



# CHARGER CONNECTION

## Isle of Wight Academy

"A Family Inspiring Excellence"

September 2020

## Welcome Back!

### Munford's Memos

Dear Charger family,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at IWA! I hope you and your family have enjoyed the summer and found special time together. As we begin, I look forward to partnering with you, sharing in your journey, and watching your child grow. IWA has a special place in my heart, just as it does with you. I am very grateful to be a part of the Charger community that has always provided such warmth and growth for my own family.

Spring of 2020 challenged our staff and students to find a new normal for learning and connected us in new ways. What I have most learned through this process is how much I appreciate the expertise our faculty and administration bring to IWA, the ways in which our students continue to work hard to grow and overall, appreciation for the little things in life - giving a high five, a hug or being able to laugh out loud or cheer with many people around. What I MOST appreciate about IWA is how even under circumstances we have never experienced we are still a learning and caring community.

Normal is such a simple word and it is our goal at IWA to not only find our new normal, but to use this time as a learning experience that will forever impact the learning environment of IWA. Every week, there are new types of learning experiences teachers are piloting and much of what is learned will continue to be used in the future. Our fall may not be "normal," but our learning will not only continue, but it will thrive. We can't wait to move on to the next phase of learning under Covid-19 and we know, all returning and new students to IWA will be welcomed with open arms (from 6 feet away) to our Charger community and we will continue to grow!

We look forward to a new school year of learning with you and your student. We welcome you to IWA and wish you a great school year!

Sincerely,

*Mark A. Munford*

Mark Munford

### Important Dates:

- Sep. 3 Magazine Drive
- Sep. 7 Labor Day (No School)
- Sep. 15 School Pictures
- Sep. 17 Progress Reports
- Sep. 23 Teacher Development

Connect with the Chargers



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# ATHLETICS

September

We would like to welcome all our student athletes back to school for the fall of 2020. We are excited to be back on campus and have some sense of normalcy in this unprecedented time. We are hopeful that all of our student athletes will be able to compete at some point during the school year.

Our cross-country team is going to compete in the METRO this fall with official practice starting September 14. We are preparing a limited schedule for them and will send out an updated schedule as soon as it is made final.

Our high-risk sports, (football and volleyball) are not approved to play at this time. The METRO conference headmasters will meet on September 16 to make a final decision on those sports.

We ask that all athletes check the status of their physicals and have them up to date if football and volleyball get the okay to play.

Remember that we should all practice social distancing, wash our hands and wear our masks to help limit the spread of COVID-19 and increase our chances of being able to play sports this year.

Go Chargers!

Thank you

Dale Chapman

Jessica Brock

Directors of Athletics





# FIRST DAY 2020

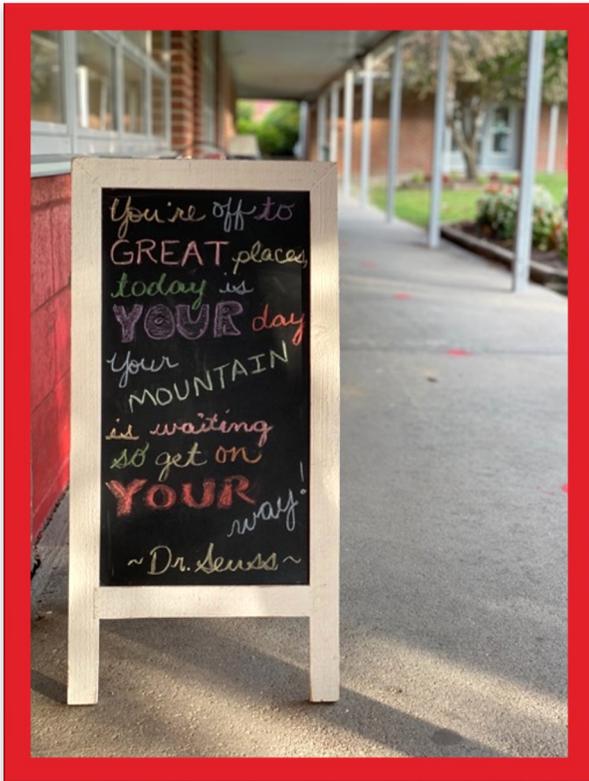
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Headmaster Mark Munford welcomes students back to school during a morning assembly.



