

# The Charger Connection

of Isle of Wight Academy



May 2019

## Congratulations to the Class of 2019

The past month has been filled with celebrations in honor of the Class of 2019. Starting with Decision Day, to the Capping Ceremony, watching the Senior Video, the Senior Walk around campus, the Senior Tea hosted by the Sophomores, Baccalaureate, and the picnic for Seniors and their families, it has been a busy time for these soon-to-be graduates and their families. The festivities culminate with Graduation tonight here in the Jester Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.



## Kindergarten Graduation





## Give Local 757



May 14<sup>th</sup> was Give Local 757-a day when everyone in Hampton Roads could be a philanthropist and give back to area non-profits. Each year, Isle of Wight Academy participates and this year during that 24 hour period of giving, we were able to raise **\$10,090.00** with donations and the prizes that we were awarded. IWA won the **Midnight Madness Prize** (highest number of unique donations from 12-1 a.m.) of **\$757** and the **Lunch Break Prize** (highest number of unique donations from 12-1 p.m.) of **\$757** from the Peninsula Community Foundation which sponsors the event. This year, we had three local businesses issue challenge prizes that were unique to our school. Eley Duke with **Duke Automotive** sponsored a \$1,000 prize if IWA had 50 donors to give \$30 or more. Scott Carr with the **Carr Investment Group** sponsored a \$500 prize if IWA had 30 donors to give \$20 or more. Jeffrey Scott with **Edward Jones Investments** sponsored a \$500 prize if IWA had 20 donors to give \$25 or more. We appreciate the support of these businesses and all of the individuals who donated to our event this year. Funds from this year's Give Local 757 are part of the Annual Giving Fund and will be used towards the purchase of a new play structure for our Lower School playground and towards the purchase of Chromebooks so that we can ensure that all grade 5-12 teachers have a set of Chromebooks to keep in their classroom for students to use. We look forward to our next giving day a year from now and hope we can count on your support!

## Seventh Grade Tea

This year, the seventh grade students began working on the Tea at the beginning of the school year. They worked in groups and completed a compassion project of their choice. The projects began with research on topics such as cyber bullying, helping troops overseas, and helping the homeless. Each student wrote a research paper, and together students made a poster to promote their projects. During the second semester, the students completed their projects. Finally, students presented their projects to their parents and friends at the 7th Grade Tea on May 17th. The students enjoyed their projects and had a tremendous impact on their local and distant communities.



*The IWA Athletic Association recently held its annual golf tournament. It was great to see so many people including students, parents, and alumni come out to support Charger athletics!*



## **Boosterthon Color Run**

Middle School and Upper School students finally got to take advantage of the beautiful weather this month and have their color run from the Boosterthon which had been postponed previously because of bad weather.



***Thank you to Smithfield VA Events.....Isle of Wight Academy was recognized as one of the benefitting organizations of the Smithfield VA Events festivals held this year. Our Key Club and Athletic Association also received donations because of the volunteer support they provide. We are thankful to have this wonderful group to support Isle of Wight Academy and so many other organizations in this community!***



## **Our School Garden**

This year, IWA received a grant to begin a school garden as part of the Agriculture in the Classroom program. Members of our Key Club started the first phase of the garden which involved constructing the raised bed boxes, which will be used in the garden. When we come back to school, the garden will be ready for fall planting.



*Our 5th grade classes felt led to show their love and support to one of their classmates. With the help of their teacher, Mrs. Pye, they decided to hold a bake sale this past week and donated the proceeds to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation in honor of their friend who deals with the challenges of this condition every day. What an example of love, compassion, and friendship for us all!*





## Chargers In The Classroom

Mrs. Hamrick's class recently had some out of this world projects! Students constructed solar system projects. They completed these independently and in class. Their systems had to be in the correct order from the sun and labeled. They also researched each planet's size and distance from the sun.



## Teens and Traffic Stops

A big thank you to Sergeants Powell and Miller of the Smithfield Police Department and Lieutenants Davenport and Edwards and Deputy Johnson of the Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office for coming to IWA and conducting a class on Teens and Traffic Stops for our driver's education students. Students had the opportunity to see what it was like to conduct traffic stops and well as learning what to do if they were to be pulled over.



**Check out our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders!** They recently read biographies and dressed up to give oral presentations about the people they chose. They also took time to visit the kindergarten classes and tell about the individuals they represented.



## Farm Day

Second graders always enjoy their Farm Day field trip and this year was no different! Students learned a lot about food, farming and animals!

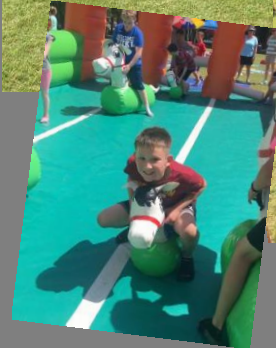






## **Field Day Fun**

*Spring means that field day is never far behind. Ms. Brock and Mrs. Edwards organized a great day with help from PTO volunteers and our Seniors who manned the stations. The weather was perfect and Mr. Munford even got a chance to play tug-of-war!*



## **Arts Festival**

Students in grades K-12 had their artwork on display and Mrs. Vaughan announced the winners of the Art Fair at the recent Arts Festival. Mr. McGiboney had our students ready to entertain the crowd: K-5th grade classes sang songs, the 3rd graders played their recorders, the beginning and advanced bands played and the chorus sang. It was a great night showcasing the arts at IWA!





The **Varsity Softball** team had another great season! They finished first in the Metro Conference and were Metro Tournament Champions. Jillian McAdoo, Madison Wright, Lauren Jones, Maddie Rountree were all first team All-Conference Selections. Mackenzie Wooten was Player of the Year in the Conference and Coach Jill Edwards was named Coach of the Year. The team fell short of their goal with a loss to NSA in the State Semi-Finals 2-0. Maddie Rountree and Mackenzie Wooten were named to the 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State team and Jillian McAdoo and Anya Colyer were named Second Team All-State. The Chargers finished the season 18-2.



The IWA **Golf Team** finished with a fantastic season. Advancing to the state championships and capturing the Metro Conference Title. IWA Junior Jed Davies won the individual title at the state private meet. Davies, Hannah Willman, Caitlyn Kinsey, Sydney Grimes, and Ellie Provost were named to the All-Conference team and Grimes was named MVP of the Conference.

The **Varsity Soccer** team captured the VCC Conference Championship and finished with a record of 15-0.



The **Baseball Team** finished with a 22-5 record this year and came in second place in the conference tournament. IWA's Ryan Boyce was named player of the year for the Metro Conference and Bryce Daniels, Andrew Holt, Cole Praither and Aidan Williams received All-Conference honors.



IWA runner Hannah Edwards recently competed and placed in three events at the VISAA State **Track** Meet Championship.



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