



IWA Weekly Newsletter

October 23, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

STRATEGIC PLANNING Update from Mr. Wisnor

As noted in last week's newsletter, we will be providing a general overview of the four key strategic priorities outlined in our strategic plan. The action steps and tactics for advancing the strategic plan are being developed and tracked to guide our decision making as we put our plans into action.

Strategic Priority #1: Sustaining and Enhancing Academic Excellence

Strategy 1: Introduce new course offerings and curriculum revisions to challenge highly accomplished and motivated students

Strategy 2: Identify and earn additional credentials of academic distinction

Strategy 3: Attract and retain distinguished faculty

Strategy 4: Invest in technology to enhance academic offerings and ensure all students and faculty are prepared for virtual learning opportunities

Strategy 5: Increase the availability of enhanced learning experiences outside of the traditional curriculum

WARRIOR TEACHER OF THE WEEK

WE ARE WARRIORS! IWA teachers are **W**ise, **A**ccountable, **R**espectful, **R**esilient, **I**ntellectual, **O**pen-Hearted, **R**everent and **S**ervice-Driven.

Each week, an IWA teacher will be recognized for demonstrating a



Warrior quality and will earn the coveted **Warrior Helmet** to display proudly in his or her classroom for a week. The teacher will also receive a coupon book containing passes to dress down, enjoy a sweet treat, go home early, take a break from lesson plans and pick a gift card.

This week the helmet is awarded to Kim Vacanti in recognition of her **Accountability** in managing the preschool program. The IWA Preschool Program recently passed the state licensing review from the State of Ohio with flying colors.

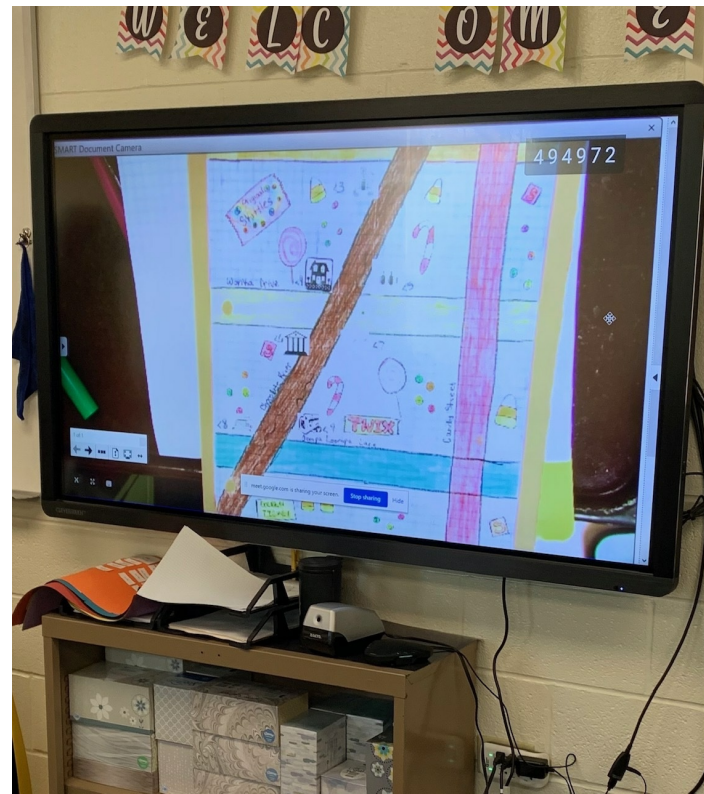
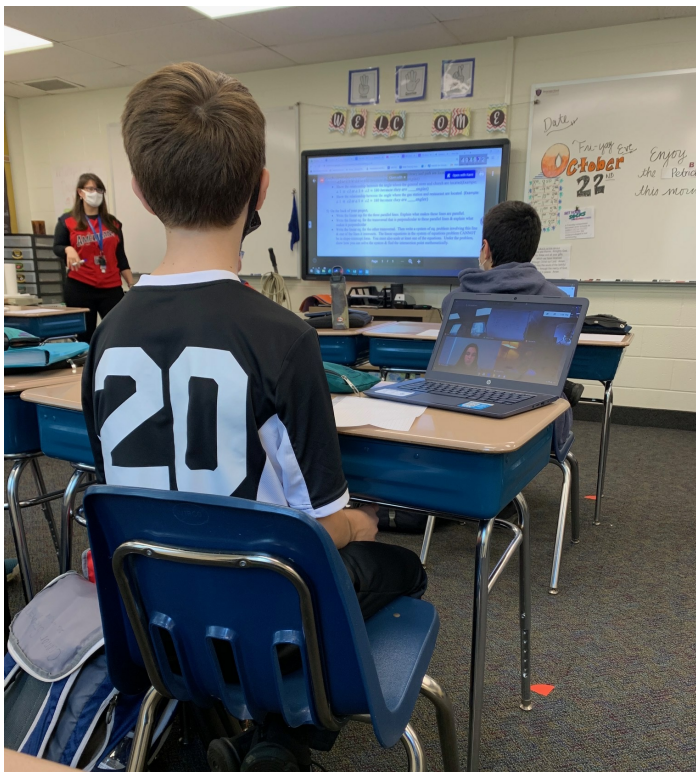
Congratulations to Warrior Vacanti!

