



IWA Weekly Newsletter

January 15, 2021

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

THE SEAN P. BUSH '09 TECHNOLOGY CENTER

*Blessing and Dedication Ceremony in
honor and memory of IWA alumni Sean
Bush (1994-2019)*



This past weekend, Incarnate Word Academy celebrated the life and legacy of IWA alumni, Sean Bush, with the dedication of the Sean P. Bush '09 Technology Center. Sean graduated from IWA in 2009, generously donating over 700 hours of his time and knowledge of computers and technology to not only the students of Incarnate Word Academy, but also to the Sisters of the Incarnate Word. Sean continued to share his time and

talents at St. Ignatius High School, Kenyon College, and Wright State University Medical School.

Karen Micheli, IWA Technology Instructor, worked very closely with Sean. They often discussed curriculum suggestions and technology enrichment that he wanted IWA to offer to its students, with the hope of inspiring every type of student to reach their full potential. In a

communication to Mrs. Micheli, Sean wrote, "I cannot tell you how important I think it is for Incarnate Word Academy to continue to improve its curriculum and strive to be a leader in this area. I know firsthand that many students are very capable of handling more at a younger age."

Incarnate Word Academy promises to uphold Sean's legacy by remaining on the cutting edge of technology and curriculum, and to push our students to their fullest potential at every stage in their academic journey.

Pictured below are some photos from the event, which included celebrating Mass with friends and family of Sean, a blessing of the Sean P. Bush '09 Technology Center from Fr. Frank Kosem, and a short dedication ceremony.



COVID POLICY UPDATE

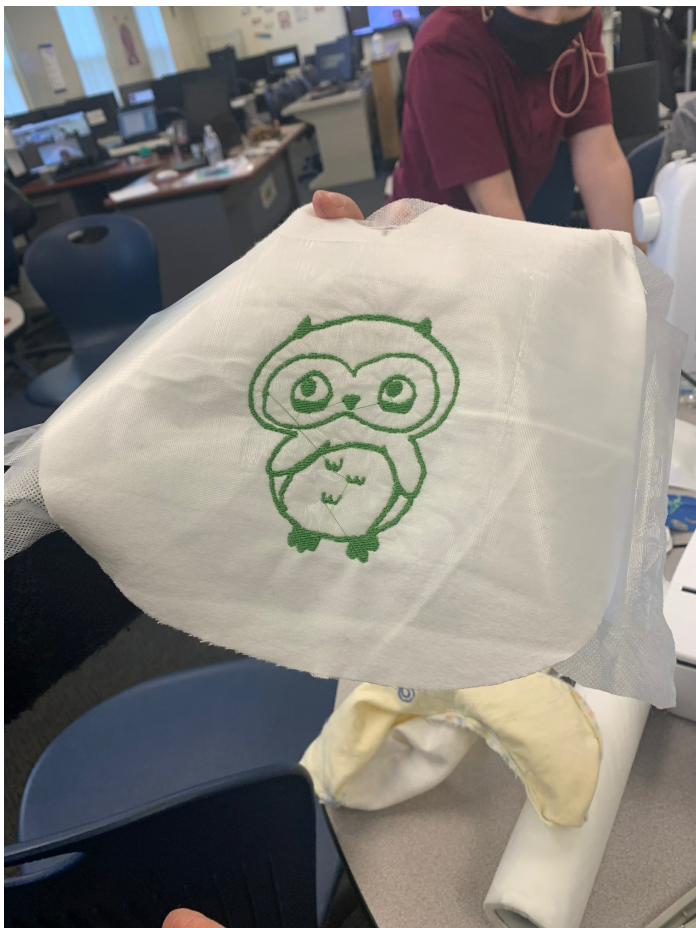
Please be aware of the following policy change regarding COVID symptoms:
Currently, if your child is exhibiting COVID symptoms, they are required to

remain home for 72 hours and they must have been symptom free for at least 24 hours. **This policy is being changed to remaining home for 48 hours and being symptom free for at least 24 hours.** This policy was reviewed and changed with guidance from our health care provider.

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

from the desk of Principal Congelio

SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT WITH OUR EMBROIDERY & SEWING CLUB



After school, students can be found working with Mrs. Micheli and Mrs. Kovacs in our technology center. The Embroidery & Sewing Club have been busy creating digital designs that are embroidered onto fabric. Once the embroidery is complete, the students use sewing machines to transform the fabric into bibs. The bibs will be donated to those family in need.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART SHOW WINNERS AT PADUA FRANCISCAN HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following IWA artists who were selected to participate in the Padua art show, held virtually this past weekend. There were 18 schools participating this year for students in grades K through 8, entering over 150 works of Art K-8.

Three art submissions in each grade level received awards (for first, second and third place) and each school received an honorable mention. The 7th and 8th grade artwork winners received tuition vouchers for \$250, \$150 and \$100.

