



Incarnate Word Athletic Association Newsletter



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Spring Sports Registration Now Open!

Believe it or not, it's already time to register for Baseball, Softball, Golf and Track!! Registration is underway now and closes **February 29**.

A few reminders:

- * Baseball and softball are open to boys and girls in grades pre-K (entering Kindergarten in the fall) through 8.
- * Golf is open to boys and girls in grades 2 through 8.
- * Track is open to boys and girls in grades K through 8.

Visit the IWAA web site, www.parishsports.net/iwaa, for all the important information and registration forms. Registration by mail is available (forms available for print/download on the website) but online registration is preferred. There is no extra charge for online registration.

See page 2 for more information on deadlines and fees.

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Work In Progress

After last spring's baseball/softball season, the athletic field underwent some much-needed updates and improvements. Both baseball diamonds were rolled, sodded and converted to soccer fields. The fall soccer season showed that there is still much work to do, however. The IWAA has formed a special committee to plan short- and long-term improvements to the field, weighing many alternatives based on scheduling, budget and weather constraints. This volunteer effort aims to come up with feasible solutions that will work best for everyone in all sports.

Thanks for your continued patience, and stay tuned for more information!



Basketball Notes



The 2011 Basketball season is off to a fast start with regular-season games now underway.

The current CYC league season runs through mid-March, with some teams continuing on in post-season play. CYC home games are played at Incarnate Word and at Parkway Central Middle School. Because IW is fortunate enough to sponsor so many teams and because other events take place in the Kent Center during the season, some home games for younger grades are held at the Parkway gym. Seventh and eighth grade games have home-game priority at Kent Center, which is a larger gym that better accommodates the older athletes.

Following the success of last year's inaugural season, the 2nd season of Training league basketball features 78 players, including 20 Kindergarteners, 24-1st & 34-2nd graders. This year's Training League program has changed so all sessions are held at IW on Friday nights or Saturday mornings.

Reminders for Parents & Spectators:

- * Positive cheering and good sportsmanship make basketball fun for everyone. CYC sports aim to teach good sportsmanship and respect for others as well as athletics.
- * No one is allowed on the Kent Center stage before, during or after the games. Using the stage to take pictures or set up camera equipment is prohibited.

HELP WANTED!!

The IW Athletic Association is looking for volleyball league reps for this fall. We are looking for dedicated individuals to continue to maintain and build our strong volleyball tradition here at IW. Reps divide the responsibility of attending monthly division meetings, scheduling refs, and monitoring weekend games. For more info, contact Ed Masterson (emasterson@bg.com).

SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



TRACK NOTES

IW track season is almost here!

Boys and girls in grades K thru 8 are welcome to join—Come out and we will find something that interests you! We have sprints, middle distance, long distance, jumps, shotput and relays available.

Practices start March 8. A parent meeting will be held at the first practice. This year we will participate in two practice meets, the CYC preliminary meet and the CYC final meet for those who qualify. We will practice Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm and Sundays 2:00-3:15pm at the Parkway Central HS or Parkway North HS track, depending on track availability.

If you have any questions, please contact Flavia Bader (flavia.bader@emerson.com) or one of the coaches, Sharon Brightfield or Kat Foust. See the track registration area online for more information on CYC meets. Registration fee is \$25/child for parishioners, \$35/child for non-parishioners.

*** CALLING ALL COACHES! ***

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL COACHES FOR GRADES 1-8 MUST ATTEND THE COACHES MEETINGS IN THE LOWER CHURCH HALL ON **FEBRUARY 8 & MARCH 3**. ALSO, ALL COACHES MUST HAVE A VALID CYC ID CARD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SEASON.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COACHES FOR TRAINING LEAGUE (CURRENT KINDERGARTEN & ENTERING KINDERGARTEN IN THE FALL) MUST ATTEND THE COACHES MEETING ON **MARCH 14** IN THE LCH.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL HEAD COACHES MUST ATTEND A COACHING CLINIC PUT ON BY THE ST. LOUIS CYC. CHECK WWW.CYCSTL.NET FOR UPCOMING DATES.

REMINDER:

ALL COACHES & ASSISTANTS IN ALL SPORTS MUST COMPLETE THE **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN** PROGRAM BEFORE BEING PERMITTED TO COACH. PLEASE CONTACT MARGIE ECKERT AT THE PARISH OFFICE (314-576-5366 x115)



2012 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FEES



	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
1 Child	\$100	\$135
1 Child w/Buy-out	\$125	\$165
2 Children	\$190	\$235
2 Children w/Buy-out	\$240	\$285
3+ Children	\$270	\$325
3+ Children w/Buy-out	\$345	\$400

Each family must perform a work duty assignment, qualify for a work duty waiver, or pay the buy-out fee. Note that concession duty is separate from work duty and is handled by the individual teams. An additional refundable uniform deposit of \$75 per player is also required.

TEE UP FOR GOLF!

Training League: Open to boys & girls in grades 2-4. The season consists of 4 weeks of 55 minute team group lessons followed by four weeks of on-course play on the mini-course at Family Golf Plex in O'Fallon starting on 4/28 for lessons and 5/26 for course play . No golf experience necessary.



Junior League: Open to boys and girls in grades 5-8. Participants at all skill levels are welcome. See the golf registration area online for more information on schedules.

Registration Fees:

- ⇒ \$100 - Training League (Grades 2-4)
- ⇒ \$125 - Junior League (Grades 5-8)

IMPORTANT SPRING SPORTS DATES:

- Feb 14: Golf Registrations due
- Feb 29: Last Day for Baseball & Softball registrations. Players who register after 2/29 may not be put on a team
- Mar 15: Track Registrations due
- Mar 31: Uniform Exchange 9-noon—Kent Center Gym
- April 1: Uniform Exchange continues, 10am-noon

REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, TRACK & GOLF!

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SPORTS, INCLUDING BASEBALL & SOFTBALL, CLOSES ON
FEBRUARY 29. SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.PARISHSPORTS.NET/IWAA

SURFING THE SPORTS WEB

IW Parish: www.incarnate-word.org

IWAA : www.parishsports.net/iwaa

West County CYC: www.westcountycyc.org

Archdiocesan CYC: www.cycstl.net

CYC on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cycstl

CYC ID CARDS NOW ONLINE

All players 5th grade & up & all coaches must have a CYC ID card. Cards **must** be obtained through the CYC website (www.cycstl.net). You must upload a photo and a copy of identifying info (birth certificate, passport, etc.)

DIRECTIONS AND FAQ ARE ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://IDCARDS.CYCSTL.NET/](https://IDCARDS.CYCSTL.NET/)

Apply Early! This process can take up to 6 weeks.

It's also recommended to get 2 cards per child, for a back-up or for sports running concurrently.



Love Track?

Track & Field coaches and parent helpers are needed for the upcoming Spring Track season starting in March. Coaches and helpers will assist on an event-by-event basis, not by grade level. Watch your email for additional information as the season approaches!

Calendar of Events

Feb 8, 7pm	Baseball/Softball Coaches Mtg (LCH)
Feb 29	Spring Sports Registration Ends
Mar 7, 7pm	Baseball/Softball Coaches Mtg (LCH)
Mar 14, 7pm	Training League Coaches Mtg (LCH)
Mar 31-Apr 1	Uniform Days in Kent Center (pickup baseball, return basketball) Sat, 9am—noon, Sun, 10am—noon