



# IWA Weekly Newsletter

March 12, 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

### WARRIOR WEEKEND UPDATE

*from the desk of Mrs. Schmuhl*



Dear fellow IWA parents,

Tickets are NOW AVAILABLE for current IWA parents for Friday's "A Taste of IWA" fundraising event to benefit Incarnate Word Academy! Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased online by clicking the link below.



As the month of March continues to "march" on, our Warrior Weekend events will soon be just around the corner! As a working parent, I know how easily information can get lost in the shuffle, so I will be sending out an email outlining the different ways you can support the weekend's events.

After a year of such uncertainty, the end is in sight, and I look forward to celebrating safely with you all in just a few short weeks! Any questions, please reach out to me at [hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org).

**[TASTE OF IWA - PURCHASE TICKETS HERE!](#)**

### WARRIOR FUN RUN UPDATE

Our Warrior Fun Run on Sunday, April 25, will be the culminating event of our first ever Warrior Weekend! We certainly hope the entire family will join us for the color run/walk that begins and ends on our campus. Stick around after to dance with our dj, participate in family activities and more!

To ensure for physical distancing, the run will take place at three different times based on grade bands:

**1 p.m.** - KinderPrep - Grade 2

**2:30 p.m.** - Grades 3 - 5

**4 p.m.** - Grades 6 - 8

**[Click here to find your student's online fundraising page to share with your friends and family and watch the school's thermometer grow!](#)**

## **SPONSORSHIPS & AUCTION**

This year, we are asking for the support from each grade level to help us secure auction items and baskets for our Warrior Weekend! If you have connections to tickets for athletic events, summer homes or any other items, please let us know!

**[Auction item Letter & Sign-Up!](#)**

**[Sponsorship and advertising opportunities!](#)**

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## **SUMMER CAMPS AT IWA!**



INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY PRESENTS

SUMMER

2021

# CAMP WARRIOR

JUNE AND JULY • GRADES PRE-K TO 8



**Outdoor Adventures, Fairy Tales,  
Bowling, Sports, Harry Potter, Sewing for Service,  
Robots, Arcade Games, Baking, STEM, Rocket  
Science with GLSC, and more!**

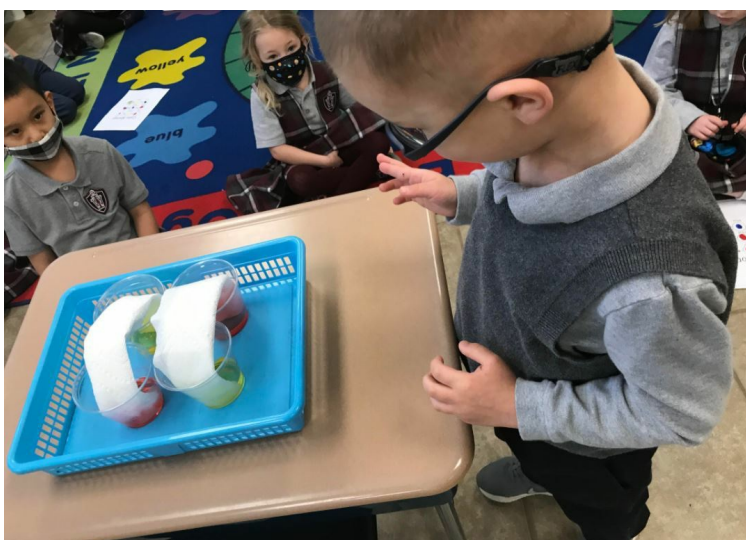
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Visit [www.incarnatewordacademy.org](http://www.incarnatewordacademy.org) for more information!

Visit [www.incarnatewordacademy.org](http://www.incarnatewordacademy.org) for camp  
descriptions and registration!

## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

*from the desk of Principal Congelio*



Walking Water!