IWA had an impressive showing and took home 8 awards out of the ten works of Art submitted! Congratulations to the following IWA Artists:

Emma S. - Kindergarten, 3rd place
Eva S. - 2nd grade, 2nd place
Cohen V. - 3rd grade
Sofia M. - 4th grade, 1st Place
Sophia Z. - 4th grade, Honorable
Mention

Carmen C. - 6th grade
Gretchen J. - 6th grade, 1st place
Victoria S. - 6th grade, 2nd place
Andrew H. - 7th grade, 3rd place
Gina D. - 8th grade, 3rd place

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 **Resilient**.

This school year has required lots of planning to allow our students to be both on campus and off campus. This teacher has found creative ways to utilize all of the spaces on campus so that she can have class with her students, since her classroom has become the science lab. Her class usually needs to use equipment and you can often find her carrying buckets and other items back and forth from St. Joseph Hall. For her online students, she comes up with creative ways to

keep them moving too! After school, you can find her directing traffic in the parking lot, meeting with her Scream Team, or Student Council. She is our go-to person on Fridays when we need a sub or help with testing. She truly is a resilient warrior! We thank her for all that she does to make IWA an awesome school!

Congratulations to Warrior Harb!



Nominate a Teacher!

Attention Parents: If you have a favorite IWA teacher that you would like to nominate for our Featured Warrior Teacher award, please email Mrs. Congelio at scongelio@incarnatewordacademy.org. Be sure to include why you feel this teacher has earned the award. We look forward to hearing from you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, January 18** - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - **Tues., January 19 - Fri., January 22** - Winter MAP Testing
 - **Tues., January 19** - Class Mass for 7th graders who have Mrs. Gebe during 7th period
 - **Wed., January 20** - Class Mass for 7th graders who have Ms. Cuevas during 7th period
 - **Fri., January 22** - End of 2nd Quarter
 - **Tues., January 26** - Class Mass, Grade 4, Mrs. Schram
 - **Wed., January 27** - Class Mass, Grade 4, Ms. Pavicic
 - **Mon., February 1 - Fri., February 5** - Catholic Schools Week
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New Year? NEW APP!

The new IWA mobile app launches today!



IWA has a new mobile app! Stay up to date on IWA news and events, club meetings, submit attendance and more! You can also access Praxi directly from the app.

****Please be sure to enable Push Notifications so you receive text alerts and special announcements from the school.**** Any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Heather Schmuhl, Director of Admissions & Advancement at hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org or (440) 842-6818, ext. 304.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

International Prayer

IWA would like to celebrate the diverse cultural heritage that our students embrace by inviting you to record a prayer in your native language! This prayer will then be shared with the IWA community in our morning announcements during Catholic Schools Week. Please use the flipgrid link below to record you and your family saying the prayer. You may also find the flipgrid link posted on your teacher's Google Classroom Stream page. ***All videos must be submitted by Tuesday, January 26.*** Make sure to check

out the morning announcements during Catholic Schools Week to hear your video!

[Click here for the flipgrid link to record and upload your family's video!](#)

PTSU Seeking Parent Volunteers

During Catholic Schools week, PTSU sponsors a luncheon for the faculty and staff, showing appreciation for all that they do to support our children. PTSU is seeking parent volunteers on Thursday, February 4, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. to help cover classrooms while the teachers enjoy lunch. Please click on the link below if you are available!

[Click here to sign up for a classroom!](#)

OPEN HOUSE TOURS



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As we look to grow the IWA Community, YOU, our families, are our greatest supporters! We will be offering Open House Tours for interested families on the following Wednesdays in 2021: January 20, January 27, and February 3.

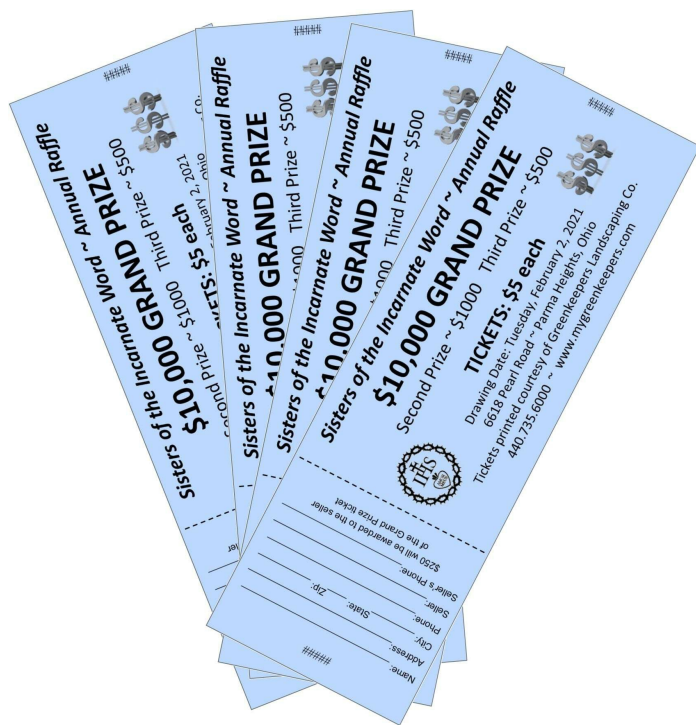
Please share with your neighbors, within your church communities, family and friends. ***Kindergarten and Kinder Prep typically fill up quickly, so please be sure to help us spread the word!***

