



IWA Weekly Newsletter

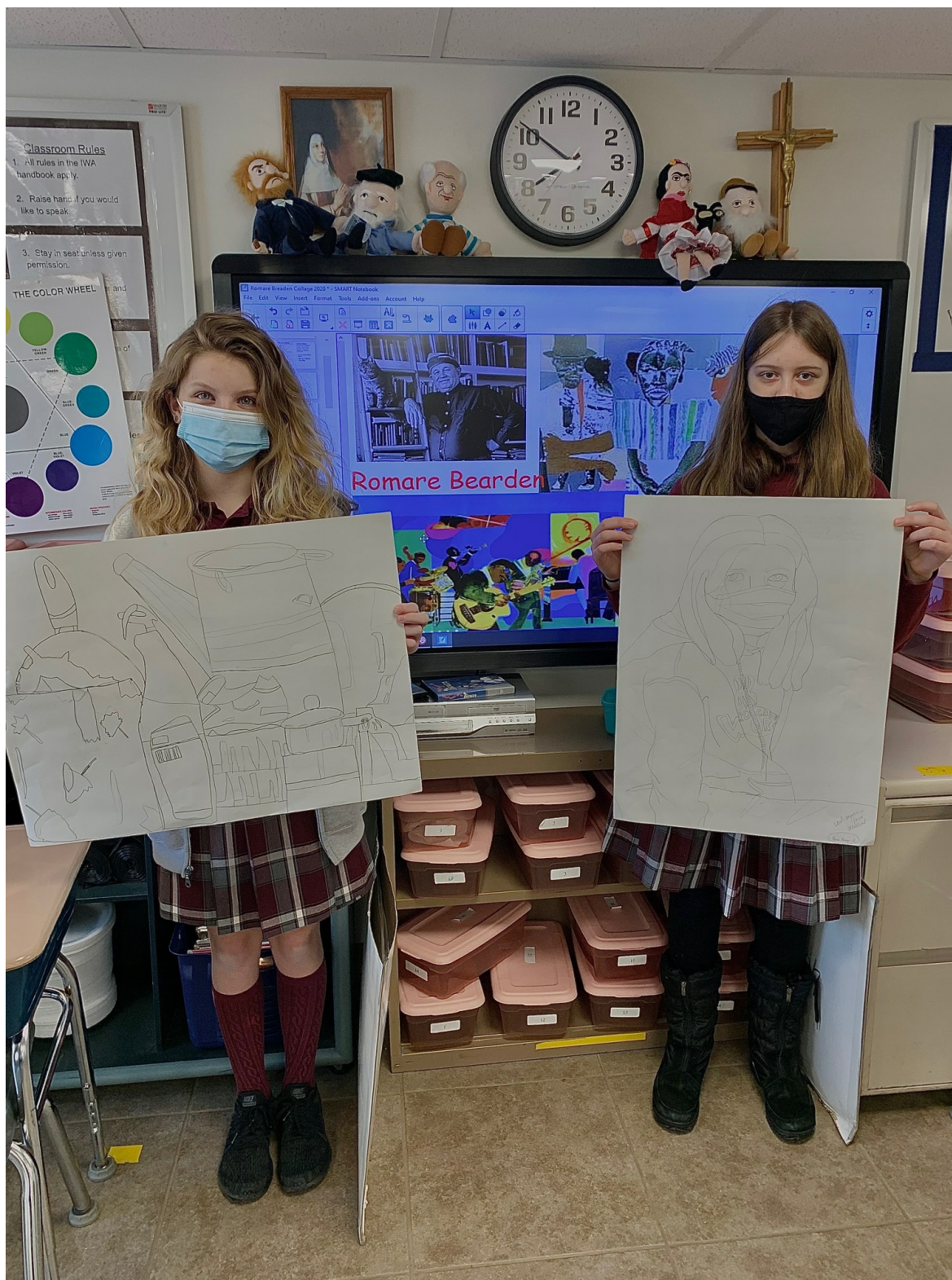
February 19, 2021

A MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Great News For Our 8th Graders!

