



IWA Weekly Newsletter

December 4, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



IWA DAY OF GIVING

Update from Mrs. Schmuhl '01

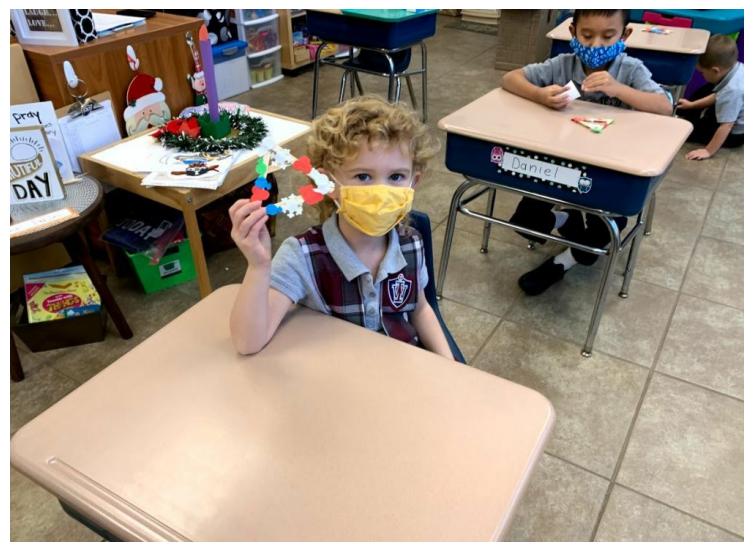
For this year's IWA Day of Giving, we set out with a goal of \$30,000 to surpass last year's funds raised. With your support, we more than doubled that amount and more than \$67,000 was raised for the IWA Fund! All proceeds will help to offset the unplanned expenses incurred to ensure a safe return to school, including the purchase of high quality cameras, microphones, and monitors to make simultaneous, off-campus learning a reality in every classroom.

From the bottom of my heart, I wanted to extend a sincere message of gratitude to each and every one of you. You are what makes IWA so special, and I'm humbled and grateful to be a part of this community. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

from the desk of Principal Congelio

Kinder Prep Zooms with Vitalia Senior Residents



Our youngest in the building have developed a special relationship with senior residents at Vitalia. Although Ms. Vicanti's class cannot travel to see their friends in person, they can meet with them virtually! On Thursday, the students and seniors celebrated the Christmas season by making an ornament together. The seniors even had the pleasure of listening to the children sing them some songs! Thank you Mrs. Vicanti and Mrs. Ryder for helping our students connect with the community in a Christ-like way!

WARRIOR TEACHER OF THE WEEK



WE ARE WARRIORS!

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

Our coveted helmet award is being given to a teacher who demonstrates the warrior charism of resiliency. This teacher had a parent nominate her for our award, because she is so pleased with her daughter's experience at IWA. Mrs. Salvatore stated:

Mrs. Rolle really is amazing!!! This is a little overdue, but I wanted to bring it to your attention. When Nicolina was on “Off-Campus Learning” a few weeks ago, and even though Mrs. Rolle did not have any other off-campus learners,” she was a natural!! While having to go through not an easy procedure, Mrs. Rolle made a less-than-ideal situation for me, more pleasant and made, Nicolina and I feel more at ease. Mrs. Rolle is truly a blessing and has a gift for teaching. She goes above and beyond each and everyday for her students. Nicolina and IWA is blessed to have such a spectacular teacher!!

We couldn't agree more, Mrs. Salvatore!

Congratulations to Warrior Rolle!



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
- **Tues. December 8 - Thurs., December 10** - PTSU Santa Shop
- **Wednesday, December 9** - Girls in STEM Day for 7th & 8th grade girls
- **Tuesday, December 15** - Grade 3 Mass, Room 105, Ms. Biasiotta
- **Friday, December 18** - Last day of school before Christmas break!
- **Mon., December 21 - Fri., January 1** - Christmas break - NO SCHOOL
- **Monday, January 4** - School resumes

EXTRACURRICULARS

After School Technology Elective Program Schedule

Are you interested in joining:

Embroidery (Digital Art and Coding) and Intro to Sewing, Programming: Intro to Python, Robotics and Programing, or How to Build a Computer? If so, click below for more details.