Kinder Prep enjoyed their monthly family project- to create a special



rainbow as a reminder of God's love. They used the colors of the rainbow to finger paint and mix and make secondary colors. They explored nature to look for these warm and cool colors in the beautiful spring weather. The students always enjoy being engineers and using their creative minds to participate in STEM activities and truly were excited to see the walking water.

Kinder Prep has been learning the Stations of the Cross and have been walking to be closer to Jesus this Lenten season.



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## CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER



Fourth Grade students in Ms. Schram and Ms. Pavicic's class spent Friday afternoon taking care of the IWA grounds. Of course, there was an academic component added, as the students made predictions as to how many pounds of trash they would collect. In total, they collected 17.5 pounds!





## WARRIOR TEACHER OF THE WEEK



### WE ARE WARRIORS!

**Wise**  
**Accountable**  
**Respectful**  
**Resilient**  
**Intellectual**  
**Open-Hearted**  
**Reverent**  
**Service-Driven**

This week our coveted helmet award is being given to a teacher who demonstrates the warrior charism of being **Wise**.

Mrs. Kovacs has worked with hundreds of students throughout her time at IWA. She has inspired them to have an appreciation for art in our world. As evident in the hallways, she helps develop student art talents, little by little, each year as they move from Kiner Prep to 8th grade. This year in particular, she has creatively figured out how to still offer an exceptional art experience for our students, both in-person and online.

Throughout March, you can see her focusing on Youth Art Month. Students have participated in the Sticky-Note Art Show and a school wide collaborative art installation titled Under His Wings. These are



all truly sights to see!

After school, Mrs. Kovacs lends her talents to our STEAM clubs, offering design support for our students as they create real models, as well as digital models, of adaptive toys for students with special needs.

**Congratulations to Warrior Kovacs!**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mon., March 15** - NO SCHOOL
- **Tues., March 16** - Class Mass, Grade 6 students that have Ms. Shalala 7th period
- **Wed., March 17** - Class Mass, Grade 6 students that have Mr. Havel 7th period
- **Tues., March 23** - Class Mass, Grade 5, 102 Ms. Medalis
- **Wed., March 24** - Class Mass, Grade 5, 101 Mrs. Hovanec-Davey
- **Thur., March 25**- Save the Date! Jesse Weinberger- Internet Safety Parent Meeting
- **Fri., March 26** - End of 3rd Quarter
- **Tues., March 30** - Class Mass, Grade 4, 108 Ms. Pavicic
- **Wed., March 31** - Class Mass, Grade 4, 107 Ms. Schram

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

On March 17th, in honor of Saint Patrick's Day, students may **ADD** the following **green** items to their uniform:

- a top or t-shirt in place of the uniform shirt
- socks
- hat
- jewelry



**SAVE THE DATE FOR JESSE**



# WEINBERGER



We are excited to announce that Jesse Weinberger will be returning to IWA this month! Jesse is an author and speaker, providing internet safety seminars for students and parents. She will be on campus at IWA on March 22nd, speaking with our students in grades 4-8. On Thursday, March

25th, she will invite parents to an informational session in the evening. More details will be coming soon.

## NO SCHOOL MONDAY, MARCH 15th!

Our faculty and staff will be receiving the 2nd COVID vaccine on Saturday, March 13th; therefore, there will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, March 15th.

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## ATHLETIC NEWS

### Spring Sports Registration Grades 1-8

Registration for track & field, boys baseball, and girls softball is now open for grades 3-8. Jr. track & field has been added for grades 1 and 2.

Registration closes Friday, March 19. [Click here to register!](#)

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## PSTU - SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL CAREGIVERS

### IWA Loves Caregivers!

During these stressful times, a little kindness can go a long way. IWA would like to extend some kindness to essential workers who help our community. We are asking our IWA families to get together and write thank you notes to our friends at (Parma Hospital, Southwest Hospital, Parma Heights Police and Parma Heights Fire Dept., Vitalia Nursing Home, Regina Health Care). We want to express our school's gratitude for all that these essential workers do. Our hope is that these notes will brighten someone's day.

