



# IWA Weekly Newsletter

December 18, 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Well, we made it! Christmas break is finally here. Time to put away the school books, to eagerly await the arrival of Santa Clause, and to spend time with the ones we love. Celebrations will look different this year, but with a new year soon approaching, we reflect on how much we've accomplished. When we began the school year, we were hopeful that our hard work and preparation would allow us to offer our families their choice of instruction. There were some bumps along the way, but we have persevered, together, as a community.

We hope you enjoy a restful, safe and much-deserved holiday break, and

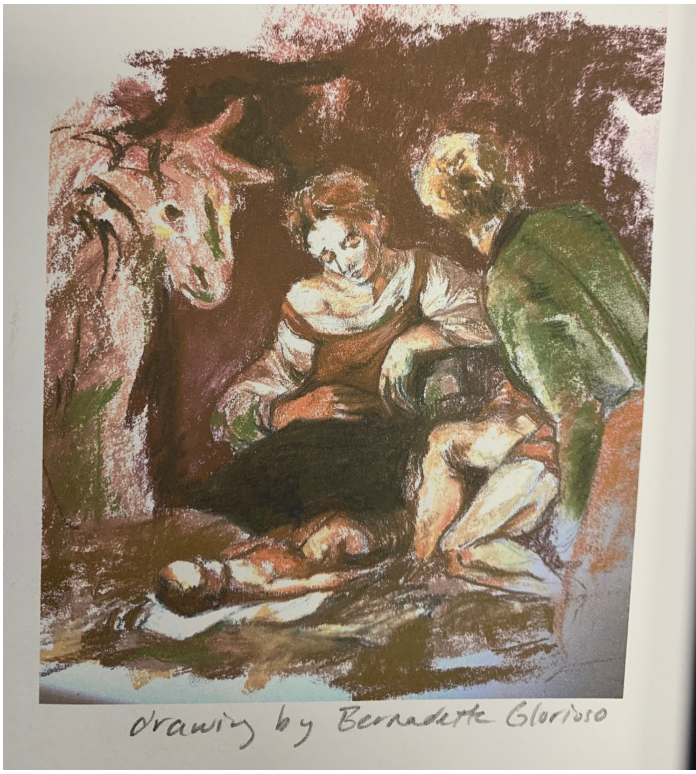
we can't wait to welcome you back to school in the new year. Merry Christmas!

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As we enter into the fourth week of Advent, we are given our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to reflect upon.

Both Mary and Joseph are wonderful models of faith and obedience. They were first-hand witnesses to the salvation of the world and to the





greatest act ever known. God's ways are often more than we can comprehend and figure out. Mary and Joseph give us the witness of how we are to handle every mystery God invites us to participate in. May we be open to the will of God just as this holy couple did. To learn more about this special week [click here](#).

*Thank you, Mrs. Glorioso, parent of Luke Gedeon, for sharing your drawing with the IWA community!*

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## Sister Rosemarie, Campus Minister, Leads Us in the Rosary Before Break Begins



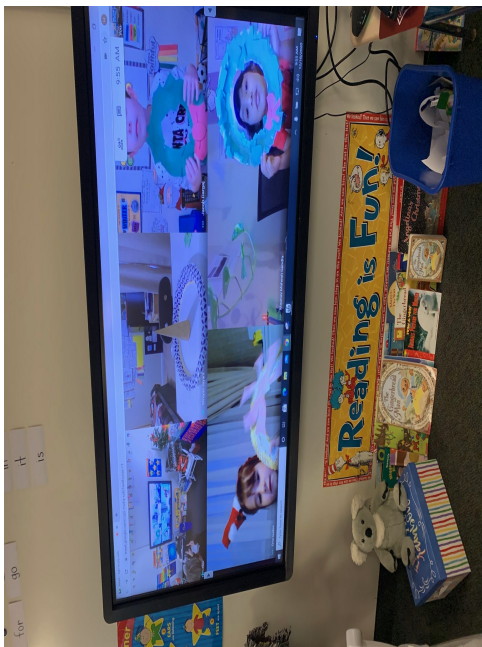
Although we were not able to join physically, we came together as a school community by listening and praying the rosary over the PA system. Students in-person, and at home, were able to pray as one!



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## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

*from the desk of Principal Congelio*



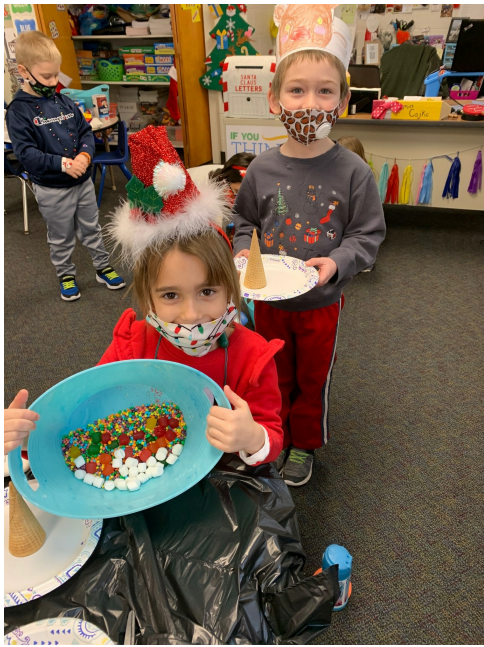


Ms. Cajka wins the Kahoot Christmas game of Guess the IWA Faculty or Staff!

Kindergarteners participate in Christmas crafts and learning centers from home.



