



# IWA Weekly Newsletter

October 31, 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

### STRATEGIC PLANNING Update from Mr. Wisnor

Over the next two weeks, we will be providing a general overview of the key strategic priorities outlined in our strategic plan. The action steps and tactics for advancing the strategic plan are being developed and tracked to guide our decision making as we put our plans into action.

#### **Strategic Priority #2: Nurturing the Personal Growth and Wellness of Every Student to Reach Their God-Given Potential**

*We will provide a safe, loving, and supportive environment focused on the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and social development of our students.*

**Strategy 1:** Provide meaningful opportunities for students to grow in their faith and bring the Gospel message to life

**Strategy 2:** Work with students to further critical thinking skills, research capabilities, and the application of acquired knowledge

**Strategy 3:** Empower students to better understand and manage their emotional well-being

**Strategy 4:** Prepare students to more effectively navigate challenging social situations and pressures

**Strategy 5:** Develop measurement and planning tools beyond the traditional report card to focus on the development of the whole child

### 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 the coveted Warrior helmet is awarded to Ms. Hannah Cajka, kindergarten teacher, in recognition of her **Resiliency** this week as she worked through technology issues in her classroom, staying after school to help her OC Learners get caught up on the daily lessons, because they could not enter the Google Meet. She also used her Warrior skills to organize our first ever LEGO University club, which begins on Monday!

**Congratulations to Warrior Cajka!**

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## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

*from the desk of Principal Congelio*

### Praise Be Our Incarnate Word



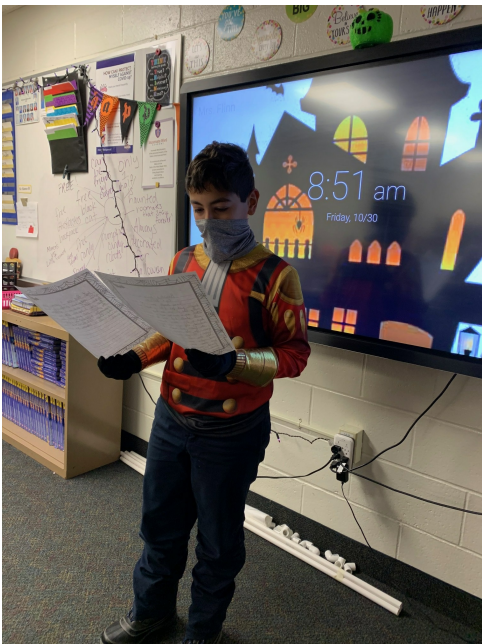
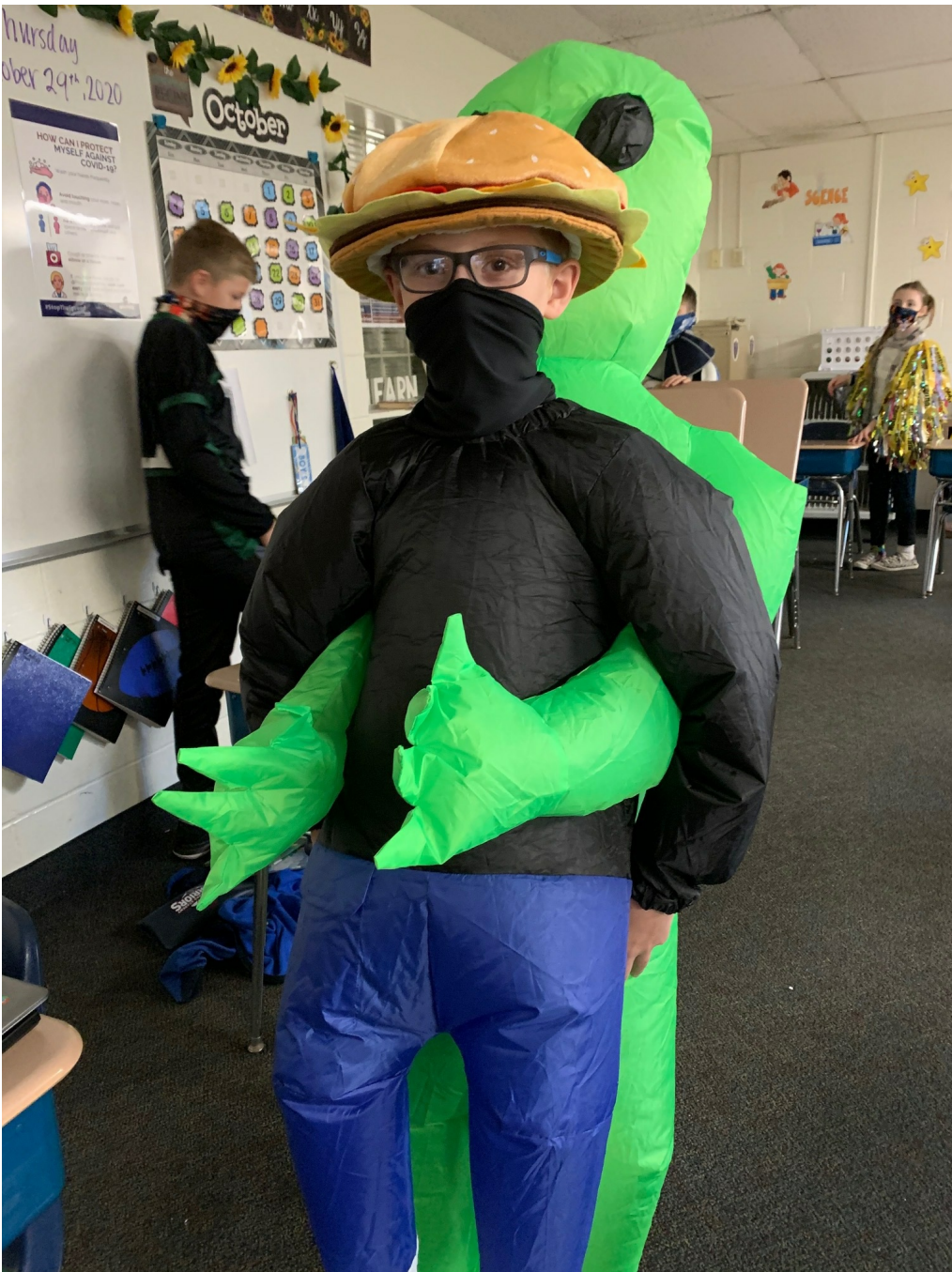
Due to the State of Ohio guidelines for preschools, our specials teachers are required to teach our Kinder Prep through a virtually means, rather than in person. As expected, our specials teachers still provide superior instruction! Mrs. Sue Szabo, our music teacher, takes time each week to teach the children the beautiful song, Praise Be Our Incarnate Word, by Patricia Jean Zito. As the children continue through the grade levels, Mrs. Szabo carries on this tradition.