[CLICK HERE](#)

SPIRIT WEAR WINTER SALE

Ends Tonight, 12/4, at 11:59 p.m.!



The IWA Spirit Wear shop ends tonight at 11:59 p.m.! This will be the last opportunity to purchase through the spirit shop until spring. **Friendly reminder, there are no spirit wear items available to purchase at the school office.*

[Click here to shop IWA Spirit Wear!](#)

SKI CLUB UPDATE

We are sad to announce that Ski Club will not happen this year. BMBW only announced their program details last week with full commitments needed days later. After much reflection, we needed to make the tough decision. We hope that moving forward everything will change and we can be back next year!

8th GRADE DINNER DANCE

Attention 8th grade parents: please make sure to join the Butterfly 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!](#)



STEM Goes Red for Girls DAY- Coming Soon!

7th & 8th Grade Girls



We have a special day planned for our 7th and 8th grade girls on Wednesday, December 9th! Our main focus will be participating in the American Heart Association's STEM Goes Red for Girls program; however, we have additional events planned for the day that we hope will encourage and support our girls' faith, commitment to their education, and desire to impact the world in which they live.

The girls will be served breakfast at St. Joseph's Hall while they meet their first speaker, Yoko Murayama, who will be connecting live from Japan. Mrs. Murayama will share details about Japanese tea traditions while the students enjoy organic green tea. Afterwards, they will participate in the STEM Goes Red for Girls program, enjoy lunch (brought from home), and end the day with special guest speaker (pictured), Jen (Kay) Wilson, Education Specialist at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and fellow IWA Alumni, Class of 1997!

PTSU NEWS 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 runs from December 1-16, 2020. 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!

DECEMBER PTSU MEETING

Please join us for our December PTSU meeting on Wednesday, 12/9/20 at 7pm via Zoom. Please email Mrs. Darla Hilt at ptsu_secretary@incarnatewordacademy.org for the link.

SANTA SHOP - Dec. 8-10

The Santa Shop will take place next Tuesday, December 8, thru next Thursday, December 10. OC Learners are invited to participate during their class time. During their class time, students will put their raffle tickets into baskets, pick up any online orders, and take an optional photo!

[Click here for the Santa Shop class schedule.](#)

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 will be sent home early next week!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT Michelle (Barth) Brousek '88



Michelle (Barth Brousek '88)



Michelle, husband Scott, daughters Taylor & Tessa

This week’s [#ThrowbackThursday](#) alumni spotlight features Michelle (Barth) Brousek, IWA Class of 1988!

After her time at IWA, Michelle attended Padua Franciscan High School and graduated from Bowling Green State University in December of 1996 with a bachelor’s degree in Communications. She then began her career in food distribution sales while volunteering as a Sorority Advisor at John Carroll University for the chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma for four years. Michelle spent 19 successful years in sales and management before accepting a calling in 2016 to return to Catholic education, and now works at St. Ambrose School in the Institutional Advancement Department in Admissions, Marketing and Funding. Four years later, she is grateful to be giving back to her Catholic faith and using the foundation laid at IWA and Padua to engage families in something she truly has a passion for.

Michelle says, “I am grateful for the 9 years I had at IWA, as I met so many wonderful people. I had great opportunities and was inspired by my most favorite teacher ever, Mrs. Sharon Kutz. She was tough, but brought out the best in every student she taught. I was a student driver in getting Student Council started in 1987 at IWA, and I still visit the shrine often for a place of comfort and prayer.”

Today, Michelle lives in Brunswick with her husband of 18 years, Scott, along with her daughters Taylor and Tessa. In her personal time, she runs a photography business and enjoys traveling, being with family, and giving back to others.

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



