



IWA Weekly Newsletter
October 10, 2025

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

WISE WARRIORS



Congratulations to our Warrior students and teacher that were recognized for being WISE during the month of September.

Back row (left to right): Brianna M., Addison T., Emma S., Tymofii P., Maksym Z., Stella J., Cassidy R., Penelope M., Mrs. DelBane

Middle row (left to right): Daniel A., Emma H., Saira J., Harlow M., Raia P., Ruhi M., Peter M., George P.

Front row (left to right): Madison H., Margaret M., Mahee P., Ishaan B., Gia C.



IWA in the News

Students from all over the state will be able to watch the latest NewsDepth A+ segment from Ideastream, showcasing the work that our students and community members created for the Cleveland Museum of Art's Parade the Circle and under the direction of IWA parent and community partner, Bernadette Glorioso.

Students met with Mike Edelman, Director of Education at Ideastream Public Media, to learn about the process and the parade, before crafting the article that would be featured on NewsDepth. Our students had the opportunity to not only share their experience, but to learn about journalism and the impact it has on the world.



Faculty Awarded Governor's Award for STEM for the 18th Consecutive Year



IWA is proud to announce that we have received the Governor's Award for STEM for the 18th consecutive year! The Ohio Academy of Science awarded the **ENTIRE IWA FACULTY** the Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education. First established in 1985, this award was initiated to recognize schools and teachers for excellence in STEM education and scientific student research.

As defined by the Ohio Academy of Science, STEM education "incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design through student-focused, project-based curricula to develop skills of communication, teamwork/collaboration, creativity/innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving."

This year's award recognizes 1,244 teachers from 76 schools across the State of Ohio who stimulate research and design and develop experiential opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities.

"We are proud to honor these schools and teachers for preparing students for the future, " says Michael E. Woytek, the Ohio Academy of Science's Director. "Science is a critical driver of economical growth by fostering innovation, creating new industries, and generating high-skilled jobs."

Congratulations, IWA!



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.

Oct. 16- Student Leadership Council Voting

Oct. 17 Student Savers at IWA! 7:30- 8 am [CLICK HERE](#) for more information!

Oct. 23- No school, asynchronous learning day.

Oct. 24- No school, teacher professional development day.

Oct. 29- Mass with Bishop Malesic at SJH at 10 am. Families are welcome to join!

Oct. 31- Halloween at IWA! Students may dress in costumes.

Q1 Report Cards sent home electronically.

Halloween Celebration on October 31

Students may dress in costumes or dress down in Halloween colors on Friday, Oct. 31st. If you wish to send in a goodie bag or a treat or the class, please make sure that it is individually wrapped, as it will be sent home.

Students are NOT permitted to wear masks, excessive make-up, bloody or gory costumes, or inappropriate or offensive costumes. Hair may NOT be spray painted and weapons or weapon-like accessories are not allowed.



ALUMNI MASS & BRUNCH



Alumni Mass and Brunch

SUNDAY, OCT. 26, 2025

9:30 AM Mass, brunch to follow

SISTER'S CHAPEL AT IWA



Incarnate Word
ACADEMY

[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?

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

STUDENT SAVERS

Student Savers – We encourage you to open a savings account for your child at Unity Catholic Credit Union. Teaching your child how to save money is an important, lifelong skill. You can open a savings account for yourself as well – start to save together! Students are able to make a deposit every Friday in the main hallway. For those who want to open an account for your child, check out [THIS LINK](#). Looking to save for yourself, [CLICK HERE](#).



CALLING ALL STUDENT SAVERS!

Encouraging young minds to save, one deposit at a time!

Our Student Savers program is making waves among school-age members, fostering strong financial habits with their very own Savings Account. Join us each week at participating schools as our representatives collect deposits and dish out surprises. From stickers to special events, we're nurturing a generation of savvy savers!

OPEN AN ACCOUNT TODAY! [UNITYCATHOLICCU.ORG](https://unitycatholiccu.org)

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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!](#)



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



IWA SERVES

At Incarnate Word Academy, service is more than an activity—it is a way of life. Inspired by our Mission and the call to “Learn, Love, and Serve,” students actively live out the Gospel through meaningful service experiences.

IWA Serves is our new service opportunity homepage.