Being that my office is next to our Kinder Prep classroom, I have the advantage of hearing the children sing this sweet song every week. Thank you, Mrs. Szabo, for sharing God's beauty and passing along the IWA legacy to our students!

### Students Celebrate Halloween

While we continue to pass along the legacy of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word, and the rich traditions and history of IWA, we also are beginning to

establish some new traditions! For the first time ever, the students were allowed to celebrate Halloween by wearing costumes to school. Our classrooms were immersed in Halloween themed learning throughout the day. Spooky fun was had by all!



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# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

# IWA State Championship Meet Results



Congratulations Owen and Matthew who represented IWA in Columbus last weekend for the State of Ohio Cross Country Championship meet. Out of 81 runners in their heat, Owen came in 7th place and Matthew came in 10th. IWA was well represented by these 8th graders.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday, November 3** - Election Day!
- **Wednesday, November 4** - Grade 5 Mass, Room 102, Ms. Medalis
- **Friday, November 6** - Dress Down Day benefitting the IWA Fund! (\$5 cash or check, or pay on Praxi now until November 1!)
- **Monday, November 9** - Report Cards sent home
- **Wednesday, November 11** - Veterans Day
- **Wednesday, November 18** - Grade 4 Mass, Room 108, Ms. Pavicic

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## EXTRACURRICULARS



Our newly formed LEGO University club, Sessions I and II, are now FULL! Registration for additional sessions will be available in February.

## STEAM- DESIGN AN ADAPTED TOY

This is a continuation of last year’s program, offered for Grades 6-8. New students are welcome to join! Students will incorporate STEAM skills to design and build an adapted toy. We will have teams that will work on various portions of the process; concept, design, build a prototype and product production.

