



IWA Weekly Newsletter

December 11, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



The hallways are filled with Christmas spirit, as the students are now just five school days away from Christmas break! This week, students were excited to receive a surprise treat from St. Nicholas, to visit the Santa Shop and take festive pictures with their classmates, and to give back to our local community through participation in the Giving Tree.

We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the following hard-

working members of PTSU for making these events happen and for making them so special for our students: Darla Hilt, Amy Halusker, Stephanie Habenicht Holly Rosby, Erica Nowak, Amy Roback, Alicia Pavlik, Jill Fanous, Megan Knotts, and Pam DeGeeter.

Thank you for going above and beyond to make this Christmas season a memorable one for the students of IWA!



Sunday begins week three of Advent. This week, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Literally translated from Latin, the word “gaudete” means “rejoice.” To learn more about this special week [click here](#).

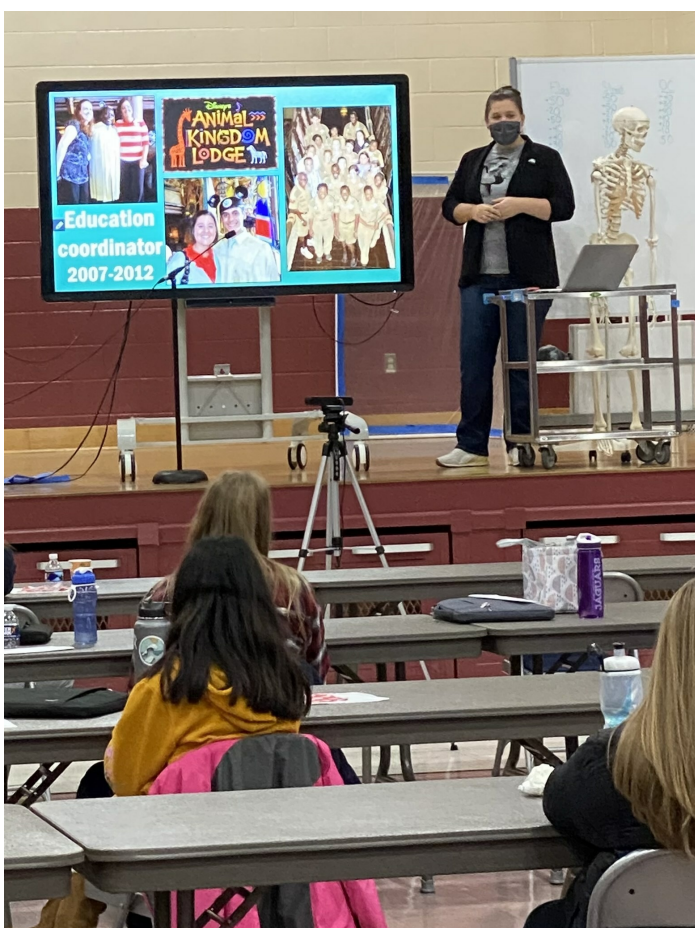
CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

from the desk of Principal Congelio



Our First Annual...

STEM Goes Red for Girls DAY



On Wednesday, December 9th, our 7th and 8th grade girls participated in the American Heart Association’s STEM Goes Red for Girls program! The girls enjoyed breakfast at St. Joseph’s Hall while they met their first speaker, Yoko Murayama, who connected live from Japan. Mrs. Murayama shared details about Japanese tea traditions while the students enjoyed organic green tea. Afterward, they participated in the STEM Goes Red for Girls program, enjoyed lunch, and ended the day with special guest speaker

(pictured), Jen (Kay) Wilson, Education Specialist at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and fellow IWA Alumni, Class of 1997!



WARRIOR TEACHER OF THE WEEK



WE ARE WARRIORS!

Wise
Accountable
Respectful
Resilient
Intellectual
Open-Hearted
Reherent
Service-Driven

This week our coveted helmet award is being given to a teacher who demonstrates the warrior charism of being **Intellectual**. This teacher makes learning challenging and fun! Her passion for science is contagious, inspiring her students to be curious and observe the world around them. After school, she helps out with STREAM classes and runs our Lemonade Day club. Many families have shared that they are very grateful for her commitment to help all of her students succeed in her class, going above and beyond!

Congratulations to Warrior Schram!

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

- **December 1-16** - PTSU Giving Tree
- **Tuesday, December 15** - Grade 3 Mass, Room 105, Ms. Biasiotta
- **Friday, December 18** - Last day of school before Christmas break! Students may wear their favorite holiday socks, sweater and accessories with their uniform, sponsored by PTSU!
- **Mon., December 21 - Fri., January 1** - Christmas break - NO SCHOOL
- **Monday, January 4** - School resumes

Holy Name High School Music Scholarship

The 2020 Holy Name Music Scholarship audition will be virtual - either "live" via Zoom/Google Meet, or a recording sent via email. After registration, Mr. Evan Campus, Holy Name's Music Director, will follow up via email. You can also find more information on the Music Scholarship by [clicking here](#).

