



IWA Weekly Newsletter
November 7, 2025

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

THIRD GRADE NATURALISTS!



Our partner in learning, Miss Callie, from the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District was back with our third grade naturalists this week! Students explored the density of acorns- did they sink or float?- as a part of their *Nurturing Urban Tree Seeds* year-long program. Exploring the idea that individuals of the same kind of organism differ in their inherited traits, students discussed how these differences give some individuals an advantage in surviving and/or reproducing. Word of the session: stratification!



PREP ENRICHMENT COURSES





Our preparatory students began their enrichment course offerings this week. Check out our **Emerging Educators** who engage with our Kinder Prep students. This first session included building belonging with the community, playing outdoors, and sharing in getting to know you activities. Over the next several months, the students (big and small!) will build lasting friendships.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Our Kinder Prep students visited the Atrium this week and were introduced to the colors and seasons of the liturgical year. After the lesson, the students explored the space, choosing lessons that encounter the mysteries of the faith through quiet reflection and hands-on materials. This Montessori-based program fosters religious formation designed to nurture a deep, personal relationship with Christ.





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 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](#)

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 students homeroom upon arrival.

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

[**CLICK HERE TO SHOP**](#)

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](#)



Kinder Prep & Kindergarten Open House

DECEMBER 10TH 5:00-6:30 PM

SEE OUR CLASSROOMS, MEET OUR
TEACHERS, & LEARN WHAT MAKES
IWA SO SPECIAL.

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



UPCOMING VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSIONS

ZOOM LINK IN THE PRIVATE FB GROUP

October 22, 7:30pm

October 28, 8:30am

October 29, 7:30pm

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Attention 5th - 8th Grade
Catholic Students:

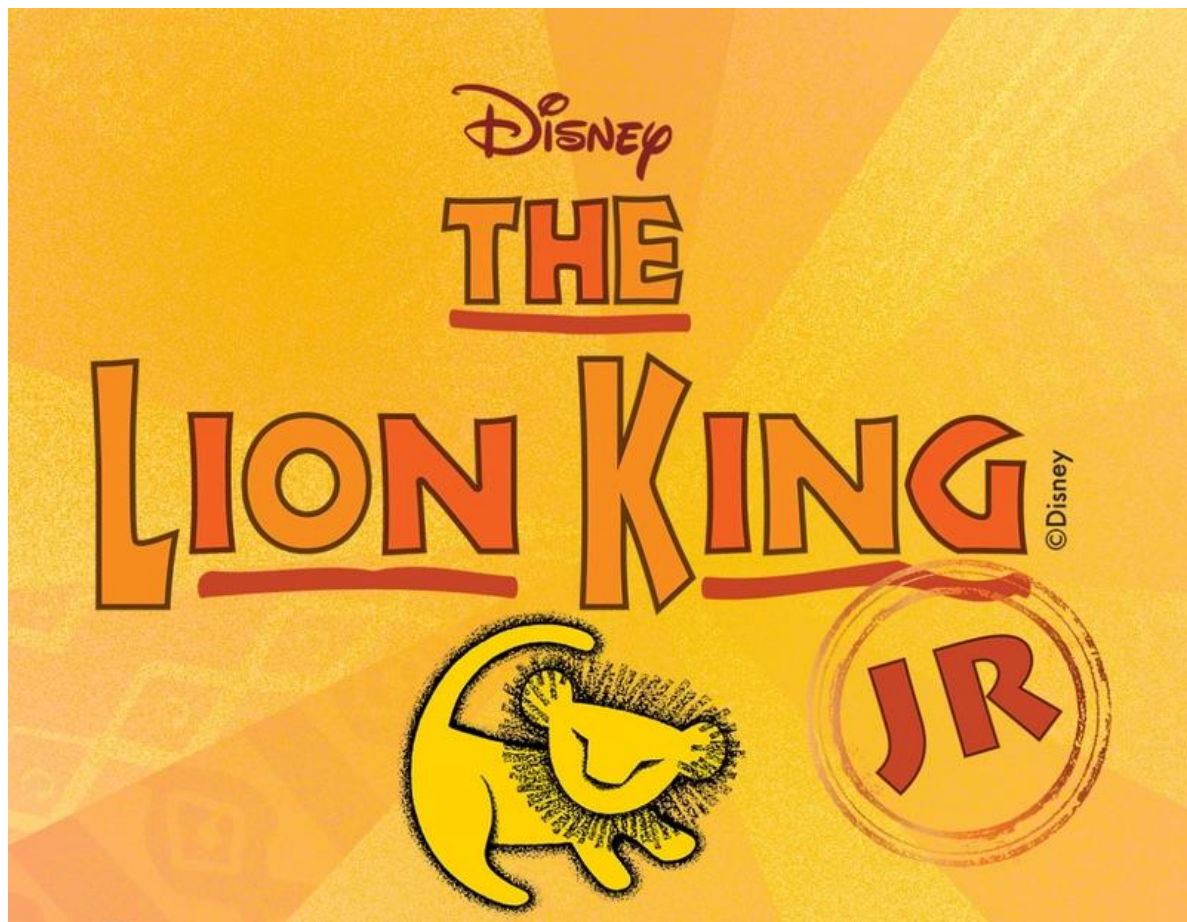
Altar Server Training

Tuesday, November 11
2:45-4:45 p.m.
Sister's Chapel

[Click HERE to sign up today!](#)



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

MAGNIFICAT MUSICAL PREVIEW

Girls in grades 5–8 are invited to a special preview event of *The Little Mermaid* at Magnificat High School! Join us on Wednesday, November 12, from 5–7 p.m. for an “Under the Sea: Behind the Scenes” experience, including a sneak peek of the musical, a T-shirt, dinner, and a special talk-back session with the cast.



This is a wonderful opportunity to explore theatre, meet new friends, and get an inside look at the magic of the stage!

[Click here to register.](#)

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!**](#)

CAVS ACADEMY BASKETBALL CLINIC

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(BOYS)

8:30am-10:00am K-2 | 10:00am - 11:30am 3rd-5th | 11:30am-1:00pm 6th-8th | 1:30pm-2:30pm CYO Coaches Clinic (Boys)

St. Anthony of Padua School

CAVS ACADEMY BASKETBALL CLINIC

6800 State Rd, Cleveland, OH 44134



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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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