



IWA Weekly Newsletter
September 12, 2025

**OUR PAST INSPIRES OUR FUTURE,
LEGACY WEEK 2025**



A Leader in Catholic Education Since 1935







Here's to 90 years of faith, learning, and community- and many more to come!

This week, our school community celebrated Legacy Week! This event was established in 2021 with inspiration from Sister Rosemary Burke and in collaboration with IWA assistant principal, Mrs. Alexis Flinn.

Today, we continue to celebrate legacy week every 2nd week in September, taking time to engage with prayer partners, learn about the history of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word, and strengthen our community.

This year's legacy week was especially meaningful as we celebrated our 90th birthday, complete with balloons that decorated our hallways and birthday cake for every student. Tomorrow we look forward to closing Legacy Week with an outdoor Mass and ice cream social.

COMMUNITY PARTNER ENGAGEMENT



STEAM Advisory and local professional artist Bernadette Glorioso in partnership with local restaurant, The Clubhouse, are engaging our learners in the Warrior Design Process as they help generate ideas for murals in the dining area at this local eatery!

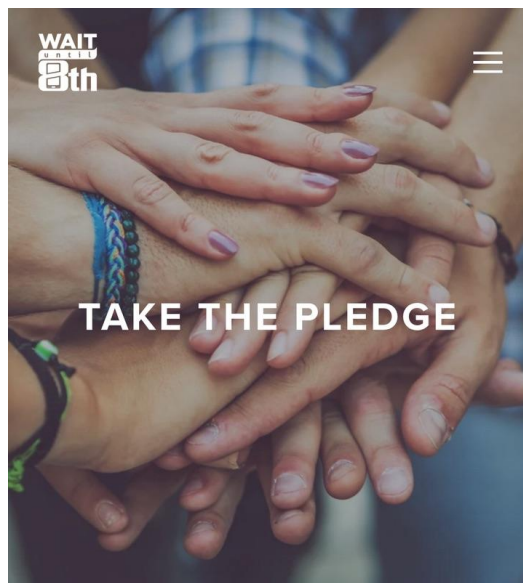


Our fourth and fifth grade students shared the images that they think of when thinking about Cleveland and a family space to eat and enjoy the community murals. As will come as no surprise, their ideas were awesome! As an extension beyond the school day, Bernadette is leading a mural club to further advance the ideas in sketches and collaborative discourse. Club participants received a set of art pencils for sketching, sketchbooks, and more! Be sure to watch for updates as this thinking progresses throughout the fall.

WAIT UNTIL 8th

In response to the mounting scientific evidence about the negative impacts that smartphone use has on children's academics, social lives, and mental health, the PTSU & Mr. Joe Mulholland invite parents to participate in the Wait Until 8th initiative by signing the pledge to delay giving their kids a smartphone until at least the end of eighth grade.

To learn about the Wait Until 8th initiative visit waituntil8th.org. Parents interested in



discussing and learning about this issue further are also invited to attend the September 18 PTSU meeting.

A special thank you to Mr. Joe Mulholland for initiating this program at IWA. Joe is a current IWA parent and teacher at St. Ignatius High School who sees firsthand the negative impacts of smartphone usage with students. Joe shared his message at Back to School Night on Thursday.

[TAKE THE PLEDGE HERE!](#)

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT AT IWA



Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

High School Night

Incarnate
@ Word
Academy

Join us!
All are welcome

Join us at one of our **regional events** to visit with local Catholic High Schools! Learn about programming, admissions and scholarships.



**Sept. 22nd
2025**



**6:00 p.m. -
7:30 p.m.**



**6620 Pearl Rd,
Parma Heights, OH**

To learn more about the details for each High School Night event visit:
dioceseofcleveland.org/highschoolnights

FALL FUN RUN

The 10-Minute Fundraiser

It's really that easy! In just one week, our Fall Fun Run has already **raised over \$11,000**—and you can help us reach our **\$20,000 goal** in only a few minutes.

Spend 5–10 minutes
Send our pre-written messages to family & friends ([click here to view](#))
Watch the impact grow!



If everyone shares the link with just 5–10 people, we're confident we'll exceed our goal.

Reminder: Students have until this Sunday to raise \$50 to earn their official Fun Run T-Shirt for the big event!

The Fun Run will take place on Saturday, September 27 at 11AM here at IWA.

[Click here to view the IWA Fall Fun Run website and learn more.](#)

FUN RUN FLYER

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

OKTOBERFEST

\$50
ENTRY

1935



2025

21+
ONLY

FALL FESTIVAL

BEER • FOOD • MUSIC

6620 PEARL RD. PARMA HEIGHTS, OH

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 27**

**6:00PM TO
9:00PM**

WITH FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD

EVENT LIMITED TO 250 GUESTS

Oktoberfest Fall Festival | 6:00–9:00 PM (21+ only)

Enjoy food tents, beer, live music, games, raffles, and more at this festive adults-only evening!

