



***IWA Newsletter  
December 22, 2023***

**CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS**

*from the desk of Mrs. Congelio*





## Advent Prayer Service

This week, we came together as a school community for a student-led Advent prayer service, remembering the true meaning of Christmas and the joyous gift that is Jesus. Students have been spending time in prayer and reflection throughout the season of Advent and wrote prayer intentions on hearts that were brought up to the nativity as a symbol of our faithfulness and love.

Students also participated in some Christmas sing-a-long fun, led by our Student Council! Santa even made a stop to wish the students a Merry Christmas.

From all of us at Incarnate Word Academy, we hope you all have a joyous and restful Christmas break!

## PTSU: The Giving Tree

Special thank you to Darla Hilt and the IWA PTSU for spearheading the IWA Giving Tree! This year, donations were collected for Toys for Tots and for the Berea Animal Rescue Fund. Thank you to Harper and Hunter for decorating the trees with the donation tags, and thank you to the IWA Community for your generosity this Christmas season!



Berea Animal Rescue Fund Donations



Toys for Tots Donations

## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE



The Main Office will be closed  
December 25 through January 2.  
The Main Office will be open from  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. from  
January 3 through January 5.

*Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year!*

*Normal office hours will resume on Monday, January 8, 2024!*

## UNIFORM DONATIONS

### 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.



## SPRING FLING: SAVE THE DATE FOR MARCH 16!





**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**  
**ST. JOSEPH HALL**

Save the date for Saturday, March 16, for the annual IWA Spring Fling fundraiser in St. Joseph Hall! Tickets will be available in early January, and sponsorship opportunities are available.

We are also seeking any connections to auction and raffle items including sporting events, local entertainment and activities, travel experiences and more!

Finally, we are looking for a local company or connections for event up-lighting.

Please reach out to Heather Schmuhl at [hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org)!

**Click here for Spring Fling 2024 Sponsorship  
Opportunities!**

**PTSU NEWS: MOTHER DAUGHTER EVENT**



**ANNIE**

**IWA MOTHER-DAUGHTER  
EVENT**

 **Saturday**  
March 23, 2024

**Show Time:**   
1:30pm

**Conor Palace 1615 Euclid Ave Avenue**

*Please register via the Google Form between 12/01/2023 and 01/12/2024  
- Ticket charges will take place via Digital Academy and must be paid by  
01/26/2024. Tickets are \$37.50 per person.*

[Click here to register for tickets via Google Form](#)

## OHIO SCIENCE OLYMPIAD: GRADES 6-8



Ohio Science Olympiad sign-ups are open for students in Grades 6 - 8 and submissions must be received by Monday, January 8! **The first 15 students to respond will be able to participate.**

More information about Ohio Science Olympiad can be found by clicking here.

Please note the dates of regionals: March 2, 2024, and states (should we advance): April 27, 2024. Thursday is a TENTATIVE day for practices so students involved in the other clubs have an

opportunity to participate.

Once the interest is generated from this form, stay tuned for more information regarding practices and other logistics which will begin after the holidays.

Questions? Click here to email Mrs. Hribar!

[Click here to sign up for Ohio Science Olympiad!](#)

# IWA & BW AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS PROJECT: GRADES 7 & 8

## IWA Special Air Quality Analysis Project

Utilizing the Raspberry Pi Pic, Programing, Engineering and Data Analysis

**Program Description:** In this after-school program provided by Incarnate Word Academy and Baldwin Wallace University, students will explore and learn several emerging areas in STEM including computer science, engineering, 3D modeling, data analytics, and more! Students will learn how they can use the skills they gain to solve real-world problems with a focus on sensing their environment. By the end of the program, students will create an air quality sensor that will sense air quality in real-time and report to a website where they can then analyze the data. The sensor will be able to detect variations in air quality which can be used to benefit communities that are exposed to higher amounts of air pollution. No experience is needed to participate in this program.



**Days:** Wednesdays from 2:45-4:15 p.m.

**Dates:** January 8-April 29

**Location:** Sean P. Bush '09 Technology Center

**Instructors:** Brian Krupp & Jonathon Fagert (BW Computer Science and Engineering Assistant Professors) & Mrs. Micheli

[Click here to register!](#)

## 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 time 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.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024**



# Catholic Schools Week 2024!

## SAVE THE DATE!

**When:** January 28, 2024

**Where:** St. John Bosco/ Incarnate Word  
Academy

**What:** Mass at St. John Bosco at 11am  
followed by an open house (12-1:30) filled  
with family design challenges at IWA.

**\*Music at Mass will be led by IWA's Singing Warriors!\***

CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER



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)

## 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 ALUMNI NEWS

**Alumni Spotlight: Kristin Nauman, IWA Class of 2014!**

Today, Kristin works at St. Ignatius High School as the Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications. She attended St. Joseph Academy and Furman University, where she graduated with a major in Psychology and minors in Poverty Students and Communication. Kristin completed the full Chicago marathon in October and was recently featured alongside her twin sister, Jessa, on an episode of HGTV's House Hunters! Jessa attended Washington University in St. Louis where she was an Anthropology major on the Pre-Occupational Therapy track.

Kristin shared that she's still friends with many of her IWA classmates and constantly swapping funny stories from their grade school days. A few favorite IWA memories include Sr. Elizabeth Cooper's "math song," Sr. Elizabeth Ann's "holey cards" in third grade, Miss Mileti's Classroom of Champions trivia practice, and Mrs. Kovac's "Art History Game." Another favorite memory was "getting to broadcast the morning announcements and having a laughing spell with Jessa on live television," Kristin said. "We were never allowed to broadcast together again!"

If you'd like to watch the HGTV Househunters episode, you can watch it on Youtube TV, Apple TV or anywhere HGTV is streamed. The episode is called "Twinning in Cleveland" and is on Season 238 Episode 12.



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## 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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