After several months of preparing essays and completing applications, we are pleased to announce that our 8th grade students have received acceptance letters from the Catholic High Schools that they applied to in January. In addition, ALL students were accepted into their first choice school. Congratulations on a job well done!

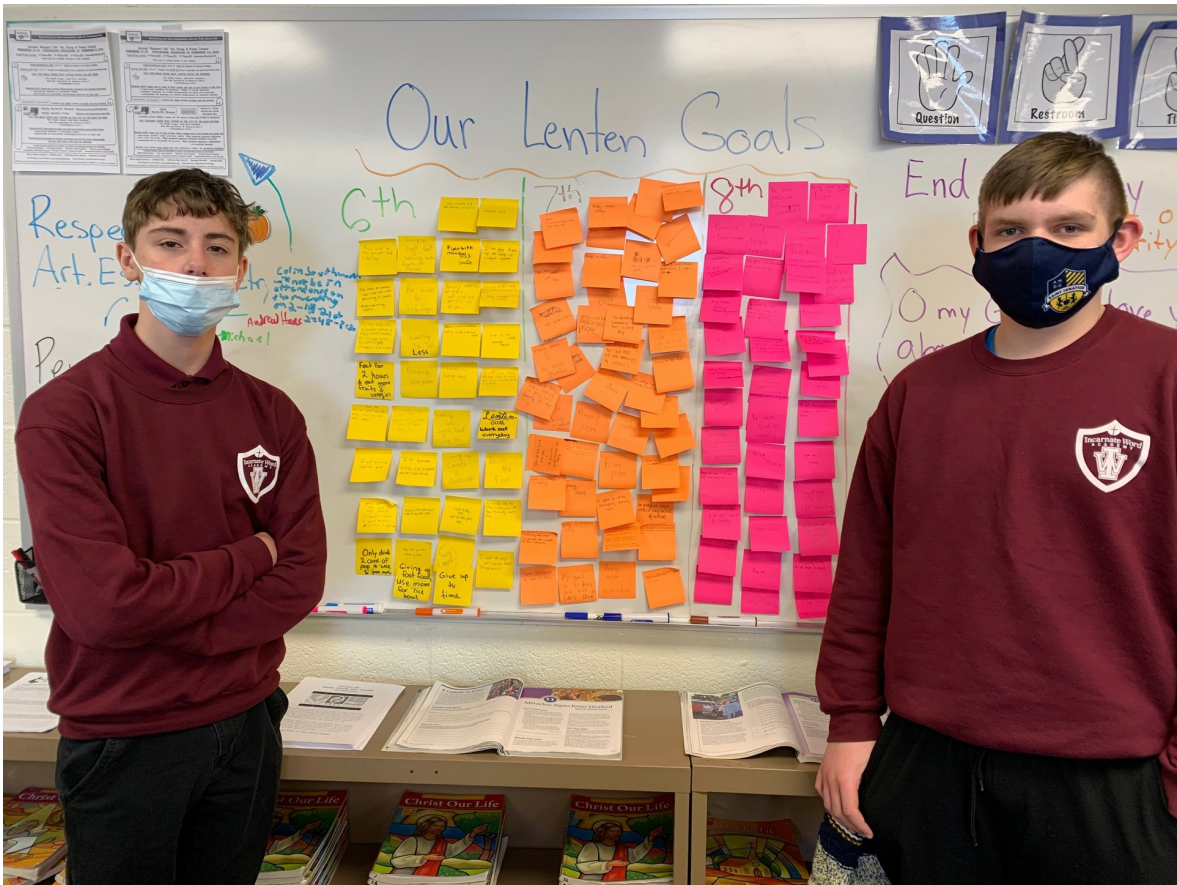
Celebrating Black History Month



Students in Mrs. Kovac's 7th grade Art class have been learning about the Harlem Renaissance and African American Collage Artist Romare Bearden. Students drew a contour drawing of each other and a still life. They will create their own collage using their drawings.

CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

Our Prep students have been working on Lenten goals! After brainstorming their ideas, they chose what they wanted to focus on through this season. Each day, the students reflect on their progress, and keep a log which will be saved from year to year! Thank you, Ms. Cuevas, for helping our students stay focused and committed to living the Gospel values!



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

from the desk of Principal Congelio

DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?



Mrs. Schram challenged her 4th graders to build a snowman! Each snowman was required to have a base that was 25" tall, a 15" mid section, and a 10" head. The final product had to have accessories added. Working in teams, the students found out quickly that soft snow is difficult to mold and shape! Their hard work was

rewarded with a cup of hot cocoa. Thank you, Mrs. Schram!



Fourth graders spell IWA!

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 **Intellectual**.

This individual is committed to her content area, going above and beyond in preparing our students for success and in fostering an appreciation for music. Outside of school, we rely on her expertise to bring us video announcements over the Clevertouch. Recently, and IWA parent nominated her, stating...

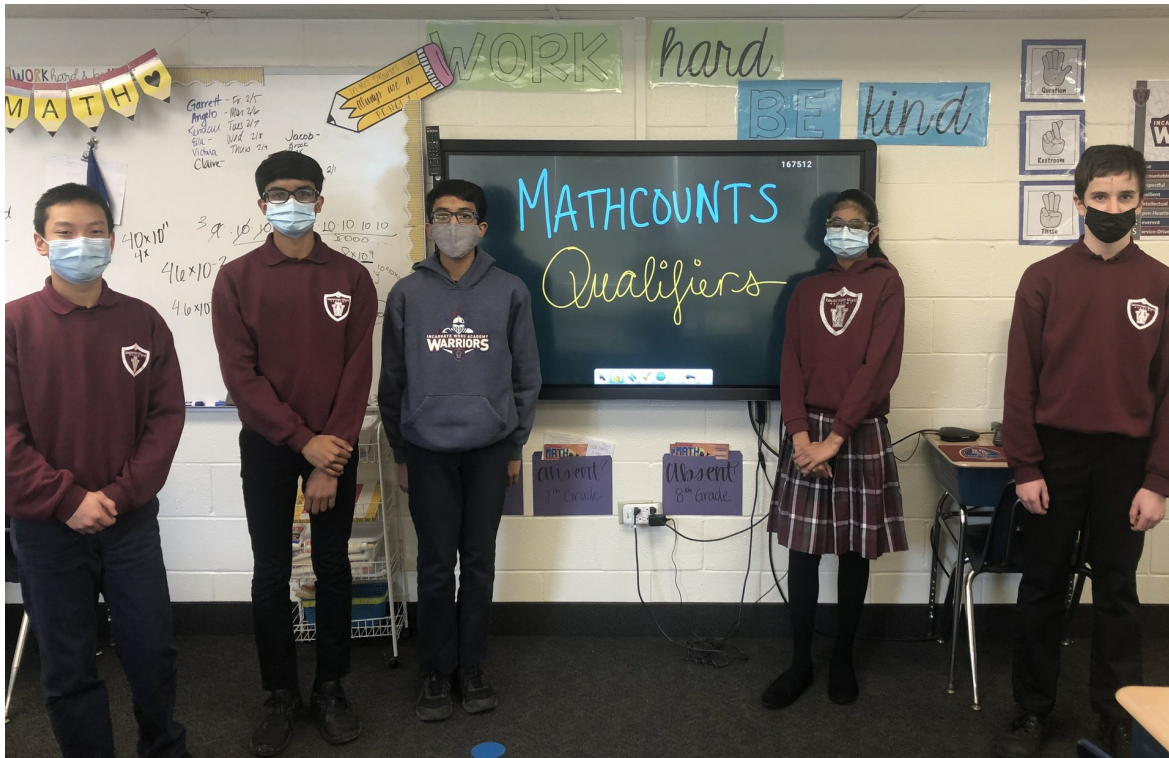
I was just sorting through my daughter's "office space" and came across her music treasure trove. She has a bag full of handmade music flash cards & various "instruments." I just wanted to let you know how fantastic Mrs. Szabo is and what a tremendous benefit she is to the IWA community. I love the fact that music is actually treated as a legitimate subject! She is an amazing teacher! I can't imagine the patience it must take to teach so many individual students to play an instrument, but she is successful.

