



IWA Weekly Newsletter
October 25, 2025

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

BLESSING OF THE PETS (STUFFIES)



We welcomed back Friar John Paul from Padua Franciscan High School for the blessing of the pets! Friar JP taught our young learners all about St. Francis of Assisi and St. Claire. It was a great reminder for our students and all those present of God's love for all creation.

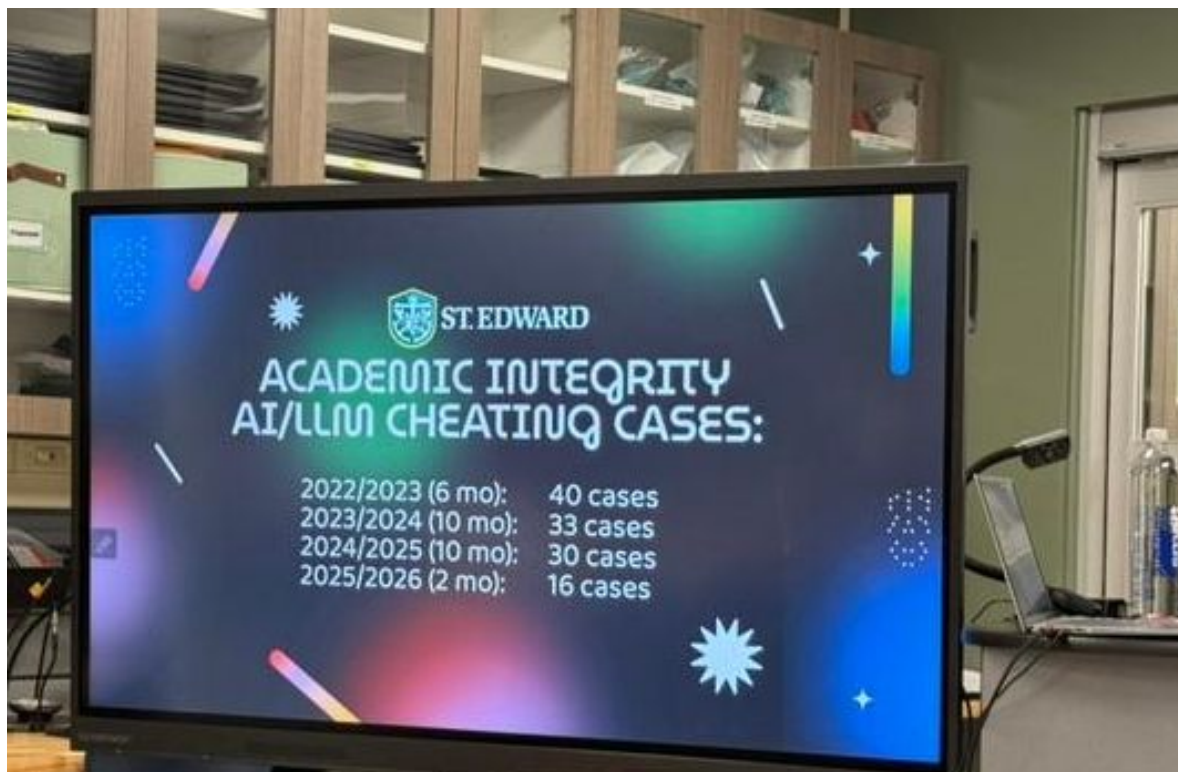
OUR DIVERSITY IS AN EXPRESSION OF GOD'S CREATIVITY

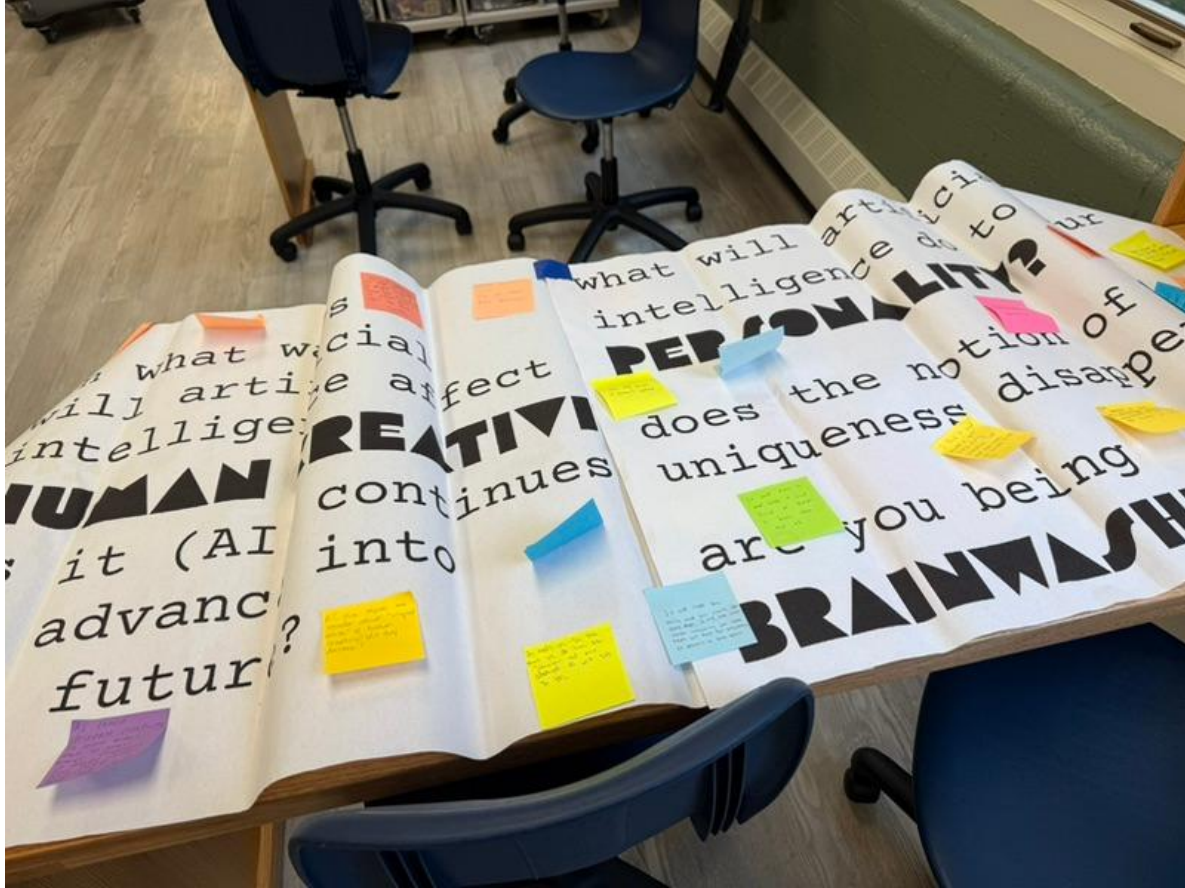


This week, we supported our students who are celebrating Diwali! Our students wore traditional Diwali attire, creating a festive and heartwarming atmosphere. We are grateful for the chance to learn from one another and to celebrate the rich cultural diversity that strengthens our school community.

LIFE-LONG LEARNERS







Our amazing faculty and admin team spent Friday engaging in a variety of ways that continue to support both our students and our spiritual and academic needs.

Our Preparatory team, members from our Specials level, and Mrs. Hribar participated in everything AI with presenter *Dan Humphrey, Director of Information Technology at St. Edward High School*. This learning focused on ways to embrace AI in the classroom, ethical considerations, and overall AI literacy so that students learn how to use AI to enhance learning, rather than to replace learning. This year, Incarnate Word Academy was the recipient of an Ohio TechCred grant, which provided funding to purchase Khanmigo, a teacher and student program acts as one's personalized learning coach.

Our Primary, Intermediate, Specials, and admin team traveled to the Cleveland Public Auditorium for the *Diocesan Gathering of the Ministerium: A Flourishing Church, Anchored in Hope*. The day-long event included Mass with Bishop Woost, remarks from keynote speaker Meg Hunter-Kilmer, and breakout sessions centered around our ministry.

