



## ***IWA Newsletter December 1, 2023***

### **CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS**

*from the desk of Mrs. Congelio*

#### **Preparatory Enrichment Courses *IWA Alum Shares Career Path***



Lainey Sage, IWA Class of 2013, virtually met with our Pickleball Design Course to share an exciting aspect of engineering and why she chose that path. Lainey graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 2022 with a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology and a minor in Robotics and Automation. During college and post-grad, she's been working in the themed entertainment industry as a designer. She's worked on animatronics that are now in the Disney and Universal parks, concessions and scenic art at Cedar Point and Kings Island, and a lot of other cool projects at zoos, museums, and local theme parks all over the country!



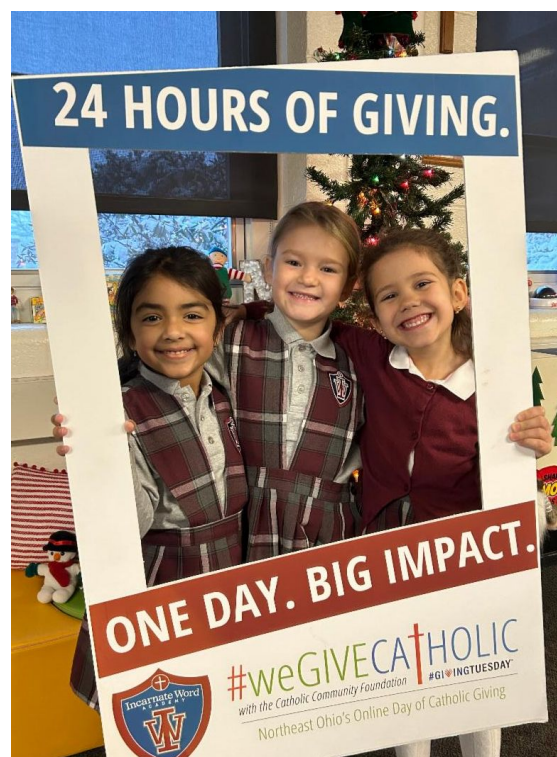
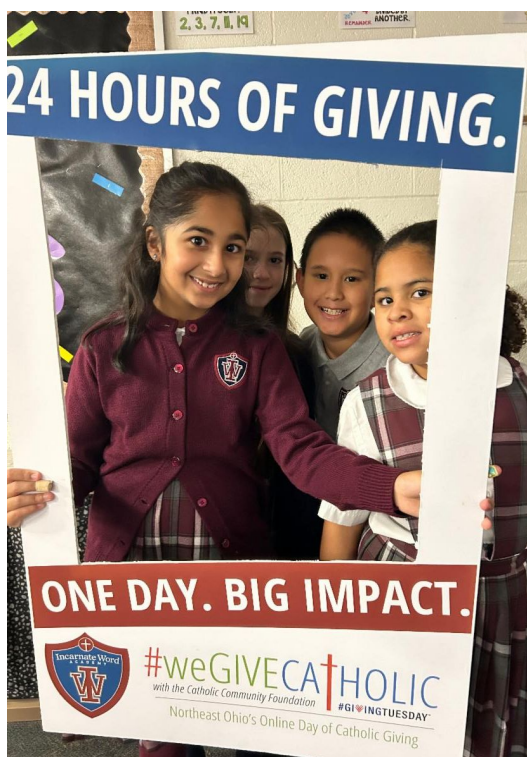
Students in the Ancient Greek Trireme course started using their research and designs to measure and construct their city-state prototypes.



Our Pitched Perfectly course put a spin on traditional pizza by presenting innovative new pizza products and services.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE IWA DAY OF GIVING!

We are so grateful to the IWA community for supporting the Day of Giving! Thanks to your generosity, we surpassed our goal by nearly \$10,000. With expected company matches, we anticipate a final total of over \$60,000 - truly incredible!







# CHRISTMAS

*Around The World*



Thank you to our students and families for celebrating Christmas Around the World with us on our Day of Giving! It was wonderful to see our students and families sharing their cultures and Christmas traditions.