I doubt the kids realize all they are learning or what a gift she is sharing with them that they will no doubt use every day. But, I certainly recognize it as a parent & we are so thankful for all she does!!

Congratulations to Warrior Szabo!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Math Counts Competition



Students in our MATHCOUNTS club have been working hard and practicing all school year in preparation for the Northeast Ohio MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition that occurred on Saturday, February 6th. Based on these competition results, the top student from each school, plus any student who scored in the top 20% of their chapter, will advance to the Chapter Invitational. The results were released this past weekend and the following five IWA students are advancing to the Chapter Invitational (in order of rank): Haasini S., Michael W., Noah G., Sujay N., and Aditya N. We are so proud to have an impressive five students representing IWA at the Chapter Invitational!

Way to go, Warriors!

7th & 8th Graders Earn Honors

Congratulations to the following students that earned Honors for the 2nd quarter! [CLICK HERE](#) to read the names.

SPRING CONFERENCES



Thursday, March 4th from 7:30 am - 2:00 pm

Spring Parent -Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 4th. These conferences are

not mandatory unless requested by the teacher. All students received a letter today, February 19th indicating if a conference is requested. To schedule a requested conference, please visit the signup link [here](#) to schedule your time. Parents may elect to sign up for a conference, even if one was not requested by the teacher.

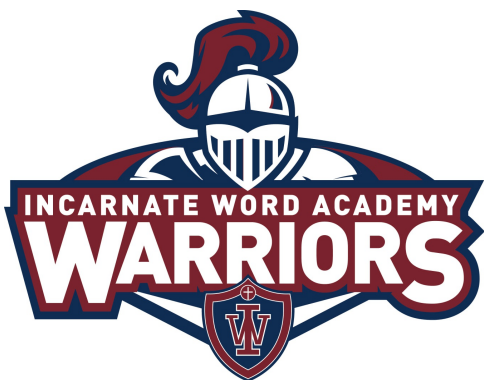
Remember, there is no school on Thursday, March 4th and Friday, March 5th. Classes resume Monday, March 8th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tues., February 23** - Class Mass, Grade 3, Room 105 Ms. Biasiotta
- **Wed., February 24** - Class Mass, Grade 3, Room 106 Ms. Grusenmeyer
- **Tues., March 2** - Class Mass, Grade 8 students that have Ms. Rossman 7th period
- **Wed., March 3** - Class Mass, Grade 8 students that have Mrs. O'Rourke or Dr. Klufas 7th period
- **Thurs., March 4** - NO SCHOOL, OPTIONAL Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Fri., March 5** - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Professional Development Day
- **Tues., March 9** - Class Mass, Grade 7 students that have Ms. Cuevas 7th period
- **Wed., March 10** - Class Mass, Grade 7 students that have Mrs. Gebe 7th period
- **Fri., March 12** - Dress Down Day for \$5 to benefit the IWA Fund!

NO SCHOOL-MONDAY, MARCH 15th!

Our faculty and staff will be receiving the 2nd COVID vaccine on Saturday, March 13th; therefore, there will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, March 15th.



WARRIOR WEEKEND April 23, 24 & 25

Save the date for our first ever Warrior Weekend, taking place April 23, 24 and 25!

On Friday, April 23, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., we will be celebrating the diversity of IWA with "A Taste of IWA." This event will take place

outdoors on school grounds with food trucks, beer and wine, live entertainment and more!

On Saturday, April 24, we will hold our Spring Fling honoring Sr. Rosemarie Burke, Dr. & Mrs. Deucher, and Sean P. Bush '09, in St. Joseph Hall.

On Sunday, April 25, the weekend will end with our culminating event, the Warrior Fun Run, which will begin and end on our campus.