Professional Learning days offer the opportunity to pause, connect with not only our faculty and staff, but the greater community, and to feel empowered as we take our learning back to the classroom.



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. 29

- Mass with Bishop Malesic at SJH at 10 am. Families are welcome to join!
- Mandatory Drama Club parent meeting ON [ZOOM](#) (link below and on Digital Academy Calendar)

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.



ALUMNI MASS & BRUNCH

This Sunday!

There's still time to RSVP! All Alumni and their families are welcome to join us this Sunday for Mass with brunch and Mimosas to follow in the Sisters Dining Room.



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

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. ON ZOOM**. Please note that this has been changed from in person to Zoom. Come meet our new director, Dani Kinney, and learn what to expect for this exciting production!

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84136290145?pwd=eK2Qt2sMGqGGWTuTAnwpZW9N8d6Jl.1>

If you have any questions, please email Dani 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.

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](#)

★ INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY CYO ★

BASKETBALL CHEER



YOUTH CHEER
1ST-4TH GRADE

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JUNIOR CHEER
5TH-8TH GRADE

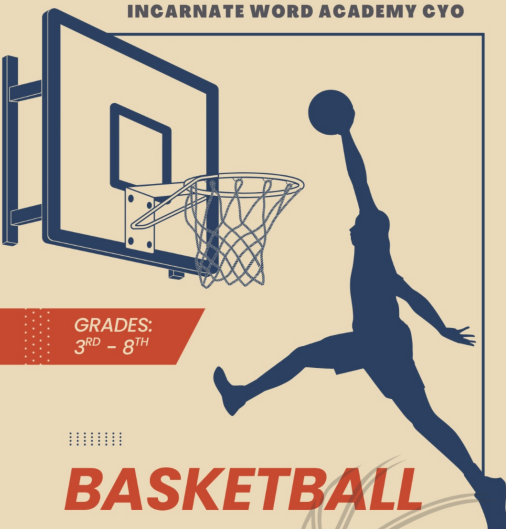


LEARN CHANTS,
CHEERS, AND
HALF TIME
ROUTINES!

REGISTRATION
\$125
PER ATHLETE

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INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY CYO



GRADES:
3RD – 8TH

BASKETBALL

WINTER 2025–2026

REGISTER ONLINE!
\$125 FEE

iwaathletics@incarnatewordacademy.org

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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