Please feel free to use a thank you note template below or create your own! Please have your child drop the completed note into a collection



box that will be set up in the entrance of the school. PTSU members will deliver the notes to our community caregivers. **We will be collecting notes the week of 3/22/21.**

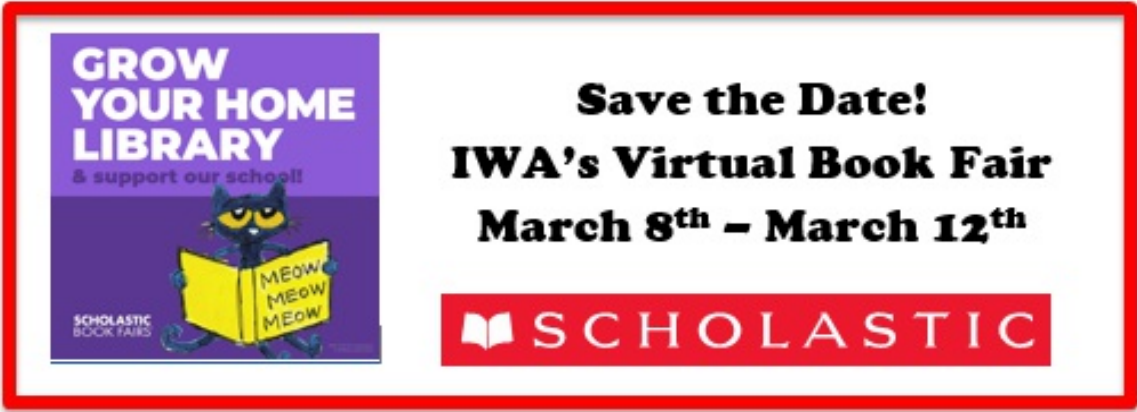
Please use the list below to reference the group of caregivers that you can thank! Whatever you do, make sure ALL the members of your family come together to complete this activity.

- [IWA Loves Caregivers Template 1](#)
- [IWA Loves Caregivers Template 2](#)
- [IWA Loves Caregivers Template 3](#)
- [IWA Loves Nurses & Doctors](#)
- [IWA Loves the Police & Fire Dept.](#)

Grade Level	Organization
6, 8, 3	Parma Heights Police & Fire Departments
K, 4	Regina Health Care (Medical Staff)
1, 7	Parma UH Medical Center Emergency Room Dept. (Medical Staff)
2, 5	Southwest General Hospital Critical Care Dept. (Medical Staff)
PK	Vitalia Nursing Home (Medical Staff)

# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

## March 8 - 12



We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school with our Scholastic Online-Only Book Fair from March 8 – March 21, 2021. The Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters — helping them become lifelong readers. And you’ll love the new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives — directly from the interactive booklist!

[Click here for more information!](#)

