

CHARGER CONNECTION

Isle of Wight Academy

"A Family Inspiring Excellence"

March 2020

March News

Munford's Memos

Dear IWA family,

On Monday March 23, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam handed down Executive Order #53. This order closed all Virginia schools for the remainder of the year. Shortly thereafter, the Virginia Council of Private Education sent a letter to all private school Heads letting us know that they expected us to continue serving our families and students with distance learning for the remainder of the year. The teachers, Board, and I are committed to doing exactly that: providing you and your children with lessons going forward to close out this year robustly and to prepare the students for next year whether they will be entering elementary, middle, or high school or even beginning their scholastic careers in college. This is a devastating blow to our parents, teachers, and our students. While the governor and his staff suggested four ways of finishing the required material, these are the actions we are making to best serve IWA families:

- Spring Break is extended until April 6th. This will allow teachers the opportunity to plan and create concise lessons and activities for the weeks to come.
- Students in grades 6-12 will be required to answer a content based question for daily attendance. The daily question will be available from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. Students who do not answer the daily question by 3:00 pm will be counted as absent. Students answering after 3:00 pm will be counted as tardy.
- Teachers in grades 6-12 will use Google Classroom as the designated learning platform. Many teachers will also use Zoom for some face to face contact. Zoom is a conferencing tool that works much like Google Meet but is a more robust program. You may download the free app to phones or visit the Zoom webpage.
- Assignments in grades 6-12 will be posted in Google Classroom by 8:30 am. They are to be completed and turned back into Google Classroom daily by 11:59 pm unless the teacher allows for multiple days to complete the assignment. Work not turned in on time will be penalized at a rate of 10% per day. They will be graded so please emphasize their importance to your children.

Important Dates:

April 6th - Online Classes Begin

April 10th and 13th -Closed for Easter Break

April 24th - School Day

May 22nd - Last Day for K-7

May 20-22 Upper School Exams

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- Students in Grades K-5 will receive emails on Sunday by 8:00 pm with the work/directions for the week.
- All faculty/staff communications with parents will be through Renweb and all student communication will be through Google Classroom.
- Families in need of an extra device may sign out a Chromebook with Mr. Hooper and Mrs. Francis. They will be available the week of March 30-April 3rd from 10 to 12 and again from 1 to 3. Families which choose this option will be responsible for any damage. Families may also pick up textbooks, lower school workbooks (2nd grade handwriting), coats and jackets, P.E. clothes and the like which were left at school during those times. Please follow the Governor's guidelines on social distancing.
- We will adhere to the schedule in the IWA Catalogue for upcoming breaks. For example we will still be closed on April 10th and 13th for Easter mini break. April 24th will now be a school day. We will no longer have any delayed start days for professional development.
- The last day of school for grades K-7 will be May 22nd. The high school exam days will move to May 20-22 in some form. We have not yet decided if the exam format will remain the same.
- Mrs. Sumrak will continue to monitor college acceptances and scholarship opportunities for seniors, reference requests, AP and SAT/ACT changes. Please contact her directly at lisasumrak@iwacademy.com. There will be no Spring Testing.
- There will be more information forthcoming for seniors from Mrs. Sumrak, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Munford. I promise IWA will do everything in our power to honor the last big celebrations for seniors in the safest manner possible and within the Governor's guidelines.
- Driver's Education "Behind the Wheel" is postponed until at least July, pending further guidance from the Governor.
- There will be a library book return set up outside the library (lower school courtyard side) for students to drop off books that were checked out. We will work out a system to turn in textbooks at the end of the year.
- Mrs. Upton will set hours closer to the end of school for the return of medications. If you have an immediate need, please contact her at evieupton@iwacademy.com
- The factory producing our yearbooks has currently been shut down. We will distribute them after we receive them and have been cleared to do so. We do not have an approximate date as of this time.
- Prom is postponed/cancelled as the venue has shut down until at least June.
- Tuition payments may continue to be mailed in or paid online. For more specific instructions or questions, please contact Karen Casey at karencasey@iwacademy.com



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I realize this is not the ideal way to finish a school year. Our seniors will miss most of the remaining traditional events that they have looked forward to for many years. We will do our best to preserve some of the events, but we must comply with the Governor's order that has been currently issued and those to come. Our spring athletic teams will miss an entire season. Our winter and spring athletic awards programs are on hold. Our parents are struggling with keeping their children, and our students safe and happy in a time of great uncertainty. Our teachers miss their students. They are the most dedicated group it has been my privilege to be associated with. They want what is best for your children. Many of our teachers are also parents. They do not want to overwhelm our parents or our students. They are discussing the need to pull back from daily requirements for some classes. They continue to brainstorm ways for students to complete labs and/or projects at home. They have made suggestions for ways we could administer final exams or substitute projects for assessments.