Our auction will be virtual this year. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Heather Schmuhl '01, Director of Admissions & Advancement.

NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION

Registration is now OPEN for new students and families interested in attending IWA! Please share with your neighbors, within your church communities, family and friends. **Kindergarten and Kinder Prep are filling 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.

IWA SPIRIT WEAR SALE

IWA spirit wear is on sale NOW through March 7! Shop tees, polos, sweatshirts, rain jackets and more! **[Click here to shop!](#)**



OC FAMILIES

This is a friendly reminder to please pick-up items from the school foyer in a timely manner. All Valentine treats, books, science magazines and classroom materials must be picked up from the

school foyer by next Friday, February 26. Any items remaining will be removed.

The foyer is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., however we kindly ask that you avoid 2-2:45 p.m. during school dismissal.

SCHOLARSHIP & TUITION ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

The following scholarship opportunities are available to current IWA students. Eligible grade levels are indicated below. Please click on the scholarships below for requirements and application deadlines.

[**Bishops' Scholarship for Excellence**](#) - Current 6th and 7th graders (**FACTS application must also be completed.*)

[**M. Thomas Moore Family Scholarship for Elementary School Students**](#) - Current 1st through 7th graders (**FACTS application must also be completed.*)

[**The Martin T. Galvin Memorial Scholarship Fund**](#) - current 8th graders who are attending a Catholic High School in the Diocese of Cleveland in Fall of 2021.

[**Diocesan Tuition Assistance**](#) - Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA) is available to students attending a participating school within the Diocese of Cleveland. (**FACTS application must also be completed.*)

[**Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union Scholarships**](#) - Applicants must be a member of Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union with a minimum balance of \$50.00 or a current loan, currently attend a Catholic elementary school or high school in Ohio, and be willing to submit proof of income if chosen as a finalist.

FOOD DRIVE - MARCH 7 NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

National Catholic Sisters Week is March 8-12! We are kicking off the celebration with a food drive on Sunday, March 7, from 12-2 p.m. at



site to wave and say hello, so please bring the whole family to help us kick off the celebration of all Sisters!

St. Joseph Hall. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Parma Heights Food Pantry and other local distribution sites. The Sisters of the Incarnate Word will be on

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Clare Burovac '83



This week's Alumni Spotlight features Clare Burovac, IWA Class of 1983!

After IWA, Clare attended Padua Franciscan High School, followed by Bowling Green State University and earning her Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance. As a violinist, she performed with the Toledo Symphony, Ohio Light Opera Orchestra and other groups in the Cleveland area prior to beginning her arts administration career.

In September of 2020, Clare was named General Director of the New Orleans Opera – the first woman to hold the role! Prior to her appointment

in New Orleans, Clare was the Director of Artistic Operations at Portland Opera, overseeing all artistic planning and education and community engagement programs. Clare also spent 14 years at Seattle Opera in a variety of roles, including production stage manager and production coordinator of the company's world-renowned Ring cycle. Clare was a recipient of an OPERA America Fellowship in Opera Production in 1993, and she has been a guest stage manager for San Francisco Opera, Los Angeles Opera, The Los Angeles Philharmonic, and The Glimmerglass Festival.

When asked about a favorite memory of IWA and the Sisters, Clare shared that her mother grew maroon and white peonies that she and her sisters would bring to the Sisters in the spring while in bloom. "I have such strong memories of sitting on the bus with these fragrant flowers and knowing how happy they would make my teacher. I also have great memories of learning to speed read from Sr. Mary Lawrence, and that skill is something that I've used constantly during the past 40 years! And I remember the day the Mr. Keubler (orchestra teacher) visited my 2nd or 3rd grade classroom like it was yesterday – I raced home to tell my parents that I HAD to learn to play the violin...and that changed the entire course of my life."

Clare resides in New Orleans with her husband, stage director Christopher Mattaliano. Thank you for sharing your accomplishments with IWA, Clare!

Are you an IWA Alumni?

[Click here to let us know what you're up to!](#)



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