- Students will meet the first, second and fourth Thursday of the

month

- Time: 2:40-3:40 p.m.
- Starting Date: First meeting, November 12th
- Sign-ups: via [Google Docs](#)

\*if you started on a project last year we will continue to work on that project

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## **BAND & ORCHESTRA Parent Meeting - November 4**

There will be a meeting for parents of 4th and 5th grade students interested in band or orchestra on Wednesday, November 4, at 7pm in the Padua High School gym. This meeting will be held in person and will also be streamed for parents to attend virtually.

[Click here to register for the parent meeting!](#)

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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!](#)



## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

### **PTSU Santa Shop**



PTSU's annual Santa Shop is coming up in just a few weeks! This year, changes have been made for the safety of our students and families. We hope that you participate and help make it a fun and memorable experience. The Santa Shop is the largest fundraiser for PTSU, and allows us to help fund many of the events and experiences that our children love!

[Click here to read the letter that was sent home with your children yesterday.](#)

[Click here to sign up to donate a raffle basket!](#)

# Purchase your 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](mailto:certificates@incarnatewordacademy.org).

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

## Christmas Video for Regina Health Center

Before we know it, the holiday season will be upon us. Unfortunately, current circumstances prevent our IWA families from visiting the retired Sisters of IWA and the other residents at Regina Health Center during the holidays. We are asking for your help to put together a holiday video montage that the residents can watch in their rooms. Video ideas may include your family singing a holiday song, children playing holiday music or reciting a prayer, or an expression of your holiday wishes to the residents. If recorded on a mobile phone or tablet, please make sure videos are recorded horizontally. Videos should be no longer than 2-3 minutes. Sridevi Nalla has graciously offered to compile the videos together on a CD. *Please email your video to [reginaiwa2020@yahoo.com](mailto:reginaiwa2020@yahoo.com) by November 19th.*

**If you have any questions, email Rose Fini at [akron39@gmail.com](mailto:akron39@gmail.com).**

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## SPIRIT WEAR - ONE WEEK SALE October 23-31!



Back by popular demand, IWA Spirit Wear is once again available for purchase online! The sale is open NOW thru OCTOBER 31! New items include ear warmers, blankets, hats, sweatshirts and zip-ups.

[Click here to purchase your spirit wear now!](#)

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# IWA FUND DRESS DOWN DAYS

## Pay for the rest of the year by Nov. 1!

**From now until November 1, pay \$30 in advance for the remaining seven Dress Down Days for the IWA Fund and get one dress down day free!** Please log into your Praxi Parent Account, click on the Online Forms Tab, and Select the form "Dress Down IWA Fund - Year" form.

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Jayne Collins '57



This week's [#ThrowbackThursday](#) alumni spotlight features Jayne (LaSalvia) Collins, IWA Class of 1957!

After graduating from IWA, Jayne attended Nazareth Academy and graduated in 1961. She then attended Notre Dame College and earned a bachelor of arts in 1965, and afterward attended John Carroll University, taking courses in Eastern European and Russian Studies. She earned her Master of Arts in American Studies in 1986 from Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT.

Jayne's two brothers, Robert LaSalvia '62, and Richard LaSalvia '67, also attended and graduated from IWA. Jayne's three children grew up in Connecticut and graduated from The University of Notre Dame.

Jayne recently retired after 30 years of teaching History and serving as the Upper School Head at Convent of the Sacred Heart school in Greenwich, CT. Before moving to Connecticut in 1974, she taught English and History at Magnificat High School and Ursuline Academy. In all, Jayne has given over 45 years of service to Catholic education!

Jayne says her parents Kathleen and Frank LaSalvia were great supporters of IWA, and that she and her brothers were the recipients of an outstanding moral

and academic education from the Sisters of the Incarnate Word. “I was a graduate of IWA because of the sacrifices made by my parents. As a student, I was blessed to be taught by Sr. Mary Gabriel, Sr. Mary Jane, Sr. Mary Raphael, Sr. Mary Peter, Sr. Mary Patricia and Sr. Mary Sebastian. They were my spiritual, academic and personal mentors, and I have always endeavored to carry forth their inspiration with my own children and students. It is remarkable that generations of young girls and boys continue to be inspired and educated because of the legacy of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word who arrived from Ireland via Mexico. Their words and vision live on in all the students whose lives they’ve touched!”

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

# HIGH SCHOOL CORNER

Please click on the ACAD Directory below for individual high school information regarding Open Houses, Testing, Shadow Visits and Financial Aid.