Please check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for more photos from the event!

## CALENDAR NOTES & FESTIVE DRESS DOWNS

**December Dress Down for the IWA Fund:** Please note that the December Dress Down for the IWA Fund has been moved from Friday, December 15, to Wednesday, December 13.

### FESTIVE DRESS DOWN DAYS!

**DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
Dress Down in Flannel

**DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
Dress Down in a Christmas Sweater/ Shirt

**DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
Dress like your favorite Christmas Character or Christmas Dress Down

**DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
Wear Christmas Pajamas to School

### Uniform Donations

Do you have IWA school uniforms that are too small for your child? Consider donating them to the Uniforms-R-Us program. Volunteers will be collecting used uniforms and sorting them over Christmas break. Please consider washing the items before turning them in, as this helps streamline the process. Used uniforms can be turned into the main office at any time.



## CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER



**Advent begins this Sunday, December 3rd!** As we await the birth of Jesus, we pause to prepare our hearts to welcome him more fully. Below are a few special ways that the Incarnate Word community will be preparing their hearts for Christmas. We hope that your family finds a few special ways to prepare as well.

*This week, all Catholic students in grades 3-8 had the opportunity to attend the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Non-Catholic students participated in a general reflection on God's mercy and forgiveness.*

*On December 8th we will celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. An all school Mass will be held in Saint Joseph Hall at 10:00 a.m. During Advent, we remember Mary's wisdom and compassion, and we pray for the courage to be more like her.*

*We will gather again for an all school **Advent prayer service** on December 19th at 10:00 a.m. in Saint Joseph Hall.*

*Faculty and staff will be participating in an **Advent prayer group** where they will reflect on the Sunday scriptures together weekly. They will also have the opportunity to attend a communal Reconciliation Service designed just for them.*

*Lastly, **parents** will be invited to join a brand new **IWA Interfaith Parent Prayer Group** that will meet monthly, starting in January. Please see the flyer below for more information and to sign up.*

These are just a few of the ways we will be preparing our hearts for Christmas. We pray that you and your family will find meaningful ways to engage in the beautiful traditions of Advent in your parishes and homes.

May the peace of Christ be with you during this special time of year!

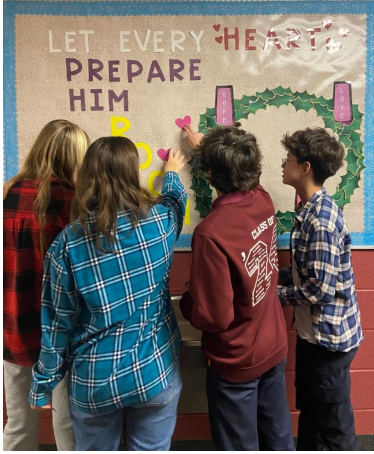
[Hallow App Advent Resources](#)

[Loyola Press Advent Resources for Families](#)

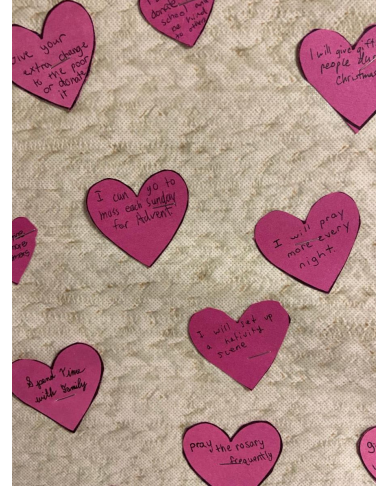
[NCEA Advent Resources for Families](#)



*6th, 7th, and 8th grade students have been reflecting on specific ways that they can prepare their*



hearts for Christmas. Their commitments are being added to our Advent bulletin board.



