



IWA Weekly Newsletter
September 26, 2025

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

IWA Serves the Community



As a part of caring for our community, IWA families recently engaged in a volunteer opportunity at the Huntington Beach Reservation. Families helped with the beautification of the collaborative community mural that students designed and created under the artistic vision and leadership of STEAM Advisory member and local artist, Bernadette Glorioso. It was a beautiful day of serving, laughing, and connecting with the local community who shared their gratitude.





WAIT UNTIL 8th

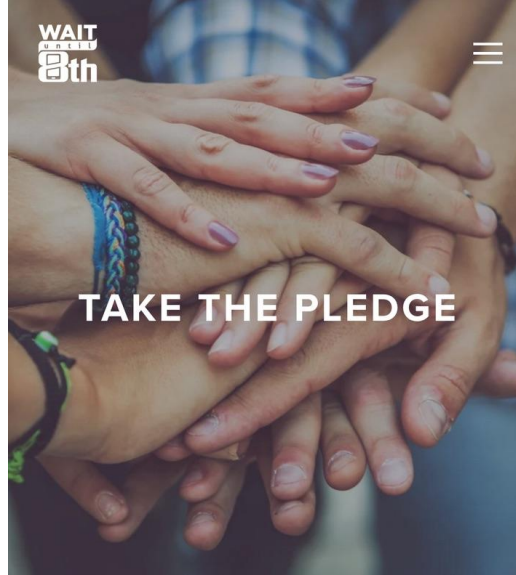
In response to the mounting scientific evidence about the negative impacts that

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!](#)



WARRIOR WINGS CELEBRATION





At Incarnate Word Academy, our dedicated partners and volunteers are the heart and soul of our community. Their contributions, whether through organizing events, assisting in classrooms, or mentoring students, foster a spirit of collaboration that unites and lifts up our community.

Yesterday we hosted our annual Warrior Wings breakfast in recognition of the incredible support from our community partners and volunteers throughout the year. This year, we honored:

Community Partner: Jeremiah Myers (Cleveland Museum of Art)

PTSU Volunteer: Alicia Kelly (Current Parent)

Parent Volunteer: Danielle Brooks (Past Parent and Spouse of Alum)

Those present at the breakfast included members from our IWA Board of Directors, as well as committee members, parents, faculty, administration, and community partners that support our mission. We are so blessed and grateful!

FALL FUN RUN - TOMORROW!

Tomorrow is our Fall Fun Run! We have raised nearly \$22,000 in support of IWA in honor of our 90th Anniversary.

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 tomorrow, September 27 at 11AM here at IWA.

[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)

Oktoberfest is tomorrow! All attendees should have received an email with more information about the event. If you did not, please email rstepanik@incarnatewordacademy.org and we will forward you the information.

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.

Sept. 15-30

- NWEA MAP Testing for K-8

Sept. 27

- Fun Run and Oktoberfest

Oct. 3

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

Oct. 8 & 9

- Parent Teacher Conferences (see below for details)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 8th -3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 9th - 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Conferences are:

- Mandatory for Kinder Prep families
- Optional for students in grades K-8, unless the teacher has requested to meet with you.

- 8th Grade Parents: We prefer you do not schedule a conference unless there is a concern or requested by the teacher.

[CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code to schedule your conference.



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](#).



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

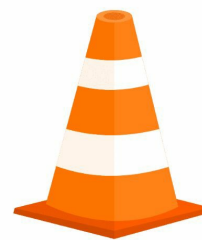
Our Student Savers program is making waves among school-age members, fostering strong financial habits with their very own Savings Account. Join us each week at participating schools as our representatives collect deposits and dish out surprises. From stickers to special events, we're nurturing a generation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

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

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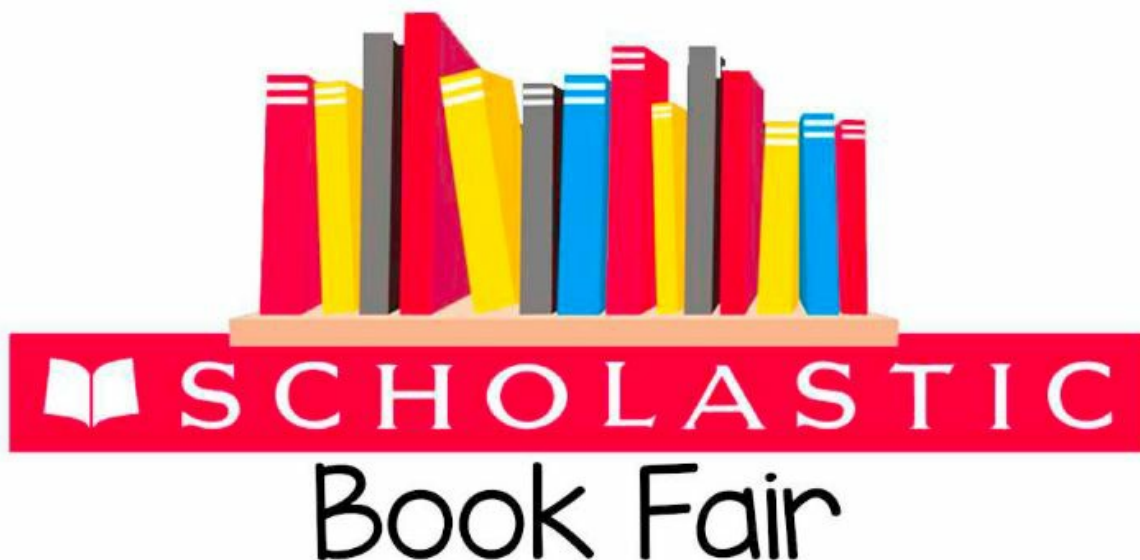
ATHLETICS PICKUP REMINDER

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
Fair](#)

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.



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.

PAWS FOR CHANGE
IWA STUDENT INITIATIVE



A very big "thank you" to all of the students that helped support a great cause this week! IWA 7th grade students Jayne S., Quinn O., and Penelope P. participated in the Diocesan STREAM "Ideas for Good" Caring for God's Creation Pitch Challenge, placing 3rd in the grade 6-8 level with their **PAWS for Change** idea.

At the competition, the girls won \$250 to use towards their cause. They decided to use the money to purchase ducks, holding a duck sale this week. They were able to take the \$250 and *turn it into almost \$2000!* All of the proceeds are going to the Berea Animal Shelter and the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter.



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!](#)



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



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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