



IWA Newsletter
December 8, 2023

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS
from the desk of Mrs. Congelio

Warrior Faculty and Students of the Month!



Congratulations to our "WISE" Warriors for the month of November. These students and teacher work hard to gain a deep understanding of information and intelligently apply their acquired knowledge.

Back Row (from left to right): Ellen P., Sophia Z., Alexandra R., Oliver S.
Row Two: Maksym Z., Samantha C., Lincoln S., Nicolina S., Daniel D., Ameilia S.,
Magdalene W., Marcus K.
Row Three: Artem L., Nathaniel P., Ms. Rossman, Raquel S., Liam S.

Classroom Highlights



Exploring Our World

Fifth Grade has been participating in the National Geographic Explorer Classroom Wildlife Series, exploring wildlife globally, that can help them take action locally! Each week the students complete missions that help develop their own explorer mindset. Last week they connected virtually with a National Geographic Explorer! This learning will lend itself to their next PBL (Problem-Based Learning) unit.

Best of Show!

Congratulations to Joe E., who earned the 2023 Best of Show "Shorts" for his movie creation in Science. Eighth grade students researched an animal from various habitats around the world and created their own Brain Pop movie to showcase their learning. After watching the best of the best in each category, the students selected an overall winner. [CLICK HERE](#) to view Joe's winning "short"!



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 1ST

Dress Down in
Flannel

DECEMBER 7TH

Dress Down in a Christmas
Sweater/ Shirt

DECEMBER 15TH

Dress like your favorite
Christmas Character or
Christmas Dress Down

DECEMBER 22ND

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.





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

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

*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](#)

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



Spreading Love this Advent Season





Peppermint the Reindeer arrived just in time for Advent at IWA! This adorable little creature will visit every primary classroom through Advent, in hopes that the students will spread kindness and prepare their hearts for the birth of Jesus.

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 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

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](#)

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

TOYS FOR TOTS

Berea
ARF
Animal Rescue Friends
Saving Lives, Making Friends!



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

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



DECEMBER 13, 2023

*IWA PTSU
Meeting*

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



IWA ALUMNI NEWS

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!



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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