Questions can be directed to Mrs. Heather Schmuhl, Director of Admissions & Advancement, at hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org or at (440) 842-6818, ext. 304.

[Click here to view our Open House tour registration form, and please share with interested families!](#)

SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE

WORD ANNUAL RAFFLE



Each family is required to sell \$100 worth of raffle tickets (20 tickets) for the Sisters of the Incarnate Word Annual Raffle. Proceeds will be used to maintain and upgrade areas of the property that are shared by the Sisters and Incarnate Word Academy. **Raffle tickets were sent home before Christmas break!** Extra tickets may be picked up in the main office.

Completed ticket stubs and money must be turned in no later than

Monday, January 25, 2021. Drawing will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 during Catholic Schools Week. Good luck to all!

STEM SCHOLARSHIP FOR GIRLS Grades 7-12

In 2020, Lorraine Dodero of the Sam J. Frankino Foundation developed the Cleveland STEM Goes Red for Girls Scholarship with the goal of bridging the gap between student interests in pursuing a career in a STEM field (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and achieving their goals. The 2021 Lorraine Dodero STEM Goes Red for Girls Scholarship will award five (5) scholarships of \$5,000 each to qualifying applicants.

Since IWA participated in the STEM Goes Red for Girls event, any of our female students in 7th-8th Grade are eligible to apply! The winners will be announced in the Spring of 2021, but can be applied for a future school year. Please note: these funds are held in a designated account for the student until the student enters college, so they should not be discouraged from applying if they are younger.

Applications will be received until January 30, 2021. For more information on the STEM Scholarship Fund, please email STEM.Scholarship@heart.org.

[Click here for scholarship details!](#)

ST. IGNATIUS GRADE SCHOOL LATIN AND FRENCH PROGRAMS

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out more about this exciting opportunity for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. These programs begin Saturday, Feb. 13th.

PADUA HIGH SCHOOL BRUIN YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB Grades 1-6



WHAT: The Padua High School Bruin Wrestling Club is for 1st thru 6th grade students and founded under the USA Wrestling Charter Organization.

WHEN: Tuesday & Thursday's 6:00-7:30 PM. First practice will be Tuesday, January 5th.

WHERE: Padua High School, Wrestling Room

located on the lower level, 6740 State Road, Parma.

SEASON: January 5th thru March 2021

TOURNAMENTS: To be determined. (Not Mandatory)

[Click here for a flyer and registration information!](#)

WINTER MAP TESTING



Beginning the week of January 11th, students in grades K-8 will begin taking the NWEA Map tests. These computer-adaptive tests are taken three times a year; in the fall, winter, and spring. Teachers use the results to inform instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of individual students.

- *Students in grades K-2 will take a Reading and Math test.*
- *Students in grades 3-8 will complete a Reading, Math, Science, and ELA test.*

Most students will complete each test in about 30-45 minutes. Testing will continue the following week, with additional time for make-up tests as needed. We recommend that your child gets a full night of rest and a healthy breakfast during this testing window.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Since there is no school Monday, certificate orders must be turned by Tuesday, January 20, at 8 a.m. ****Any order received at the Main Office after 8 a.m. on Tuesday will be held and processed the following week.***

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Erin (Lang) Turner



Above, Erin's first day of Kindergarten!

Right, Erin and her family.



This week's #ThrowbackThursday Alumni Spotlight features Erin (Lang) Turner, IWA Class of 1992!

After her time at IWA, Erin attended Magnificat High School and graduated from John Carroll University. Currently, Erin serves as the Executive Director of Market Development at the March of Dimes, overseeing NE and NW Ohio markets. March of Dimes raises funds to support healthy mom and strong babies. Erin lives in Strongsville with her husband and three children, identical twin girls, Tea and Ava, and her son, Declan.

Erin had fond memories to share about the Sisters at IWA, stating, "One of my favorite memories of the Sisters was Sr. Joan of Arc. She was always so charismatic!"

Erin, thanks for sharing your accomplishments and successes with IWA!

Are you an IWA alumni? We'd love to hear from you!
[Be sure to update us by clicking here!](#)



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