[Click here to check it out and view all the amazing service opportunities.](#)



PROGRESS WITH CHESS



Incarnate Word Academy AFTER SCHOOL CHESS CLASSES

Incarnate Word Academy and Progress With Chess are pleased to offer students in grades K-8 the exciting opportunity to learn and play the game of chess!

No previous experience necessary – students start at their own level. Instruction will be provided by **Progress with Chess**, a local nonprofit organization with over 20 years of experience providing chess programs in over 60 area schools and recreation centers. Sessions include lessons from our experienced instructors following the Progress With Chess curriculum, independent work, and structured open play in a supportive environment. ***Come join the fun!***



2025-2026 SESSION:

Nov 6th - Feb 26th, 2026

**no class Nov 27, Dec 25, Jan 1*

WHO:

IWA Students in **Grades K-8**

WHEN:

Thursdays 2:30-3:30 PM (14 weeks)

WHERE:

Incarnate Word Academy

FEE:

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CONTACT:

Eliot Sernau, (914) 434-2557, eliot@progresswithchess.org

Michael Joelson, (216) 321-7000, mdjoelson@progresswithchess.org

**Tournament on
Last Day, Feb 26!**



PROGRESSWITHCHESS.ORG/IWA

Register by November 5

CAREER CONNECTIONS

We need you!

Looking to get more involved here at Incarnate Word Academy as one of our most valued community partners? Check out the opportunities here!

We are also looking for real-world connections to enrich our learning and spotlight career possibilities. If you are willing to speak with our students in any way (even if you are unsure how it would connect to the learning standards- you may often be surprised!), please complete this [Career Spotlight Interest Form](#).



Interested in leading an elective at IWA?

Do you have a career or interest that would lend itself to an elective offering for our prep academy? We are looking to enrich our offerings with other experts be it in design, material arts, culinary arts, mythology, or a trade. The sky's the limit!

Help us create a new line-up of offerings by [COMPLETING THIS INTEREST FORM](#).

Questions? Contact Mrs. Hribar: ahribar@incarnatewordacademy.org.

ATHLETICS NEWS

IWA'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



BHAVISHYA M.

GO WARRIORS!



PLAYER OF THE WEEK!



BHAVISHYA M. HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT'S "PLAYER OF THE
WEEK"!

BHAVISHYA IS NEW TO INCARNATE WORD
ACADEMY THIS YEAR, AND IT'S ALSO HER FIRST
SEASON PLAYING VOLLEYBALL. SHE COMES TO
EVERY PRACTICE AND GAME WITH A SMILE,
LIFTING UP THE TEAM WITH HER POSITIVE
ATTITUDE AND EAGERNESS TO LEARN.

BHAVISHYA IS A GREAT TEAMMATE AND IS
ALWAYS RESPECTFUL TO HER COACHES. SHE
HAS MADE HUGE IMPROVEMENTS ALREADY THIS
SEASON. THE LAST FEW WEEKENDS, SHE HAS
BEEN MAKING HER SERVES OVER THE NET AND
HELPING THE TEAM RETURN BALLS, SCORING
MANY POINTS FOR THE TEAM. WE ARE SO
PROUD OF HER — WAY TO GO, BHAVISHYA!

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration for Winter Sports is now available from
September 19 – October 24, 2025.

Winter sports include:

- **Basketball:** Boys & Girls, Grades 3-8
- **Cheerleading:** Grades 1-8



Don't miss your chance to be part of the season—sign up today!

[Click Here to Register for Winter Sports](#)

CYO FALL SPORT SCHEDULES

Come cheer on our Warriors this fall! Show your school spirit and support our athletes as they compete with heart, hustle, and Warrior pride. Let's fill the stands and make this season one to remember!

Check the IWA Facebook page for this weekend's schedule.



ALUMNI UPDATE



IWA Alumna joins Padua Franciscan High School MedTrack

It's always inspiring to see our students and alumni learning and growing through real-world experiences! Isabella Higgins (IWA Class of 2022, pictured right) recently had an incredible opportunity to gain hands-on experience, joined by fellow IWA Alumna and current parent, Laura Hopkins-Harrington (pictured left) while spending time at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Meeting with staff veterinarians, they went behind the scenes to observe an annul tuberculosis test on the elephants and watch an ultrasound given to a howler monkey,

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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