



IWA Weekly Newsletter
November 14, 2025

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

WE BELIEVE: FAITH IS OUR FOUNDATION



Congratulations to our October Warriors of the Month! These students and teacher were recognized for being Accountable. They strive to be managers of their own responsibilities and consistently take steps to help ensure success.

Back Row (left to right):

Kosta P., Mrs. Schieferle, Molly D., Ariana R., Sasha P., Arianna G., Ivan M.

Middle Row (left to right):

Noah R., Samuel R., Zoe F., Jacob D., Sudeepta K., Aria S., & Rudhra M.

Front Row (left to right):

Everett S., Jonah B., Jacob C., Juliet G., Everett G., Cecilia D., & Grace M.

WE BELIEVE: COLLABORATION MAKES US BETTER



Our 5th grade Girls Who Code club recently led the first grade coders in two activities. Students used a cipher to code their "secret agent name" and then coding their "secret handshake." Some of the first graders decided to create a group handshake and took the idea of building belonging to a whole new level!



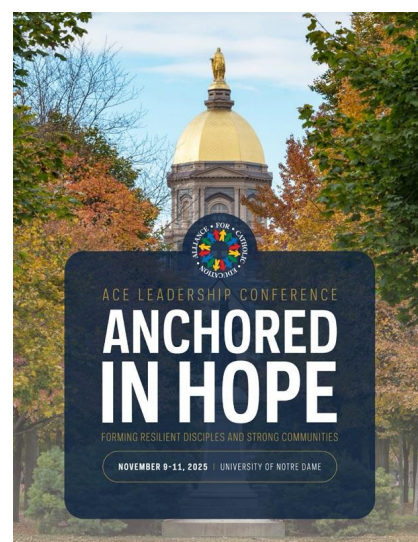
WE BELIEVE: LEARNING IS INTENTIONAL



Mrs. Congelio and Mrs. Flinn traveled to South Bend, Indiana for the 4th annual ACE Leadership Conference at the University of Notre Dame.

The conference theme was Anchored in Hope: Forming Resilient Disciples and Strong Communities. Leaders from all over the world attended, learning and networking as partners in the ministry of Catholic education.

Learning sessions included topics such as AI in education, restorative practices in the community, charisms in ordered schools, and increasing school culture.



IMPORTANT DATES

Mark your calendar with these important dates which can also be found on our calendar in Digital Academy and on our IWA App.

November 19

- Kindergarten Feast

November 20

- PTSU Meeting

November 24-28

- NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break

December 1

- Advent Praise and Worship Night

December 2

- Day of Giving
- Christmas Around the World and other holiday traditions

Get a bird's eye view of all of the clubs that IWA offers throughout the year for students in grades K-8. This schedule will give you an idea what month(s), day(s) of the week, and time the club is offered. Please note that new clubs could potentially be added throughout the year. This schedule can also be found on Digital Academy under the Parent News/Resources.



[IWA CLUB SCHEDULE](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Attendance:

It is that time of year when many children are sick. If at any time of the evening or night you know your child is not going to attend school the next day, go to the IWA app, click attendance and complete the form. This is sent to all of the office staff and the homeroom teacher will be notified. **Please refrain from emailing one particular person in the office or only the homeroom teacher.**

Per the Parent/Student Handbook: Absence

If a student is absent, his or her parent/guardian must call the Attendance Office at 440- 842-6818 Ext. 305 to report the absence or complete the Attendance Form on our IWA App. Parents may email the Attendance Office, please do not email the teacher. If the Attendance Office does not receive a call, parents will be contacted at home or work. In the event no one is available in the Attendance Office a message may be left on voicemail. Please give the following information when calling: name of student, homeroom number or teacher, reason for absence, and your name with a phone number where you can be reached. *Upon return to school after an absence of more than 3 days, a doctor's note is required.*

Finances:

Now that we are well into the second quarter of the school year all outstanding

balances in Digital Academy need to be paid. It is important we are all current for supplies, extended day and other related items. Please know unpaid invoices will be subject to a late fee.

ONLINE SPIRITWEAR STORE FOR CHRISTMAS IS OPEN!

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Have you made a list, need to check it twice for sweatpants, hoodies, sweatshirts or any IWA spiritwear? Many items available with the 90th anniversary or IWA logo. Now is the time to check out the new online shop. It is open until midnight Sunday, November 30, 2025. All orders will then be processed and delivered to the school before Christmas break.



Should you prefer to pick up your order in the school office, email Patti Hupcey

@phupcey@incarnatewordacademy.org. Otherwise, all orders are delivered to the student's homeroom upon arrival.

Please note **ALL SALES ARE FINAL**. Enjoy shopping for spiritwear and making your holidays more enjoyable.

[CLICK HERE TO SHOP](#)

ADVENT PRAISE & WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT

PRAISE *Night* WORSHIP

DECEMBER 1 | 06:00 PM

2nd Floor Chapel at IWA

INCLUDING ADORATION, LIVE
MUSIC, AND A REFLECTION FROM:

Fr. Chris Catone '12

Step away from the rush of daily life and join us for a peaceful evening of prayer and reflection—a time to slow down and ready our hearts for Advent. Whether this is familiar to you or brand new, you're invited to come and be part of it — all are welcome!

RSVP is appreciated so that we may plan accordingly.

[Click HERE to RSVP.](#)

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD
and other holiday traditions

"Our diversity is a celebration of God's

creativity." This we hold dear here at Incarnate Word Academy and we would love to have you share your culture with our school community. Please consider having a "booth" at our holiday "market" or even a collaborative "booth" with other families. This will be our third year celebrating all that makes us IWA. Interested?



