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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & PRINCIPALS

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcomed back our families this week! The energy received from our students and parents returning to school has made all of our hard work worth it!

Since the closing of the 19-20 school year, the IWA faculty and staff have been working tirelessly to redesign the new school year, with the goal of offering the IWA experience, regardless of whether the student is on campus or learning from home. Due to YOUR input, we have developed the current model that we feel meets the needs of all IWA families. We again want to thank our faculty, staff, students, and families! Now more ever, we have been WARRIOR STRONG!

Please enjoy a couple photos from our return to school week!

Students in our Prep Academy enjoyed their first day back with a Boot Camp theme!





Prayer for the start of a new school year!



As we prepare for the start of our school year, we humbly ask for the IWA Community to keep our students, faculty and staff in your prayers. We pray:

"Loving God, we ask for your blessing and help as we begin this challenging school year. Allow us to experience your presence in the many blessings you continue to provide us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and yet exciting opportunities that this new school year will bring. Open our hearts and minds to new friends and new staff. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and the courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to all our teachers and experience your presence in our new friends. Please be with us and inspire us to do our very best this year! We pray in the name of Jesus who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 31st

ALL students in Kinder Prep through Grade 8 will be in the building.

Off-Campus learners have already received their schedules for week one of instruction.

- **Tues., Sept. 1**: Back to School Night Grades 1-5 from 6:30-8 p.m. via Zoom
- **Wed., Sept. 2**: Back to School Night Grades 6-8 from 6:30-8 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, Sept. 4: No School
- Monday, Sept. 7: No School Labor Day

- Friday, Sept. 11: Picture Day
- **Friday, Sept. 18**: Dress Down for the Fund! Donate \$5 and dress down in IWA Spirit Wear. All proceeds go to the IWA Fund.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL NOTES

Thank you for your patience as we work through our dismissal procedure. We know this looks different for all, and our priority is making sure your children exit the building quickly, safely, and physically distanced.

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING:

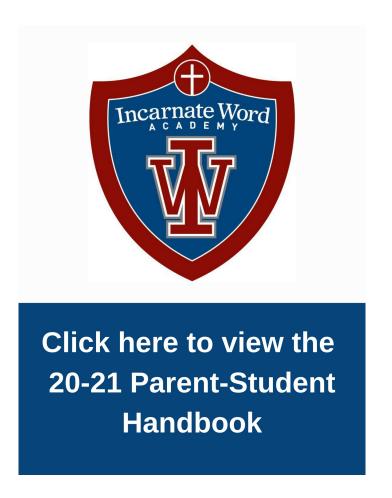
ARRIVAL: Any students arriving before 7:30 a.m. must enter through the Main Entrance and will be directed to the Library. The classrooms do not open for students until 7:30 a.m.

NUMBER TAGS: Please make sure your family number is clearly displayed on **your dashboard**. It makes it easier for us to see and call your student for dismissal.

ALL STUDENTS: Please make sure your family number is attached to your child's backpack. It will not only help your student learn your family number, but it will also help the staff quickly line up the students.

BUS RIDERS: If your student is a bus rider, please be sure to have a tag attached to the backpack that indicates the city bus they are taking along with the bus number so we can make sure your child is on the correct bus.

PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK



EXTENDED DAY PROCEDURES

The Extended Day program will be housed in St. Joseph Hall for the 2020-2021 school year. When entering the school, pull around St. Joseph Hall to the second door. Turn off your car and call 440-842-6818 ext. 209 and an Extended Day worker will answer the phone. Identify yourself and state the name/names of the child/children being picked up. The worker will locate the child/children, assist them with their belongings and will walk them to the back door to ensure they safely enter the family car.

When students are outdoors for play, you must leave your car and tell one of the Extended Day monitors that you are picking up your child/children. Parents may not take their child/children out of the classroom or off the playground without properly signing them out.

Students in the Extended Day program may bring crayons, coloring books, drawing materials or a small toy to play with at Extended Day. Please put these items in a Ziploc bag marked Extended Day. The student will keep this bag in his/her backpack.

Feel free to direct your questions or concerns to Mrs. Cicerchi at (440)842-8618 ext. 301 or jcicerchi@incarnatewordacademy.org.

IWA SPIRIT WEAR



IWA Spirit Wear is now available on our online shop for a limited time! Youth and adult sizes available. Order now through Sunday, September 13. Orders can ship free to the school and will be delivered to your child's homeroom, or orders can ship directly to your home for \$7. ***Any top (shirt, sweatshirt or pullover) purchased can be worn on a dress down day.

CLICK HERE TO SHOP!