Although finishing out a year in such a way is unprecedented, I am confident we can provide parents and students with suitable and meaningful material that will not overwhelm and will take into consideration the many suggestions we have heard from parents and teachers during this "trial run" we have had since distance learning began on March 16th. Why my confidence? Because the teachers at IWA go above and beyond what they are expected to do and are truly dedicated to their profession and to the teaching of your children. They listen, they tweak, and they collaborate as they look for innovative ways to deliver instruction. This is our current plan based on current information and subject to the continuously changing situation, the plan may require additional tweaking. Stay tuned.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Munford

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On behalf of the Board of Directors and the faculty and staff

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ATHLETICS



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IWA Baseball

Varsity Baseball had an overall record of 2-2 with wins over Kenston Forest and HRA.

JV Baseball had an overall record of 2-0 with wins over NSA and Norfolk Academy.



IWA Soccer

Varsity and JV Soccer had an overall record of 1-0 each with wins over Brunswick Academy.









"Jack L. Reynolds" Field

For many years, Jack Reynolds has donated his time and talents to Isle of Wight Academy as a teacher, coach and mentor. He has coached softball, basketball and football. Under the direction of Mr. Reynolds, IWA teams have won numerous titles. On March 13, 2020, former players and friends joined us as we named the softball field at IWA the "Jack L. Reynolds Field" in honor of a man who has given so much to IWA, our students, and our athletes.

1993 State Champions in Slow Pitch Competition

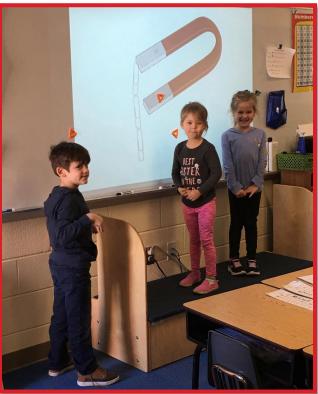
2004 Overall Record 21-0 State Champions 2005 Overall Record 17-2 State Champions 2006 Overall Record 19-0 State Champions 2008 Overall Record 18-2 State Champions



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Mrs. Rose's class was investigating with magnets while they talked about the letter "Mm". Students found things in the classroom the magnets would attract.





Mrs. Hooker's 5th grade class has been reading "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler" and created these angels on display in our library.







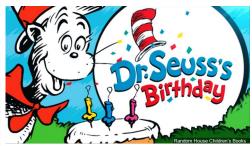
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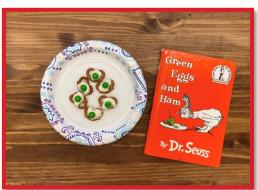


Our lower school celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss with special classroom readers all day long. Our Kindergarten classes even had special Dr. Seuss themed snacks.













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Mrs. Schwegel's class read the story Stone Soup and made their own version of it. It must have been delicious because there was none left over.











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Mrs. Wilson's 7th grade Geography classes celebrated South America with a delicious food day! They had everything from arepas to alfajores to empanadas. Students enjoyed lemonade, cheese bread and brigadeiros from Brazil. They tasted Peruvian lomo saltado, chicken skewers and chicken soup. There were dishes from Columbia and Chile as well as several varieties of tres leches cakes and other deserts. It was a great way to learn about these countries.







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4th Graders got to "pie" the Boosterthon Team for getting their pledge meter to 50.









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IWA 7th grader, Malia Oliver, was recently honored at a luncheon held by the local DAR Chapter. Her essay won at the local level and was sent on to the district level which she also won! Congratulations to Malia on her outstanding achievement.

The Science Fair was March 11th. There were lots of fantastic projects.







COMMUNITY

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Under the leadership of Mrs. Spain and Mrs. Davis, our JSCO packaged 10,152 meals in a partnership with Rise Against Hunger. The students raised the \$3,150 needed through bake sales on campus, sponsoring a Panera night, hosting a winter dance and through a donation from the PTO.

Thank you to all of the volunteers!







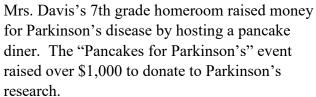


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Yearbook News

- ⇒ Nonstudents may purchase a yearbook by visiting www.yearbookordercenter.com and entering code <u>13543</u>
- ⇒ Please send yearbook pictures you take throughout the year. Upload directly to our share site www.hjeshare.com and entering <u>iwa</u> as the code.
- ⇒ Email loricarter@iwacademy.com if you have any questions.







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