[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

KINDER PREP & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Spread the word! Our Kinder Prep & Kindergarten Open House is coming up. Anyone with children not currently attending IWA who will be ready for Kinder Prep (4 years old) or Kindergarten (5 by the first day of school) for the 2026-2027 school year is encouraged to attend.

Please bring your children as this open house will feature Candy Land themed activities for the kids while parents have the opportunity to meet our teachers and learn more about the program.

Questions? Email Mr. Kessler at gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)



IWA DAY OF GIVING

The IWA Day of Giving is less than 3 weeks away! This year we are spotlighting our belief statements each week leading up to the Day of Giving. This week, we focused on *Faith is Our Foundation*. Mr. Wisnor and Mrs. Hjort spoke about how faith is at the center of all we do.

Markian A. '27, also shared about how his faith has grown during his time at IWA.

Watch the video below and save the date for December 2!



MIA'S FIGHT, OUR FIGHT

Our friends at Schnitz Ale Brewery have named a special beer after Mia, the **"MIAamore" Passionfruit Lager**. Stop by anytime and purchase a pint. \$1 of every purchase will go directly to supporting Mia and her family.

Join Us in Supporting Mia and Her Family

Recently, Mia, a fellow Incarnate Word Academy student and classmate of Igor's daughter, was diagnosed with leukemia.

In solidarity with her and her family during this challenging time, starting **Thursday, October 16TH** we're donating **\$1 From every "MIAMore"**

Passion Fruit Lager sold on draft at the Parma brewery directly to help support Mia and her family.

Your pint can make a difference. Let's raise our glasses and hearts for Mia and her family.



EXPLORING A NEW CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN MEDINA COUNTY

A grassroots group of parents — with diocesan support during this feasibility phase — is exploring the possibility of establishing an independent Catholic high school in the Brunswick/Medina area. The initiative is currently in a listening and

discernment stage. We have been asked to share this information with our families in case any families desire to get involved in some capacity.

DID YOU KNOW?

Medina County is the largest county in the Diocese of Cleveland without a Catholic high school — and for many families, the closest options require leaving the county and an average commute of 30 minutes.



EXPLORING A BRUNSWICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Families in our community are exploring the feasibility of opening a potential Brunswick Catholic High School to serve Medina County and surrounding communities.

We are in the listening phase of a formal study — gathering community input to discern whether this school is wanted, needed, and sustainable.

STAY INFORMED & JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Request to join the private Facebook group:
Potential Brunswick Catholic High School



TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS



**GRADES
K-8**

★ TALENT SHOW ★

SPONSORED BY THE IWA
PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTER CLUB

JAN. 30, 2026



**AUDITIONS
DECEMBER 5 @ 2:45 PM**

SAINT JOSEPH HALL

**REHEARSALS:
JAN. 23 & 29 2:45-5:30 PM**



[SIGN UP HERE](#)

FOR MORE DETAILS, CLICK HERE

DRAMA CLUB AUDITIONS



Get ready to *roar* with IWA this spring as we bring the magic of Disney's *The Lion King Jr.* to our stage.

Drama Club is for students in grades 4-8. Auditions are on:

November 19 and November 21st from 4-6 p.m. at Saint Joseph Hall.

If you have any questions, please email the director, Dani Kinney, at dramaclub@incarnatewordacademy.org

SKI CLUB SIGN-UPS



Students in grades 3-8 are invited to join the IWA Ski Club! Each week, students will be transported to Boston Mills by bus for a night of FUN beginning January 9. No experience is necessary. **Registration closes on December 12th.**

Questions? Contact Robert Landry at landrystrk@aol.com

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details and registration information.

WAIT UNTIL 8th INITIATIVE

We are getting SO close!

Our Wait Until 8th Initiative promotes families who commit to holding off on their child owning a smart phone until at least the end of eighth grade. Once at least 10 families make this pledge in a grade level, all of those families are notified and aware of who made the commitment. ***Congratulations to our 3rd grade families that reached this goal!***

Why is it important? Mounting scientific evidence tells us that there are many negative impacts that smartphone use has on a child's academics, social lives, and mental health.

Current classroom pledges:

Kindergarten: 3 pledges

1st Grade: 6 pledges

2nd Grade: 6 pledges

3rd Grade: 10 pledges

4th Grade: 5 pledges

5th Grade: 4 pledges

6th Grade: 1 pledge

7th Grade: 2 pledges

8th Grade: 1 pledge



Ready to take the pledge?

[CLICK HERE!](#)

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Join us for our upcoming Athletic Association meetings! These gatherings are a great opportunity to get involved, share ideas, and support our Warrior athletic programs.

All parents and supporters are welcome. Come see how you can make a difference for our student-athletes!

- Monday, December 15th @ 6p
- Monday, January 12th @ 6p
- Monday, February 9th @ 6p
- Monday, March 9th @ 6p
- Monday, April 13th @ 6p
- Monday, May 11th @ 6p

Join us for the

ATHLETIC MEETINGS

MONDAYS @ 6PM

ST. JOSEPH HALL HOSPITALITY ROOM

DECEMBER 15TH
JANUARY 12TH
FEBRUARY 9TH
MARCH 9TH
APRIL 13TH
MAY 11TH

JOIN US TO DISCUSS ATHLETICS AND
ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU
MAY HAVE

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to IWA Alumna, Kendall H. '23, for receiving First Honors at Trinity High School. First Honors is based on receiving a GPA of 3.7 or above at the end of the first half term. Well done Kendall! Keep up the good work!

ALUMNI UPDATE

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

[Are you an IWA alum? Click here!](#)

PTSU

Incarnate Word Academy



Parent Teacher Student Union

We've moved!

All PTSU related meetings, information, events, and fundraisers can now be viewed **EVERY THURSDAY** in our newly created PTSU newsletter. Find everything you need in one location!

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