. The state's funding, up to the limit of the scholarship amount, will follow the pupil, funding students where they are educated.



May 17, 2023: Students gathered at the Ohio Statehouse to let our representatives know they support school choice legislation.

[Click here to read more from the Diocese!](#)

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

It's here! The IWA 2023-2024 School Calendar is finalized and ready.
Click below for a printable copy!

[Click here for the 2023-2024 School Calendar!](#)

CYO FALL SPORTS SIGN UPS ARE OPEN

Fall CYO sports sign ups are now open! Fall sports include Volleyball, Cross Country, Cheer and Football. Click on the links below to register!

Football: Boys, Grades 5 - 8

Football is open for boys in Grades 5 - 8. IWA athletes will play for Holy Family. There will be two teams: one for Grades 5 and 6 and one for Grades 7 and 8. Please contact Chris Brooks (440-409-6291) with any questions.



[Click here to register for Football!](#)

Cheer: Boys & Girls, Grades 1 - 8



Cheer is open for girls and boys in Grades 1 - 8. Click below to register!

[Click here to register for Cheer!](#)

Volleyball: Girls, Grades 2 - 8

Volleyball is open for girls in Grades 2 - 8. Click below to register!



[Click here to register for Volleyball!](#)

Cross Country: Boys & Girls, Grades 1 - 8



Grades 4 & 5 will run a 1.5 mile race on Sundays and Grades 6 - 8 will run a 2.0 mile race on Sundays. Grades 4 - 8 will race at the same site.

Practices will be three weeknights per week from late July to early October (M, T, Th -or- M,W, Th). Time of practice is 6 to 7:15 or 7:30 p.m. and locations vary between Wallace Lake, Bonnie Park, South Quarry Lane, Big Creek Parkway, and the West Creek Reserve.

*CYO is opening cross country to Grades 1 - 3 to run a 1.0 mile race on Saturdays.

However, this team requires one or more credentialed coaches in order to register the team with CYO. If you are or willing to become a credentialed CYO cross country coach, please reach out to Jill Thein (jlkthein@prodigy.net) or Joe Dombrosky (dombroskyj57@gmail.com). We will be glad to help you with expert coaching strategies learned from decades of CYO experience!

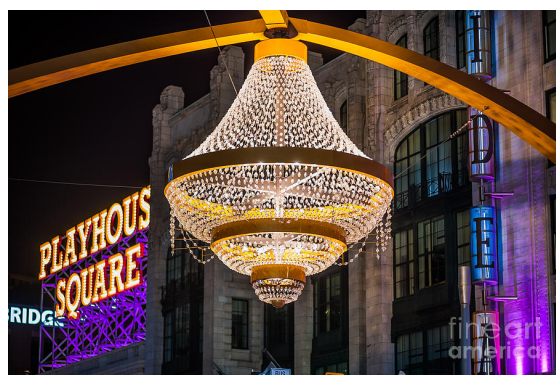
[Click here to register for Cross Country!](#)

PTSU EVENT NEWS

VOTE FOR SPRING 2024 MOTHER DAUGHTER EVENT at PLAYHOUSE SQUARE!

The IWA Mother Daughter Event Committee Chairs received some feedback that the 2024 IWA Mother Daughter Event could be fun to have at Playhouse Square! Two shows in spring of 2024 have been recommended as suitable for grades KP-8.

We would like our families to vote on which performance they would most like to attend. Whichever performance has the most votes, will be the one we decide to attend for our IWA Mother Daughter Event 2024.



[Click here to vote!](#)

IWA 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!

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