



IWA Weekly Newsletter
September 19, 2025

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Third grade kicks off their year-long science investigation!



The third grade students met today with Miss Callie of the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District! Students learned and discovered what trees need and what they offer as we took the classroom outdoors. As part of the *Nurturing Urban Tree Seeds*, our budding scientists will zero in on one specific tree and even plant their own tree! Be sure to ask them about the oak tree we explored and how many living things call it home.



Powerful Conversations

Ms. Shalala's class held their first Socratic Seminar on *Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story* by Nora Raleigh Baskin. This powerful novel follows four middle schoolers whose lives are forever changed by the events of 9/11.

A Socratic Seminar is a student-led discussion where classmates share insights, ask questions, and explore different perspectives. It's all about listening, thinking critically, and learning from one another. We loved hearing how our students' understanding of the text and the world around them was deepened through this meaningful conversation with one another.





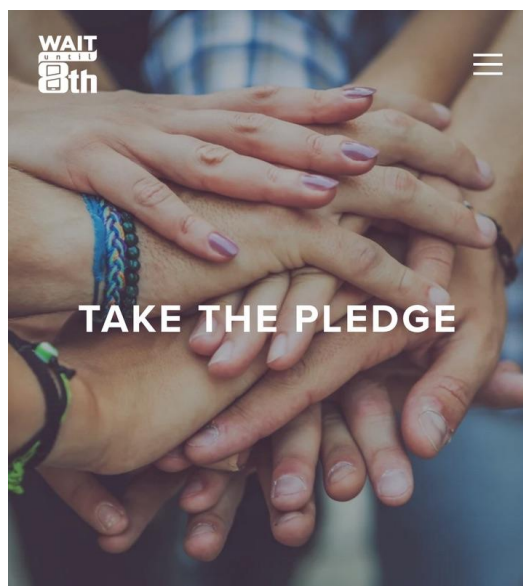
WAIT UNTIL 8th

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!](https://waituntil8th.org)



HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT AT IWA



Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland



High School Night

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@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

Almost There!

With one week to go we have raised **\$18,000** of our **\$20,000** goal. Please consider sharing our Fun Run page with your friends and family and on social media to help us reach out goal.

We have pre-written messages you can easily copy and paste. [\(click here to view\)](#)



There will be a 7th vs 8th grade volleyball game happening at the Fun Run as well! We hope to see many of our 7th and 8th graders at the run for some friendly competition.

Reminder: We ask everyone who is going to be racing to try and raise \$50 to participate.

The Fun Run will take place on Saturday, September 27 at 11AM here at IWA. An RSVP for a headcount will be coming out in it's own email shortly.

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

FUN RUN FLYER

Oktoberfest Fall Festival | 9/27/25 | 6:00–9:00 PM (21+ only)

Check out a sneak peak of our Oktoberfest menu below. All the food is coming from restaurants within our IWA community!



The flyer features a bright yellow background with a repeating pattern of the Incarnate Word Academy logo on the left and right sides. The central text 'Oktoberfest' is in a blue, cursive font, with 'FOOD MENU' in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, a white banner reads 'FOOD TENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD'. Three circular images show food: German Sausage with sauerkraut, Orange Chicken with rice, and Pasta & Sauce. Below these are two white banners: 'HOMEMADE DESSERTS' and 'AND MORE!'. Decorative elements include a green hat, a green apron, and wheat stalks.

Oktoberfest FOOD MENU

FOOD TENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

GERMAN SAUSAGE

ORANGE CHICKEN

PASTA & SAUCE

HOMEMADE DESSERTS

AND MORE!

Limited tickets remaining. Click below or email gkessler@incarnatewordacademy.org for 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. 15-30

- NWEA MAP Testing for K-8

Sept. 23

- 7th Grade Class Mass

Sept. 26

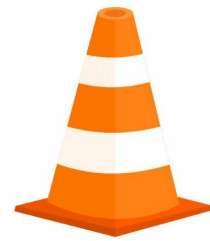
- Grandparents Day (K-2)

Sept. 27

- Fun Run and Oktoberfest

ATHLETICS PICKUP REMINDER

For the safety of all students being dismissed from extended day, teachers, faculty and visitors we must follow procedures. Parents are to park their car in the parking spaces facing Liberty Ford. Athletes are to use the cross walk to go into and out of St. Joseph's Hall. Likewise, when picking up athletes, please use a parking space.



It is not safe or legal to be parked/stopped in the fire lane. Students and adults are unable to use the cross walk and drivers can't see around the pole at the corner. For the safety of all students and adults please refrain from using the fire lane.

BOOK FAIR



Mark your calendars for the IWA Book Fair, which will take place in St. Joseph Hall from **Monday, Oct 6 through Thursday, Oct 9**. The fair **WILL** be open during parent/teacher conferences.

Please note purchases are subject to sales tax. If you plan to pay with **cash or check** you must include an **additional 8% sales tax** with your payment.

If you would like to volunteer and assist Mrs. Cessna during the day, you can sign up below.

[Book Fair
Homepage](#)[Share the Fair/Donate](#)[Volunteer to Work the](#)

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.](#)



SPELLING CLUB

Spelling Club sign-ups are starting NOW for students in grades 4-8. This club meets before school from 7-7:30 am.

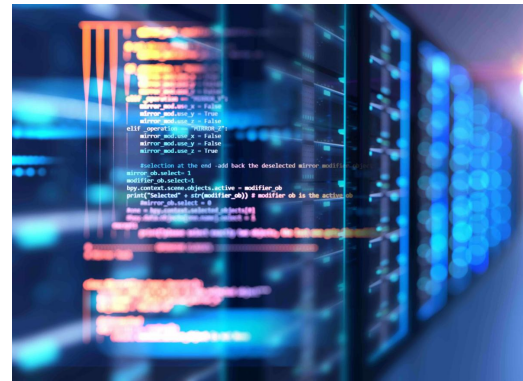
- Grades 4 & 5 practice on Thursdays
- Grades 6-8 practice on Fridays

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



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.

HOMEWORK CLUB

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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

PAWS FOR CHANGE
IWA STUDENT INITIATIVE

The Duck Sale is Back!

*But this time, we are selling
more than ducks.*

**When: Sept. 22nd - 26th before
school.**

**Where: The primary and prep
hallways.**

**Why: To raise money for
animal shelters.**

**Prizes: The homeroom who contributes the
most wins a free dress down day!!!**



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

IWA'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



GEORGE P

GO WARRIORS!

PLAYER OF THE WEEK!

GEORGE P. HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT'S "PLAYER OF THE WEEK!"

GEORGE IS NEW TO IWA THIS YEAR, BUT HAS JOINED THE FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, TEAM SPIRIT, AND GOOD WORK ETHIC. HE IS RESPECTFUL TO HIS COACHES AND DISPLAYS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WARRIOR! HE TAKES PRACTICE SERIOUSLY AND IS A GOOD EXAMPLE TO HIS TEAMMATES. IF YOU SEE GEORGE, GIVE HIM AN IWA WELCOME AND A HIGH FIVE!

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

GREAT JOB GEORGE!

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!](#)



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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