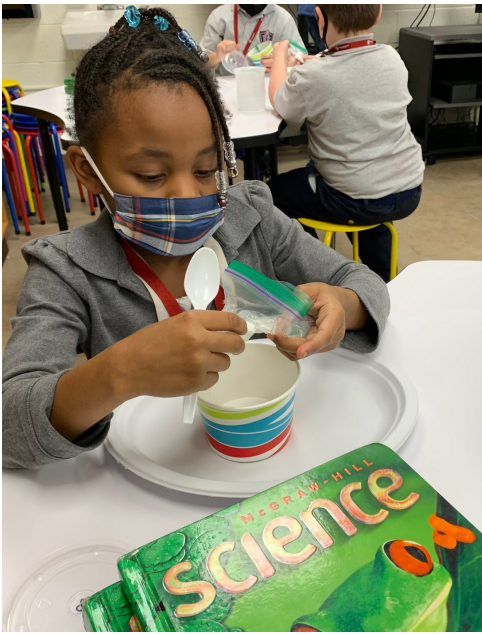
Dressing festive for the holidays in 5th grade.



Christmas crafts!



Prep students STEM unit.



Making snow in 2nd grade!

# WARRIOR TEACHER OF THE WEEK



## WE ARE WARRIORS!

**W**ise  
**A**ccountable  
**R**espectful  
**R**esilient  
**I**ntellectual  
**O**pen-Hearted  
**R**eherent  
**S**ervice-Driven

This week our coveted helmet award is being given to a teacher who demonstrates the warrior charism of being **Open Hearted**. She was nominated by an IWA parent, and we couldn't agree more with what this family said, stating:

Ms. Edgell is integral in the success of our son and goes above and beyond what we would ever expect her to do. Not only does she assist with academics, she is continually there for him emotionally. She has made a world of difference in his life this year especially

coming back from an unexpectedly long spring without in-person school. She is an excellent communicator and student advocate, and we are most grateful for her this year.

## **Congratulations to Warrior Edgell!**

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### **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](mailto:scongelio@incarnatewordacademy.org). Be sure to include why you feel this teacher has earned the award. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Mon., December 21 - Fri., January 1** - Christmas break - NO SCHOOL
- **Monday, January 4** - School resumes
- **Friday, January 8** - Dress Down for \$5 to benefit the IWA Fund!
- **Mon., January 11 - Fri., January 15** - Winter MAP Testing
- **Tuesday, January 12** - Class Mass for 8th graders who have Dr. Klufas or Mrs. O'Rourke during 7th period.
- **Wednesday, January 13** - Class Mass for 8th graders who have Ms. Rossman during 7th period.

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## **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!](#)

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## **OPEN HOUSE TOURS**



**Incarnate Word**  
**A C A D E M Y**  
**PRESCHOOL • PRIMARY • PREPARATORY**

It's hard to believe, but registration for the 2021-2022 school year is just around the corner! We will be offering Open House Tours for



interested families on the following Wednesdays in 2021: January 13, January 20, January 27, and February 3.

As we look to grow the IWA Community, you, our families, are our greatest supporters! 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](mailto:hschmuhl@incarnatewordacademy.org) or at (440) 842-6818, ext. 304.

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

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## 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 from the Annual Raffle 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 this week! 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!

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## WINTER BREAK CAMPS AT GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER





Get the kids to put down their screens and gadgets over winter break with a hands-on, interactive Camp Curiosity science camp at Great Lakes Science Center! Registration is now open, and scholarships are available. Kicking off on Monday, December 21, The Science Center has eight different themes for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade to choose from, featuring everything from engineering to chemistry, and physics to robots! Camps run December 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31 and January 1.

[Click here for more information and to register!](#)

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## KIDS CAREER DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

The Women in Engineering Program in The College of Engineering and Polymer Science at The University of Akron is offering a virtual event for students in grades 1-6 on Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 8-12 a.m. Registration is now open, and spots are limited! Students will participate in hands-on activities and will hear speakers from various STEM fields. The cost to participate is \$5 and this will cover the cost of materials for each child. There will also be a parent session available for parents who would like to learn more about how to bolster their child's interest in STEM. Visit <https://www.uakron.edu/wie> to learn more.

[Click here for a flyer!](#)

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Jonathan Button '97



This week's Alumni Spotlight features Jonathan Button, IWA Class of 1997!

After his time at IWA, Jonathan attended St. Ignatius High School and graduated from Wabash College. Shortly before graduation, he met his wife, Elisabeth. They lived in Texas while he completed his Ph.D. in Experimental Nuclear Physics at the Texas A&M Cyclotron Institute where he studied a collective excitation of the nucleus known as Giant Resonances. During that time, they were blessed with a son, Luke, and a daughter, Maya. They now live



in Atlanta where Jonathan is a laboratorian at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. His group provides lab support for environmental health programs, and his primary responsibility is to develop and validate clinical lab methods for measuring the amount of radioactive material present in patients following exposures from a radiological emergency or incident.

Jonathan had many fond memories to share about his time at IWA. “During this week’s Monday Night Football game, I was thinking about how in the first grade, Sr. Catherine Therese wrote a song about the Browns that we all learned and recorded. Before they got bounced from the playoffs by the Broncos – again – we performed the song over the PA system for the whole school. In the third grade, I loved that Mrs. Stout made a yearbook for our class that included her predictions for each of our future careers. I vividly remember that she wrote that I would be a columnist for the New York Times and it taught me that it's OK to set the bar high for myself. I'm grateful that I had Mrs. Gray as a spelling bee coach, as she was very patient and supportive. On the day of the Plain Dealer Spelling Bee, she gave me a St. Thomas Aquinas pendant that I still have and think about whenever I need some scholarly inspiration. The teachers at IWA are amazing, and it's cool to think about how they went above and beyond to show their students how special they are.”

Jonathan, thanks for updating IWA on your accomplishments!

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

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