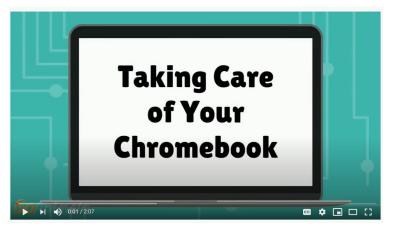
FROM THE DESK OF MR. RESZLER

A message for Off-Campus (OC) Learners:

Should your IWA Chromebook hardware be the cause of any issue, and if you have tried to reboot the Chromebook and checked your home internet device without resolution of the problem, we want to make swapping out for a working Chromebook as easy as possible. Just bring your IWA Chromebook AND power adapter/cord to the Attendance Office for trade between the school day hours of 9am to 11am, or if more convenient from 3pm to 4pm. Advance permission or approval for the trade is not necessary.

Click below to view a message from Mr. Reszler, Director of Student Support, with regard to proper care of your Chromebook!





TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

IWA has provided many training opportunities for our in-person and off-campus learners and families.

Click here for **Google Classroom and Praxi Training**: <u>Technology Training Event</u>

Click here for access to our **At-Home Learning Orientation** materials:

Mr. Reszler's OC Learners

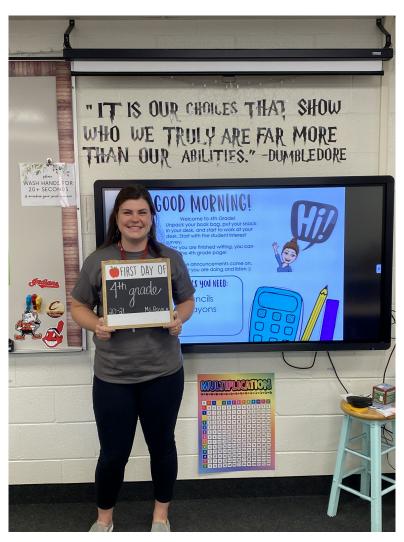
Click here to access free information from our **Social and Emotional** presentation:

Social & Emotional Resources

SAVE THE DATE! IWA Athletic Association Golf Outing

Attention all golfers! The IWA Athletic Association's first annual golf outing will be held on **Friday, September 18**, at 9 a.m at Ridgewood Municipal golf course. Click here for registration and hole sponsorship.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT Julianna Pavicic '11



This week's Alumni Spotlight features one of our 4th Grade Teachers, Ms. Julianna Pavicic, IWA Class of 2011!

Julianna attended Padua Franciscan High School and graduated from the University of Mount Union with her bachelor's degree in early childhood education with a 4/5 generalist teaching endorsement. Not only is she in her second year of teaching here at IWA, but Julianna is also a high school girls golf and basketball coach at Revere High School in Richfield, OH.

Julianna says, "I never would have thought that nine years later I would be right back to where my educational journey began and teaching in the very classrooms that I was taught in. I am incredibly blessed that my parents decided to send me to Incarnate Word Academy. The Sisters of the Incarnate Word have had such a great impact on my personal and professional life. Without IWA, I would not have developed such a strong faith, work ethic, and motivation to be the best individual I can be. I now have the opportunity to give back to the institution that has molded me into the person I am today. It has also been a humbling experience to work with an outstanding team of administrators, faculty, and staff – some of which taught me during my years at IWA! Incarnate Word Academy is, and will always be, my home away from home."

If you're an IWA alumni, please let us know where you are and what you're up to by filling out <u>this form</u>.

PSTU NEWS

The next IWA PTSU meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact PTSU President Pam DeGeeter with any questions.

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HIGH SCHOOL CORNER

Beaumont School is offering a virtual Open House for interested families. <u>Please click here to register for Beaumont School's Virtual Open House.</u>

St. Ignatius High School is offering Wildcat Tours and Optional Merit Scholarship Tests to 8th grade boys this fall, Fall Open House for all interested students and families, and Brain Brawl for both 7th and 8th grade boy and girl students. Please click here for dates and information.

LOOKING FOR PART-TIME

WORK?

IWA is currently looking for Substitute Teachers, Lunch and Recess Monitors, and Extended Day staff. We have part-time positions and substitute opportunities. These are all paid positions. Please contact Mrs. Cicerchi at **jcicerchi@incarnatewordacademy.org** if you are interested.



IMPORTANT SCHOOL LINKS

Kinder Prep & K
Supplies

Prep Academy Supplies

20-21 Uniform Guidelines

Grades 1-5 Supplies

Summer Reading List

20-21 School Calendar

UNIFORM CHANGE

Uniform summer solid gray polo shirts may be purchased from any store and do not need to have an emblem sewn on the front. They can be banded or not banded at the waist.