Let's Pray

Together

You're invited to join the new

IWA Interfaith Parent  
Prayer Group



monthly evening gatherings  
prayer and reflection  
community building  
light refreshments  
all religions welcome

Email Mrs. Hjort to sign up  
[ehjort@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:ehjort@incarnatewordacademy.org)

SISTERS RAFFLE TICKETS

# Sisters of the Incarnate Word ~ Annual Raffle

## \$10,000 GRAND PRIZE

### Second Prize ~ \$1000    Third Prize ~ \$500



### TICKETS: \$5 Each

Drawing Date: Friday, February 2, 2024  
6618 Pearl Road ~ Parma Heights, OH



**FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO TRANSITION  
CONVENT SPACE ON THE SECOND FLOOR FOR USE  
BY IWA STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF.**

**Purchase tickets  
here!**

It's the week before Thanksgiving, which means only one thing – it's the kick-off for the Sisters' Annual Raffle! Tickets are \$5.00 each with a Grand Prize of \$10,000! Funds raised through this year's raffle will be used to transition convent space on the second floor for use by IWA students, faculty and staff.

This year, **ALL SALES ARE ONLINE**. Each family received an email with a unique, personalized link for your students. Please also note that only Ohio residents can purchase online. If you have family members out of state, please reach out to Heather Schmuhl or Emma Rubadue in the Advancement Office by emailing [sistersraffle@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:sistersraffle@incarnatewordacademy.org) for purchases.

## WINTER CHESS CLUB



Save the date for the winter session of the IWA Chess Club!

Chess will be held on Thursdays after school from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m., beginning January 18, 2024 and ending on March 21, 2024.

The program is open to students in Grades K-8. Click the button below to register!

**Click here to  
register!**



# IWA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS



The IWA Athletic Association invites all parents and guardians to attend it's monthly meetings which are held on the second Monday each month.

Our next meeting is on Monday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sisters' Hospitality Room at St. Joseph Hall.

## PTSU NEWS: SANTA SHOP & THE GIVING TREE

### PTSU Santa Shop News: December 5 - 8



PTSU invites you to save the date for the annual Santa Shop! This year's shop will be Tuesday, December 5, through Friday, December 8.

Parent Volunteers are needed to help at this year's shop! Please click the button below to sign up.

Information about this year's shop went home with the students this week.

Questions? [Click here to email Mrs. Kelly, our PTSU Parent Volunteer for this event!](#)

**Santa Shop Volunteer Sign  
Ups**

*Join us on the Day of Giving  
to grab a tag from the Giving  
Tree!*

**TOYS FOR TOTS**

**Berea ARF**  
Animal Rescue Fund  
Saving Lives, Making Friends!

**IWA & PTSU  
The Giving Tree  
Nov. 28th-Dec. 11th**

**Donations benefit:  
Berea Animal Rescue Fund (ARF)  
Toys for Tots**

Stop by the trees at the entrances of the school - the main entrance and the Prep Academy entrance - and grab a tag! Donations benefit the Berea Animal Rescue Fund and Toys for Tots.

Special thanks to PTSU for organizing the Giving Tree for our families!

**Click here for a letter from  
PTSU about The Giving  
Tree**



DECEMBER 13, 2023

# *IWA PTSU Meeting*

7-8 P.M. VIRTUAL GOOGLE MEET  
MEETING LINK [CLICK HERE](#)







## IWA ALUMNI NEWS

### Benedictine High School Honor Roll



Congratulations to Luca Bucci, IWA Class of 2022, for achieving the Honor Roll at Benedictine High School for the first quarter. Way to go, Luca!

### Alumni Engagement Committee - Members Wanted!

We are looking for IWA alumni to join our newly formed Alumni Engagement Committee of the IWA Board of Directors! This group will help formally align alumni engagement efforts with the work of the board and its committees.

We invite you to be a part of this committee in some way. [Please click here to email Hannah Hill '12](#) to let her know that you are interested or want to learn more about the various ways to engage with this group -



leadership role, committee member or a class ambassador. If you have specific alums that you think would be strong Alumni Engagement Committee member, please consider nominating them!

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Are you an Incarnate Word Academy alum? We'd love to hear from you! Please take a moment, click a button below and send us an update!

**Are you an IWA Alum? Click  
here!**

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