



IWA Weekly Newsletter
October 18, 2025

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

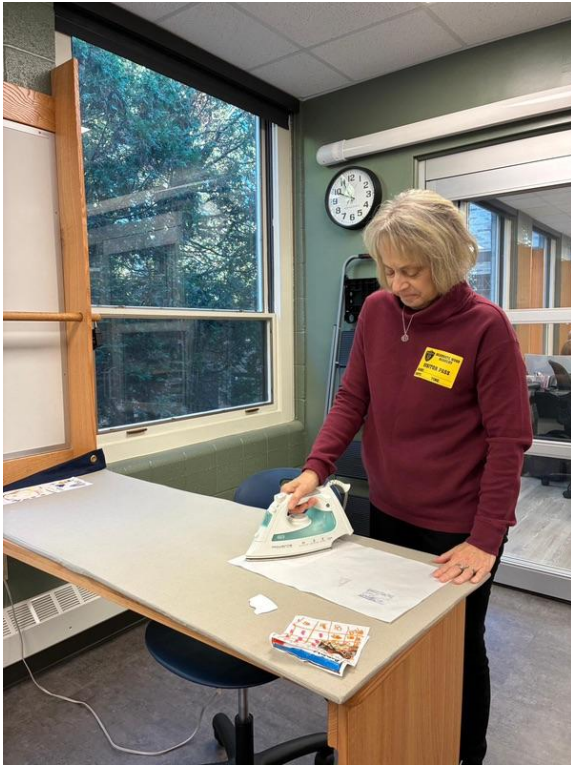
FUTURE ENGINEERS, APPLES REIMAGINED





Kindergarten students put their creativity to work in the Innovation Center during the LEGO Apple Challenge! Building on their recent studies regarding apples, students used LEGO blocks to design their own apple creations while exploring shapes, spatial reasoning, and problem-solving. This fun, hands-on activity strengthened fine motor skills and encouraged students to share and describe their unique designs.

QUILTING FOR A PURPOSE





First grade students in Mrs. Schieferle and Ms. Vacanti's classrooms collaborated with IWA parent and alumna, Dr. Laura Hopkins-Harrington, mother of Alayna and Madison Hopkins, to design and create a quilt for classmate Mia S., who is receiving treatments for leukemia. Using fabric markers and photographed images, all students designed their own squares complete with inspirational messages and encouraging drawings. Dr. Hopkins-Harrington is also the MedTrack Director at Padua High School. We were excited to welcome fellow IWA graduates and current MedTrack students, Josie Brookes, Isabella Higgins, and Ava Behal back to IWA to assist the students with this project.

THE VOTES ARE IN!

There has been a buzz in the halls of IWA the last several weeks as students campaigned for various Student Council Leadership positions. On Thursday, the school body voted for the newest members of our 2025-2026 leadership team. A huge shout-out to all of the students that bravely ran for a position. We can't wait for another exciting year with ALL of your support!





**President
Margaret R.**



**Vice President
Anaya A.**



**Secretary
Katherine H.**



**Treasurer
Shamita K.**



Preparatory Committee Members: Olivia G., Hudson S., Shri P., Sami M., Eric N., Molly D., Stella J., Dominic T., Caroline P., Ellen P., Yurii B., Arseny M., Urii S., Sri M., Harper H., Sam G., Ariana R., Tiara P., Spurthi A., Grace F., Maia C., Adrianna G., Lottie M., Andrew D., Samantha C., Eniksha B., Sasha P., Aubrey L., Sofia B., Quinn O., Anthony S., Jayne S., Joseph F., Evelyn N., Sophia S., Laya J., Nicolette S., Abbey O., Cassidy R., and Ava C.

Homeroom Reps:

KA- Graham C.	Room 103- Frankie C.	Room 107- Lydia G.
KB- Ishaan B.	Room 104- Sophia I.	Room 108- Addison P.
Room 101- Riley E.	Room 105- Simon T.	Room 109- Emma S.
Room 102- Aiden E.	Room 106- Claire C.	Room 110- Peter M.

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. 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 to 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.



Diwali Celebration

We welcome all students that celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, to dress in Indian attire this Monday, October 20th.



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](#)

MIA'S FIGHT, OUR FIGHT

Thank you to all of the families that supported the chili cook off today at Saint Joseph Hall. All proceeds collected will be given to Mia's family.





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.



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](#)

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

Incarnate Word Academy



THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

Please help us support the
Middleburg Heights Food Pantry!

Bring in the item for your grade:

Kinder Prep & 5th: Boxed Stuffing
Kindergarten & 7th: Boxed Potatoes
1st & 4th: Gravy
2nd & 8th: Cornbread Mix
3rd & 6th: Canned Cranberry Sauce

Items Will Be Collected

**OCTOBER
27-31**

Drop Off Location:

Student's Homeroom

*Boxes will be in each
homeroom for students
to place donations in.*

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

Contact Mrs. Hjort
ehjort@incarnatewordacademy.org

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.

Parents of students in grades 4–8 who are interested in participating in either cast or crew are asked to join us for a **mandatory parent meeting** on **Wednesday, October 29th at 7 p.m.** in **St. Joseph Hall**. Come meet our new director, Dani Kinney, and learn what to expect for this exciting production!

If you have any questions, please email Dani at dakinney@gmail.com

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.

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:

\$196

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

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!**](#)

ATHLETICS NEWS

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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

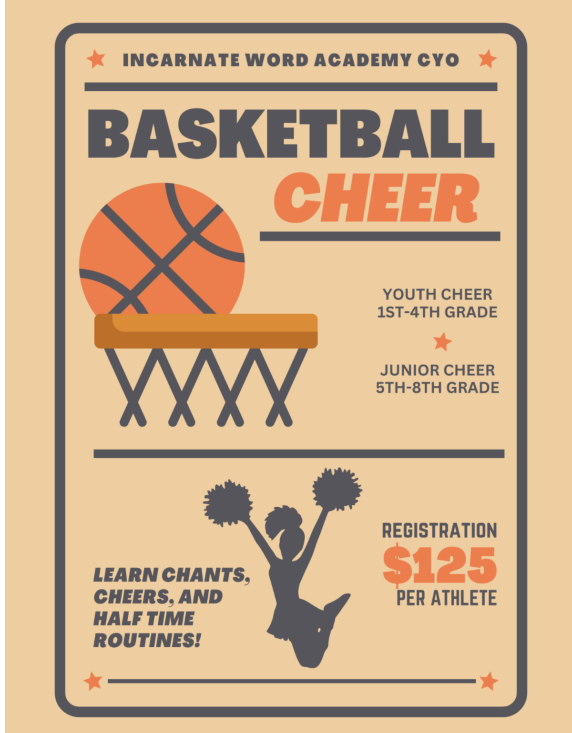
Winter sports include:

- **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.

[Click here to view the full schedule!](#)



TRUNK OR TREAT AT ST. JOHN BOSCO

St. John Bosco PSR Invites you to:

TRUNK OR TREAT



Sunday, October 26th
1:00 p.m.,

St. John Bosco Parish
6480 Pearl Road, Parma Hts.

Join us for:

TREATS AND GOODIES
BEST DECORATED TRUNK CONTEST
COSTUMES WELCOME!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DECORATE YOUR TRUNK AND PASS
OUT TREATS, PLEASE SIGN UP BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE
440-886-3500

**We will be collecting candy/non-edible donations.
Please feel free to drop them off at the Parish Rectory**

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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