Students were excited for their first day at IWA!



Welcome back Chargers!



Students stood patiently on markers painted every six feet waiting to get their temperature checked.



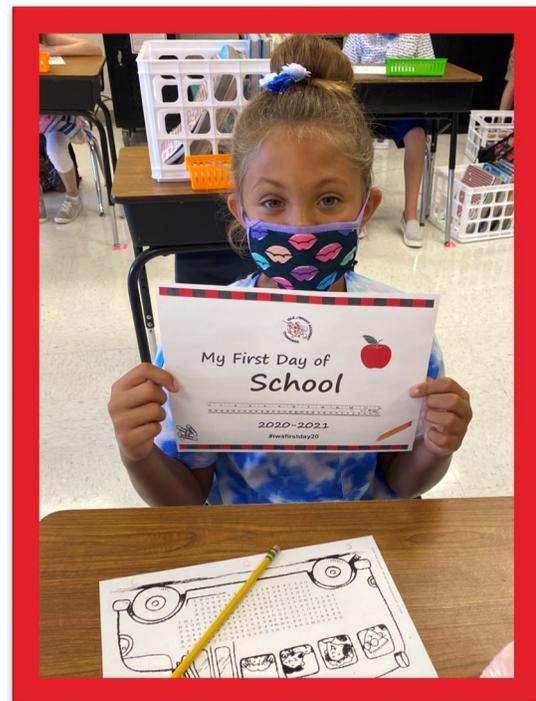
# FIRST DAY 2020

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*First*  
DAY OF  
*School*

Students wasted no time getting to work. Everyone has done a fantastic job making sure all of the students have a safe working environment!





# WELCOME NEW FACULTY

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*Dr. Jennifer Cary*  
**ASSISTANT  
HEADMASTER TO  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Isle of Wight Academy  
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*Mrs. Courtni  
Barnes-Smith*  
**UPPER SCHOOL  
SCIENCE**

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*Ms. Melanie  
Buckland*  
**UPPER SCHOOL  
SPANISH**

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*Ms. Tracy  
Olson*  
**FIRST GRADE**

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# SENIOR CLASS 2020

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We want to give one more shout out to the Class of 2020! IWA is proud of all our graduates and we know the members of the Class of 2020 all have bright futures ahead of them!



\*Blake Atkinson, Andrew Barlow, \*Logan Baylous, \*Lucas Baylous, \*Lee Bowden, \*Sarah Boynton, Ashlynn Bracy, \*Amy Brady, \*Odin Bristol, Conor Brown, \*Rachel Butler, \*Ryan Caterbone, Annabel Coons, \*Thomas Darden, \*James Davies, \*Amanda Days, \*Frank Edwards, William Eley, \*William Fricke, \*Lauren Gardner, Gabrielle Glascock, \*Skyler Gray, \*Ethan Hardy, \*Tyler Hayslett, \*Kaitlyn Hiner, Christopher Andrew Holt, \*Kaelyn Hooker, Logan Jones, \*Canaan Key, James Kilborn, Garyn Krol, \*Grace Landen, \*Jelena May, James Minton III, Madison Rose Motley, \*Sarah Newman, William Praither, \*Alicia Ray, Ethan Remington, \*Shawn Rhodes, \*Jessie Rose, \*Peyton Rose, \*Kelly Sabin, \*Zachary Stroud, \*Valentina Vanega Ayala, \*Sarah Wait, Quinton Walters, \*Tyler Watkins, \*Ethan Willette, Aidan Williams, Grant Worthy

