



IWA Weekly Newsletter
September 5, 2025

OPENING CELEBRATION



Today we paused as a school community to celebrate Mass with Father Matt Byrne. We were blessed to have the Sisters of the Incarnate Word, IWA Board members, parents, grandparents, students, and faculty present for this sacred gathering.

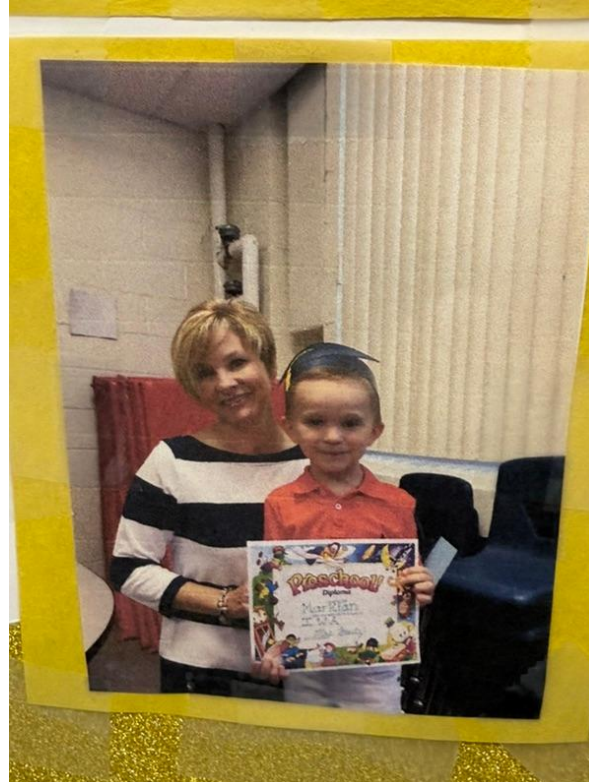
"RALLYING" FOR OTHERS



Our 7th grade students are immersed in service opportunities all year! As a designated Purple Star School through the State of Ohio, our students serve military families and the school community in unique ways.

A standing tradition in Ms. Shalala's class are rally boards. Students can choose anyone from the community, creating a board complete with IWA faculty and student signatures, that let

someone know how appreciated and loved they are to all of us at IWA! Seventh grade student Markian A. presented his rally board to IWA Director of Student Services, Mrs. Holly Bleakley. What is most special is that Holly was the aide in Markian's Kinder Prep class when he first entered the school! Thanks Mrs. Bleakley for all that you do to keep our school running smoothly and efficiently!



IN THE NEWS...

Recently, Mrs. Congelio was interviewed by the Ohio STEM Learning Network about what it means for Incarnate Word Academy to be designated a STEAM school. Her insights highlight the growth mindset and innovation that make IWA unique.

Learn more about our story and the road to becoming a designated STEAM school by clicking the link below.

Ohio STEM Learning Network

How Incarnate Word Academy built a growth-mindset culture and earned its STEAM designation

"...our intentions have always been about providing outstanding opportunities and experiences for our students so that they can live the Gospel values, become life-long learners, reach their fullest potential, and be engaged members of our Catholic community and world."
- Steffany Congelio

[READ THE ARTICLE 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

OKTOBERFEST FALL FESTIVAL AND FUN RUN

The Race Is On!

We officially kicked off our Fall Fun Run campaign today with our students. With a variety of fun prizes for both individual students, homerooms, and homeroom teachers up for grabs the students were ecstatic to say the least.

Every student has their own fundraising page that can easily be shared through social media, emails, and texts. We even scripted texts and emails for you to make it as easy as possible. We are asking every student to try and raise \$90 for the 90th. All that and more is in the flyer.

[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!

Secure your spot today, and explore our many sponsorship opportunities that

include event tickets. Particularly, we are looking for a Bourbon Sponsor! [Email Mr. Kessler for more details!](#)

[Purchase Tickets](#)

[Explore Sponsorships](#)

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. 6

- [HSPT Course](#) for 7th & 8th Grade (must be registered)

Sept. 8-13

- [Legacy Week](#)

Sept. 9

- [6th Grade Camp Nuhop Zoom Meeting](#) at 7pm

Sept. 12

- [Picture Day & 90th Birthday Celebration](#)

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](#)



PICTURE DAY - SEPT. 12

Picture Day is Friday, September 12

Save time and preorder your student's photographs on the Ripcho Studio prepay site before Picture Day by clicking the "Order Online" button below.

Don't want to preorder online? You can also view and print the portrait package order form by clicking the "Portrait Packages" button below.

Print the order form, fill out the requested information, and give the order form to the photographer on Picture Day with the full payment enclosed.

Parents who have multiple children must place a separate prepay order online for each child.

Your access key is: D2RQCNXX

RipchoStudio
SchoolPhotography



Order Online

Portrait Packages

Questions? Please contact Ripcho at 800-686-7427, ext. 28
or e-mail at customerservice@ripchostudio.com

FAMILY MASS AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

*TWA families and friends
please join us!*

**OUTDOOR MASS
& ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Saturday, September 13

5:00 p.m. at TWA

CLICK HERE TO RSVP!

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

**IWA SPIRIT WEAR - STORE CLOSING THIS
SUNDAY 9/7**

IWA spirit wear is an online store that offers a wide variety of items. These items are able to be worn on your child/children's physical education day and tops may be worn with the uniform on Mondays for

Spirit Day. The joggers or sweatpants must be worn from October 1st to April 30th. This large sale is held in August, November and in the Spring. Items will vary per sale but all items will be delivered to the school at no additional cost and sent home with the student named on the order. If you prefer to pick up the order in the office, please contact Mrs. Bleakley.

Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery to the school after the store closes on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

This year, the store includes the option to get IWA's 90th Anniversary logo on many of the apparel options!



ALL SALES ARE FINAL.

THE ONLINE STORE CLOSES THIS SUNDAY, 9/7!

Order Spirit Wear Here

LEGO UNIVERSITY

Signups for LEGO University are open! There are two different groups, Kindergarten/1st Grade and 2nd/3rd Grade. LEGO club meets on Mondays after school.

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



Lego University K-1

Lego University 2-3

ATHLETICS NEWS

IWA'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



PLAYER OF THE WEEK!



**CHRISTOPHER
OWEN**

GO WARRIORS!

CHRISTOPHER OWEN HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT'S "PLAYER OF THE WEEK," AND WE COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD!

HIS DEDICATION IN THE CHALLENGING CONDITIONS AT BUCKEYE HIGH SCHOOL, FACING BOTH HEAT AND BEES, REALLY STOOD OUT TO THE COACHES. HE SHOWS PERSEVERANCE AND A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, QUALITIES WE VALUE HIGHLY AS COACHES. HE

HAS ALSO VOLUNTEERED TO LEAD THE STRETCHES BEFORE AND AFTER RUNS. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL YOU ACCOMPLISH THIS SEASON!

GREAT JOB CHRISTOPHER!

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



GIRL SCOUTS

Looking to join a local troop? The IWA Girl Scouts are looking for more members. Consider attending the information meeting on Wednesday, September 10. See the flyer below for details on how to get involved!

[Click here for more details!](#)



JOIN CUB SCOUTS PACK 73

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St. Charles Borromeo

5891 Ridge Rd

Pack meeting
second Tuesday of
every month in the
cafeteria

Grades K-5

-Boy Pack-



CALL OR TEXT

MR. RODRIGUEZ-216-816-4272

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!

ALUMNI

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!](#)

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