50 tickets remaining—don't wait, they'll go fast!

Purchase Tickets

IMPORTANT DATES

The 2025-26 school year is right around the corner. Mark your calendar with these important dates which can also be found on our calendar in Digital Academy and on our IWA App.

Sept. 13

- Legacy Week Family Mass and Ice Cream Social 5pm

Sept. 15-30

- NWEA MAP Testing for K-8

Sept. 16

- 8th Grade Class Mass

Sept. 19

- Dress Down for the IWA Fund

Sept. 23

- 7th Grade Class Mass

Sept. 26

- Grandparents Day (K-2)

Sept. 27

- Fun Run and Oktoberfest

FAMILY MASS AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



*IWA families and friends
please join us!*

**OUTDOOR MASS
& ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Saturday, September 13

5:00 p.m. at IWA

CLICK HERE TO RSVP!

*In case of rain we will move to
St. Joseph Hall*

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.](#)



NEW COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB

Open to students in **grades 6-8** on a **first come, first served basis**, join a computer software engineer and analyst for a CS course. Using computer science learning standards, [Mr. Curtis Mullins](#) will teach virtually before school to a small group of students on **Monday mornings from 7:15-8:00**. Spots are limited and on a first-come, first served basis. Have a conversation with your child to make the best decision for your family.



Looking to register? Complete this [REGISTRATION FORM HERE](#).

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

LEGO UNIVERSITY

Signups for LEGO University are open! The Kindergarten/1st Grade group is full, but there is still space in the 2nd/3rd Grade group. LEGO club meets on Mondays after school.

Space is limited and will go quick, so sign up today!



Lego University 2 & 3 Grade

HOMEWORK CLUB

HOMework

CLUB

AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR
STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-6

2:45-3:30 P.M.
MONDAY- THURSDAY



- A CALM AND QUIET SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO FOCUS
- TEACHER SUPPORT AS NEEDED
- A CHANCE TO DEVELOP GOOD WORK HABITS
- AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP SKILLS TO BECOME INDEPENDENT LEARNERS



LED BY MS. ALBERT
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!

Now Enrolling!

Cost: \$200 one time fee *per semester*. Allows your child to attend M-Th throughout the semester. They can attend as little or as much as you prefer. Billing can be paid all up front or quarterly.

REGISTER HERE- ONLY GRADES 3-6

ALUMNI UPDATE

Congratulations to IWA Alumna Megan Fredrick '22, who is currently a senior at Saint Joseph Academy, for earning the highest possible composite score, 36, on the ACT® Exam.

According to ACT®, about one-quarter of 1% of all test takers earn the top score of 36.

"I'm thankful for all of my teachers at SJA and Incarnate Word Academy (IWA) that have helped me throughout the years," Megan shared.

Megan was also just named a National Merit Semifinalist, which means Megan was selected among 16,000 students nationwide.

We are so proud of Megan and her commitment to education!



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!](#)

ATHLETICS NEWS

IWA'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



**EMMA GRACE
HIGGINS**

GO WARRIORS!



PLAYER OF THE WEEK!



EMMA GRACE HIGGINS HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT'S "PLAYER OF THE WEEK!"

THIS IS THE FIRST SEASON OF CYO VOLLEYBALL FOR 4TH GRADER EMMA GRACE HIGGINS. EMMA GRACE HAS GROWN IN HER CONFIDENCE AND NOW CALLS THE BALL OUT LOUD, SHOWS UP READY TO WORK AT PRACTICE, AND IS A GREAT TEAMMATE WHO CAN WORK WITH ANYONE. THE WHOLE TEAM IS PROUD OF HER PROGRESS ON THE COURT AND HER QUIET BRAND OF LEADERSHIP AT PRACTICE.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL YOU ACCOMPLISH THIS SEASON!

GREAT JOB EMMA GRACE!

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!](#)





IWA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

6TH ANNUAL **GOLF** CLASSIC



FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 19

AT RIDGEWOOD GOLF COURSE
6505 RIDGE RD. PARMA, OH

Light breakfast - 8:00am
Shotgun start - 9:00am

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\$90 - Per Player
\$360 - Foursome
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Includes:
18 Holes of Golf and Cart
Breakfast and Lunch
Beverages - Prizes
Ball Drop Contest - \$5.00
per ball



Register now, space is limited

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
or scan the QR code



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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