*\* denotes honor graduate*



# SENIOR CLASS 2020

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## AWARDS AND HONORS

Valedictorian - Zachary Stroud

Co-Salutatorian - Lucas Baylous and Sarah Wait

Class President - Zachary Stroud

SCO President - Chip Darden

Most Outstanding Student English - Lucas Baylous

Most Outstanding Student Social Studies - Frank Edwards

Most Outstanding Student Mathematics - Sarah Wait

Most Outstanding Student Foreign Language - Lucas Baylous

Most Outstanding Student Science - Zachary Stroud

Most Outstanding Student Performing Arts - Jessie Rose

Most Outstanding Student Fine Arts - Amanda Days

Senior Leadership Award - Zachary Stroud

Scholastic Bowl - Alicia Ray, Blake Atkinson, Canaan Key

Headmasters List - Amanda Days, Sarah Wait, Lucas Baylous, Zachary Stroud





# GALA 2020

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The **2020 FOR THE KIDS** event to benefit Isle of Wight Academy took on a new look this year thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two days before the event, the decision was made to cancel the **2020 FOR THE KIDS** Gala and take the auction portion of the event online allowing us to open it up to even more supporters. Because of the support we received from our sponsors and online supporters this year's event, helped to raise over \$65,000 for Isle of Wight Academy.

In the past, one area that has benefitted from auction proceeds has been technology. Never have we been more grateful for that technology and the online learning tools we have at IWA than last spring when students and staff were forced to take their learning online due to school closures. Another area this auction benefits is capital projects and this summer our bathrooms on campus underwent renovations and are the first step in our larger capital campaign project of classroom building renovations.

Isle of Wight Academy is fortunate to have generous sponsors who support this event. Even with the changes to the format of this year's FOR THE KIDS event, these sponsors along with grandparent sponsors and ticket holders remained committed to Isle of Wight Academy and we appreciate their support.

Please support these businesses as they support our students and the educational initiatives we undertake.

## **Farmers Bank**

## **Smithfield**

### **Salutatorian Sponsor**

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John R. Moody, Jr.

Craig and Susan Stallings

## **Bowditch Ford**

## **Tysinger Automotive Family**

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Edward Jones-Phil Frix

Hallwood Enterprises, Inc.

Ross Electrical Contracting

State Farm Insurance-Tim Minor

### **Freshman Sponsors**

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Suffolk Materials, Inc.



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# WHAT'S NEW AT IWA?

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While we had some extra time over the spring and summer, we made some improvements and upgrades to spots around campus. Two new buses were purchased to help transport our Chargers and on the Lower School playground, new backstops were installed for use by classes and athletic teams. Additionally, all bathrooms in the Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School buildings were completely renovated as well as the bathrooms in the Jester Gym. This renovation is the first phase of a larger planned capital campaign renovation of our classroom buildings.



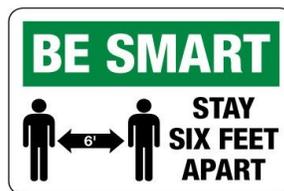
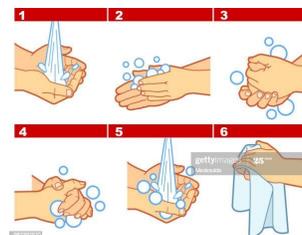
# NEWS

September 2020

## From The School Nurse

### 3 W's

- ⇒ **WEAR** A Mask Over Your Nose and Mouth
- ⇒ **WAIT**-Stay Six Feet Apart and Avoid Close Contact
- ⇒ **WASH** Your Hands And Use Hand Sanitizer



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is kicking-off our annual Fall Fundraiser and we need your support!  
 This Fundraiser benefits the entire school and there are lots of great products available!  
 Please take a look using the link below.

Go to <https://charlestonwrapstore.com/non-school-registration.php> to view items and shop online.

Use Isle of Wight Academy's **ORGANIZATION ID 16267** to shop and help our school get credit for your purchase!

Thank you for your support!  
 The Isle of Wight Academy Class of 2025

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