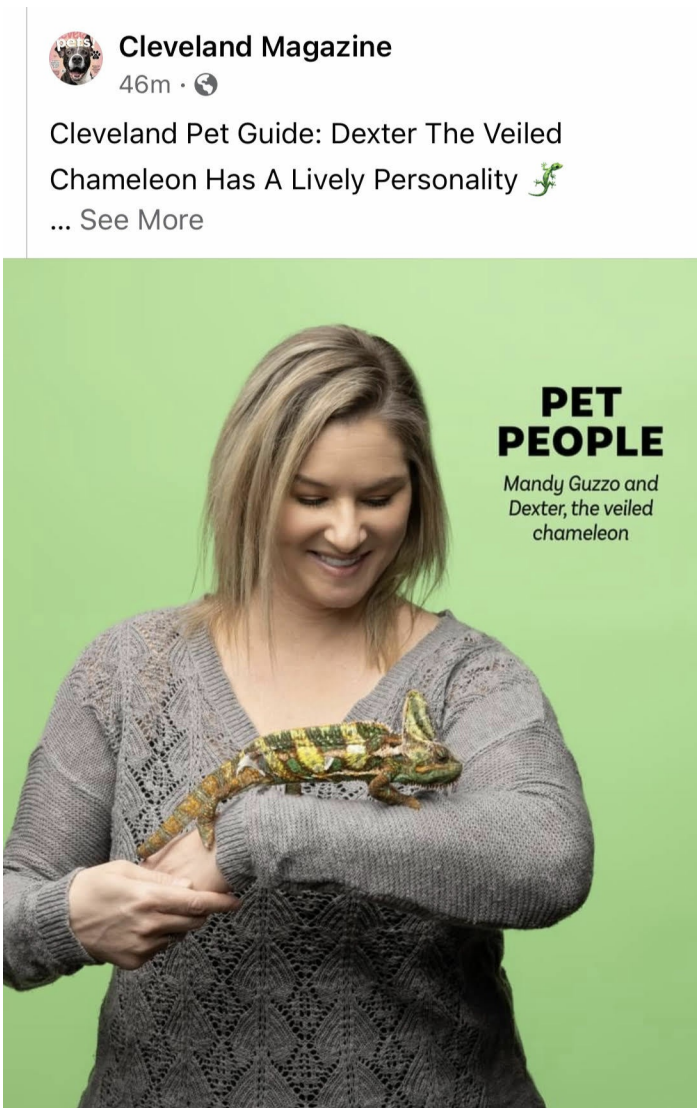
# SPREAD THE WORD!



We are continuing to offer our Open House tours to any families interested in learning more about Incarnate Word Academy. Please share with your neighbors, within your church communities, family and friends. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Heather Schmuhl, Director of Admissions & Advancement, at [hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org](mailto:hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org) or at (440) 842-6818, ext. 304.

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Amanda Guzzo '96



This week’s #ThrowbackThursday Alumni spotlight features Amanda Guzzo, IWA Class of 1996!

After IWA, Amanda attended Magnificat High School and graduated in 2000. She received her bachelor’s degree in Art Education from Kent State University and a master’s degree in Education in Curriculum and Instruction in Art Education from Cleveland State University. Upon completion of her master’s degree, Amanda became an adjunct professor at Cleveland State University, teaching methods classes for students majoring in art education and teaching an arts integration class for students majoring in early childhood education and special education.

Amanda is in her 16<sup>th</sup> year of teaching and currently teaches at Parma Senior High School where she’s been teaching for the last 7 years. She is also the coach for the high school color guard and serves on the building forum team, helping to find solutions for issues that arise in the school. Amanda runs the art club with a fellow art teacher, and she will soon be helping to write the new art curriculum for the three high schools in the Parma City School District.

Amanda is a licensed PreK-12 teacher in visual arts and has teaching experience in various school types. Prior to her time at Parma Senior High School, Amanda spent three years at both Assumption Academy and St. Joseph School in Amherst. She then spent time at a charter school in Cleveland where she served as the head of the art department and art club advisor.

When asked about memories of her time spent at IWA and with the Sisters, Amanda had many to share. “I remember helping raise a baby chick named Plucky in Sr. Therese’s 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, and I use Sr. Elizabeth’s math song regularly! I enjoyed our field trip to Stan Hewitt Hall in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and it has become one of my favorite places to visit because of that trip.” She also enjoyed making, presenting and competing in science fairs, playing on the basketball and softball teams, Sr. Joan’s hilarious personality, being a part of



student council, and Mrs. Kutz reading *The Tell-Tale Heart* by Edgar Allan Poe. Amanda was also just featured in Cleveland Magazine’s pet issue with Dexter, her veiled chameleon!

Are you an IWA Alumni? We'd love to hear from you!  
[Click here to update us!](#)



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# ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to Ferenc Somogyi, IWA class of 2017, who was named a National Merit Scholar for the 2020-21 school year at St. Ignatius High School. Ferenc earned the distinction of being named a National Merit Commended Scholar. We are very proud of your accomplishment!





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