[Click here for audition information and to register.](#)

All auditions must be complete/submitted by December 14th. Any questions or concerns, contact Mr. Evan Campus at ecampus@holynamehs.com. We look forward to having your student share their talents and grow their passion for music!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Padua Franciscan High School Placement Test

A special shout out to the following 8th grade students that received

the Padua Franciscan Placement Test Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes students who scored in the 95th percentile and higher on the High School Placement Test. Congratulations on this incredible achievement!

Hayden B.
Justin C.
Gina D.
Tyler G.

Roksolana K.
Matthew M.
Reyansh P.
Natalie P.

Maria P.
Colin S.
Alexia U.

8th GRADE DINNER DANCE

Attention 8th grade parents: please make sure to join the Shutterfly photo sharing page so that you may submit photos of your child for the 8th grade dinner dance slideshow. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Petkovic (LauraDeMarcoCLE@hotmail.com) and Mr. Patrick (tim0923@sbcglobal.net).

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!](#)

PTSU NEWS

HOLIDAY DRESS DOWN

Friday, December 18

Students may wear their favorite holiday sweater, accessories and socks with their uniform next Friday, December 18, to show their Christmas spirit! Details below.



THE GIVING TREE



The Giving Trees are officially up in the main foyer and the entrance to the Prep Academy! The idea of a Giving Tree is simple: Each family can select one or multiple tags on either tree and shop for presents to donate to local organizations that are partnering with IWA this holiday season. The tags specify the parameters for your purchase. Once you purchase your donation, you can return it to the bins in the main foyer marked, "Giving Tree Donations".

Your donations will benefit the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter and Caring for Kids, Inc. If you'd like to view their Amazon gift registries and make a virtual donation click on the links below:

- [**Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter Amazon Gift Registry**](#): You can have items shipped to your home and drop them off in the bins in the main foyer at IWA.
- [**Caring for Kids Amazon Gift Registry**](#): You can select their shipping address for a totally contactless donation!

The Giving Tree campaign ends next Wednesday, December 16. Please consider visiting either tree in the school or using the

Amazon gift registry for either organization. PTSU and IWA thank you for your generosity during the holiday season!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

The PTSU Sunshine Committee will be coordinating ways to support, encourage, and celebrate members of the IWA Community. The Sunshine Committee can provide encouragement and assistance in times of need through well wishes or a meal train. Please [CLICK HERE](#), or access the form on Praxi under the PTSU resource tab, to let us know if we can support your family or a fellow IWA community member.



Purchase your Christmas gift cards for your teachers through the IWA Certificate Program!

Purchase gift cards for your child's teachers and let them choose where they want to shop through the IWA Certificate Program! Orders will be accepted now through December 14. Questions? Email the Certificate Program at certificates@incarnatewordacademy.org.

[Click here for the order form!](#)

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

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Lindsey Fedor '93



Lindsey, far right, pictured on the track team circa 1986.

Left, Lindsey and her husband, AJ. Right, Lindsey's children, Perry & Miller.



This week’s Alumni Spotlight features Lindsey Fedor, IWA Class of 1993!

Lindsey attended Padua Franciscan High School and graduated from Cleveland State University. After spending many years in the non-profit world, Lindsey attended culinary school. This led to a position as a manager at Williams Sonoma, which ultimately led to her current role, working in the culinary department at Vitamix Corporation as the Recipe Development and Nutrition Coordinator. Lindsey currently lives in Strongsville with her husband, AJ, and their children, Perry and Miller.

Lindsey’s favorite teacher was Sr. Joan, she fondly remembers Sr. Margaret Mary playing guitar in the Chapel during services with Fr. Joe, and she was the last kindergarten class to attend class in the “little blue building” at the front of the school grounds. “I also have very fond memories of Sr. Carol, who was the Principal while I attended IWA,” says Lindsey. “One of my favorite memories was in 1992, when first lady Barbara Bush came and spoke to the school in St. Joseph Hall. My 8th grade class was very involved while she was at IWA for the day.”

Lindsey, thanks for sharing your successes with IWA. It was so nice to hear from you!

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



Holy Name High School is pleased to announce that the following IWA alumni have achieved first or second honors for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year!

Congratulations!

First Honors

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| Aileen B. | Oliva F. | BriAnna J. | Aidan S. | Jenna V. |
| Connor B. | Michelle F. | Emma P. | Kole S. | Jessica W. |

Second Honors

James B.

Vinny C.

Gavan G.

UNIFORM CHRISTMAS SALE



[Click Here](#) to access the Christmas Sale flyer from Schoolbelles. The sale will run from December 12- December 15. Free shipping on orders over \$50!



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