AFTER SCHOOL PICKUP Update from Mr. Wisnor

Previously, we asked that all parents assigned a 2:25 p.m. pickup arrive no sooner than 2:10 p.m. and all parents assigned a 2:45 p.m. pickup arrive no sooner than 2:40 p.m. We are now able to invite parents assigned a 2:45 p.m. pickup time to begin arriving as early as 2:35 p.m. as we have all become more efficient with the new afternoon dismissal procedure.

For parents assigned a 2:25 p.m. pickup, PLEASE do not arrive prior to 2:10 p.m. as we dismiss our preschool students between 2:00 - 2:10 p.m. We understand that everybody wants to get a prime position in one of the first few lanes. However, please know that once we begin the dismissal process, there is typically just five minutes difference between the dismissal times for Row 1 vs. Row 7. Thank you for following this simple request as it helps ensure everybody's safety during dismissal for our preschool families.

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS 8th Grade City Engineers



Dr. Klufas's 8th grade High School Algebra/Geometry and Geometry class used their knowledge of angle relationships created by transversals to design a city with 5 roads: 3 parallel, one perpendicular transversal & one non-perpendicular transversal. The students were then challenged to draw city buildings on their map according to their angle relationships. Dr. Klufas also offered the students the opportunity/challenge to make the design parameters a bit more complex. This project showcases student learning with the application of mathematical concepts and engineering. Thank you, Dr. Klufas!

Sister Betty Connects Virtually in 4th Grade



Sister Betty shares the legend of the lanterns and how Jesus shines in us!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday, October 27** - Grade 5 Mass, Room 101, Mrs. Hovanec-Davey
- **Friday, October 30** - End of 1st Quarter
- **Friday, October 30** - Halloween Dress Down Day! (Keep scrolling for details!)
- **Tuesday, November 3** - Election Day!
- **Wednesday, November 4** - Grade 5 Mass, Room 102, Ms. Medalis
- **Friday, November 6** - Dress Down Day benefitting the IWA Fund! (\$5 cash or check, or pay on Praxi now!)
- **Monday, November 9** - Report Cards sent home
- **Wednesday, November 11** - Veterans Day

LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED

IWA is in need of Lunch and Recess Monitors. These are paid positions.

[Click here to email Mrs. Konopka in the Main Office!](#)

COOL WEATHER REMINDERS

Please check that your children are properly dressed for the weather outside daily. **All students enjoy 20 minutes of outdoor recess and may not stay inside if they do not have a jacket or coat.**

On Gym days, students are not permitted to wear shorts. They may wear solid colored sweat pants. Thank you!

[Click here for the Dress Code.](#)

CYO WINTER SPORTS

Basketball & Cheerleading

Registration for CYO Basketball and Cheerleading is now open! Basketball is open to students in Grades 3 - 8, while Cheerleading is open to Grades 6 - 8. The registration deadline is October 31.

