



# The Charger Connection

of Isle of Wight Academy



AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

October 2018

## Celebrating A State Title

Our Chargers turned out in full force for the Hog Jog in Smithfield this past month. The IWA team was comprised of members of the cross country team, IWA staff, family members and one retired headmaster! Our IWA group captured 1st place overall as a team and some team members won individual awards:

- Hannah Edwards-2nd place overall
- Jack Powell -2nd place overall
- Michael Laskey-1st place age group
- Riley Newsome -2nd place age group



## WE'RE GETTING

### A GARDEN!

Isle of Wight Academy is the recent recipient of a grant from the Virginia Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Funds from this grant will be used to start a school garden for our preschool through middle school students for use with various STEM projects. This raised bed garden will provide students with the opportunity for a hands on learning experience relevant to the material they are studying at their grade level. If you are interested in becoming a community partner to help us with this project, you can contact Julia Hooper or Mary-Margaret Wells at school.



IWA competed in its first Battle of the Brains competition in Richmond recently. Tune in to WTKR TV 3 on January 5th at 11:00 a.m. to see the results!



# Homecoming 2018

## "Who's Your Superhero?"

There were lots of alumni back on campus at Homecoming to cheer the Chargers on against the Christchurch School Seahorses. Prior to kickoff, Headmaster Mark Munford awarded the Alumni of the Year award to Jenny Pittman Riddick. Debbie White kicked off the halftime fun as Grand Marshal of the Homecoming Parade, then the classes showed off their fantastic floats with the Sophomore Class winning the float competition. Congratulations to Homecoming Queen 2018 Lauren Jones and her attendant Autumn Moody! It was a fun filled night, capped off with a 41-12 Charger victory over Christchurch!



# Spirit Week Fun



The Harvest Festival was held October 13<sup>th</sup> on a beautiful day and helped to raise funds for the IWA PTO. This year Paul Hearn and Kennedy Leutner were crowned Harvest Festival King and Queen by Miss IWA 2018 Meredith Webb. Congratulations Kennedy and Paul!



The Class of 2008 combined Homecoming and their reunion! Friends and football-what fun!



# IWA Recycles

Isle of Wight Academy announced today that it had won the plastic bag recycling program that is hosted by Isle of Wight County each year for schools within the county. County officials were on hand Wednesday morning at IWA to present them with the award, a Trex bench, which is constructed from recycled materials. The bench will be used as a "Buddy Bench" on the playground. Amongst all the schools that competed, Isle of Wight Academy collected 1,176 pounds of plastic which equates to approximately 82,320 plastic bags. Deanna Lawrence, Sanitation Supervisor for Isle of Wight County said, "This type of program helps to keep our ecosystem alive because 8 million pounds of plastic bags are thrown in the ocean each year."



"This is an important program and we thank Isle of Wight Academy and all our schools for doing their part to help the environment," said Randy Keaton, Isle of Wight County Administrator.

# Volleyball Excels

The Lady Chargers Volleyball teams posted successful seasons this year across all levels. The JJV team won the Metro Conference Tournament and were the regular season runner ups, the JVs were the Metro Tournament Champions as well as being the regular season champions and the Varsity



team made it to the Metro Conference semi-final game. We are so proud of these efforts by all our student-athletes!



The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade took a field trip to Jamestown and learned so much to add to their study of Virginia History.

The JSCO will be sponsoring a **Food Drive** from **11/1 - 11/15**. The proceeds from this drive will be given to the Christian Outreach Program (COP) in Smithfield. Boxes will be placed in classrooms as collection points. Please support this endeavor and enable us to keep the food pantry at COP well stocked!