[Click here to register!](#)

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Students in grades K-8, it's time to speak up! We are looking for students to join our newly formed Student Advisory Group. We are interested in hearing your thoughts on how to make IWA even better! You'll have the opportunity to meet with Mr. Wisnor, Mrs. Cicerchi, and Mrs. Congelio.



[Click here to register!](#)

SPIRIT WEAR - ONE WEEK SALE October 23-31!



Back by popular demand, IWA Spirit Wear is once again available for purchase online! The sale is open NOW thru OCTOBER 31! New items include ear warmers, blankets, hats, sweatshirts and zip-ups.

[Click here to purchase your spirit wear now!](#)

IWA FUND DRESS DOWN DAYS Pay for the rest of the year by Oct. 30!

From now until October 30, pay \$30 in advance for the remaining seven Dress Down Days for the IWA Fund and get

one dress down day free! Please log into your Praxi Parent Account, click on the Online Forms Tab, and Select the form "Dress Down IWA Fund - Year" form.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Thank you to all parents for your communication as we transition to both in-person and off-campus instruction. Now, more than ever, your communication and partnership is essential.

We wanted to provide a few reminders on our updated attendance procedures:

Parents need to call the office when:

1. FTF or VR learner are going to be absent for the entire day
2. Face to face students going to be late or leaving early for appointments. ****FTF students are still required to be signed out by a parent at the school office before leaving.***
3. VR learners are logging in late or logging off for appointment

In the event you leave a message at 440-842-6818 ext. 305, please include the reason for the absence. The office will contact you if you do not report your child late/absent and a teacher reports the absence. Please do not email a teacher without including the office. The office notifies not only your child's homeroom teacher but also the special teachers of the absence.

****Requests for missing work/books are only being taken at the office after 3 consecutive days of being absent. After 3 days, a Doctor's note is also needed to return to face to face learning.***

Thank you for your continued partnership!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
Nick Green '97



This week's alumni spotlight features Nick Green, IWA Class of 1997!

After his time at IWA, Nick graduated from St. Ignatius High School. He continued on to The University of Notre Dame, graduated with a major in Theology, and then completed the ACE Teaching Fellows program at Notre Dame where he earned his master's degree. Nick taught high school theology, math, and physics at Memphis Catholic High School in Memphis, TN, for seven years before becoming the principal for an additional three years. During his time in Memphis, Nick returned to Notre Dame to earn his Master's in Administration through the ACE Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program.

Six years ago, Nick moved to New York and took on the role of principal at Incarnation School in Washington Heights, where he lives and works today. This past summer, he married his wife, Koli, a Nurse Practitioner in Neurology at Columbia-NY Presbyterian Hospital in Washington Heights.

Nick has wonderful memories of his time at IWA. "I remember writing my own book in 5th grade with Sr. Anne," says Nick. "I actually still have the book, titled *Lost in My Computer*. I remember being a part of math contests, the spelling team and the speech team. Basketball and Cross Country were always a blast! I went on to be a high school basketball coach and I'm a lifelong runner, and completed my third marathon last fall. I remember leading the school's drive for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation walk at the Zoo for student council, and doing the "I Am" project in Mrs. Kutz's English class."

[If you're an IWA alumni, please CLICK HERE to let us know where you are and what you're up to!](#)

HIGH SCHOOL CORNER

Please click on the ACAD Directory below for individual high school information regarding Open Houses, Testing, Shadow Visits and Financial Aid.



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PTSU SHOUT OUTS

PTSU would like to recognize the following volunteers who have helped out this school year with the Magazine Drive, the Rockin' R' Ranch event, Parent Teacher Conferences, and the Santa Shop:

Jill Fanous
Stephanie Habenicht
Amy Halusker
Jennifer Higgins
Megan Knotts
Erica Nowak
Alicia Pavlik
Amy Roback
Holly Scott

We couldn't do it without your help! We hope to see you on our next Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, November 11!



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