



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW THE WEEK OF April 10, 2023...

ISASP Testing & MakeUps Continue This Week

****Parents, Please Avoid These Dates When Planning Appointments****

This year's Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) testing dates will be April 4 – April 10 (with make-ups thru 4-21).

All students must take these assessments.

PLEASE SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD DURING NON-ISASP TIMES!

Here's why that is important:

*Once a teacher starts a test, late students will not be allowed to enter the classroom, and they will have to make up their test at a different time (which means they will miss a future class to do that).

*If your child has to pack up their things and leave a classroom during an assessment, they cause a disruption for the other students who are testing. Not only that, your child will have to be pulled from a future class to complete their test.

Your cooperation is appreciated by staff and students.

******Important Re-Enrollment Info for All Students******

ICSD 23-24 Returning Student Re-enrollment began March 17th! Parents/Guardians will use the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) to complete online re-enrollment. Instructions have been emailed to parents/guardians of current Preschool through 11th grade students. All students who plan to return to ICSD must be re-enrolled for 23-24. This is separate from course registration at the High School and Middle School.

ICSD 23-24 New Student Enrollment began March 3rd! Parents/Guardians must provide all required paperwork to Denise Moss, District Enrollment Coordinator to enroll a new student. Please see the [District Enrollment](#) page for more details.

Please contact Denise Moss, District Enrollment Coordinator, with any questions: enrollment@indianola.k12.ia.us or 515-961-9500 x1506.

Dates to Remember:

Monday, May 29: No School (Memorial Day)

Wednesday, May 31: Last Day of School (IMS dismissal 11:50)

Attention Parents of 6th and 7th Graders

****Reminder** Time to Choose Classes for Next Year!**

Parents/guardians of current 6th and 7th graders, on March 27th, you were emailed a [reminder](#) about 23-24 class scheduling. If you have not submitted this form yet, please take a few minutes with your child to do so. We must have one for each student.

They are due immediately as we are getting ready to start the scheduling process.

Students, please remind your parents to submit this form for you!

PLEASE NOTE You will receive a confirmation email from GOOGLE FORMS after you submit the form. If you can't remember if you completed it, PLEASE check your inbox for that confirmation before you submit a duplicate!

A Must-Read for 8th Graders and Their Parents

8th grade students will be bringing home a copy of their High School Course Plan either Monday or Tuesday this week (plans will be sent home in Science). Attached to the back of the plan is a [parent letter](#) with more information about the Course Plan along with a [permission slip](#) to go to Simpson College in May.

Please review your student's High School Course Plan and sign the plan to acknowledge you have reviewed it. High School Course Plans with parent/guardian signature are due April 14th.

Award Recipients

The students listed below were nominated by a teacher for showing Personal Responsibility in Daily Effort (P.R.I.D.E.) through their outstanding work, great effort, exceptional behavior, or good citizenship. They were recognized during our PRIDE Plus ceremony in March.

Maddy Day, Ian Foland, Sophia Houston, Drew Martin, Rebekah Price, Colby Runnells, Payten Samson, Carson Sheets, Carsyn Vetter, Dylan Arpy, Quintin Bradley, London Brouillet, Angel de Jesus Chevez, Kemper Clatt, Olivia Cross, Fernando Garcia, Gage Gocken, Maddy Jewett, Finley Massey, Brian McDermott, Mackenzie Santi, Georgia Sherwood, Kendel Sobek, Isaiah Widman, Meara Wood, Tyra Adams, Ahmed Al Fatli, Jordyn Butz, Brody Crawford, Ben DeJoode, Ellie Downey, Josephine Edgington, Madison Grover, Dylan Handy, Kathryn Hanika, Caden Haugen, Kodi Helm, Mary Huffer, Van Kauffman, Riley LaFrenz, Brody Merema, Eli Paxson, Jonas Rabe, Chuck Steen, and Isaiah Thomsen

Thank you to ICYF for sponsoring this quarter's ceremony.

Take the Pledge

The Student Council supports Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April. We are asking all students to Take the Pledge. The pledge cards are available outside of the main office. Students and parents must sign and agree to the terms.

- Never text or talk on phones while driving
- Be a good passenger and speak out if the driver in the car is distracted
- Encourage friends and family to drive phone free.

All pledge cards can be turned into the office by the end of April. Choice of snacks will be provided when you turn in your card.

On behalf of the student council, Thank You!



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8th Grade Food Drive Continues

The 8th grade hallway is starting a 3-week food drive. The goal is to collect 500 pounds of non-perishable canned or boxed food by Friday, April 21st. It will be donated to our local Helping Hand. Take your donations to your Advisory teacher. If you are able to collect 500 pounds by the deadline, FIVE TEACHERS will get pied in the face!

8th Grade Delve Day

On Monday afternoon, April 17, 8th grade students will be presenting their Delve projects and National History Day projects in the fieldhouse.

Friends and family are welcome, so check with your 8th grader to confirm when they will be presenting.

8th Grade Softball

8th Grade Girls' Softball will start on Monday, May 15. Practices will be held at Pickard Park. Sign-ups will be emailed to parents in early April.

Boys Rugby

Any 8th grade boy interested in playing on the Boys Rugby team is invited to attend practice. Practices will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 at Emerson, and Saturdays at the football stadium from 11:30-1. Please email Mr. Rodrigue for more details, greg.rodrigue@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Student Assistants Needed for High School Volleyball this Summer and Fall

The IHS Volleyball program is in need of student assistants (grades 9-12 next year) this summer and next fall.

Here are just some of the things you would get to do:

- *Run the music at our practices
- *Record timings for volleyball drills
- *Coordinate food and donuts!
- *Welcome our opponents into our gyms
- *Be an important part of our awesome program!

If you would like more information, contact Mr. Halstead at kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Volleyball Advantage Indianola 2023

What: Indianola HS volleyball coaching staff is providing practices for girls in grades 2-8

Location: North gym at the HS

Grades 2-6, 6:30-7:30pm these dates: 3/27, 4/4, 4/13, and 4/18

Grades 6-8, 7:30-8:30pm these dates: 3/27, 4/4, 4/13, and 4/18

*6th graders can come to either practice based on skill level.

There is no registration. Simply show up!

The #1 goal of Indianola Volleyball is to lead the state in FUN!

Indianola Volleyball Camp

Join the Indianola Volleyball coaching staff this summer if you want to learn or improve your skills, and, most importantly, have fun!

Girls going into grades 6-8 in the fall are invited to sign-up.

Please see the flyer in the [Digital Backpack](#) for all the details.

Indianola YMCA News

- Floor Hockey program begins April 4th -April 27th on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30 for kids ages 9-12 years! Only 10 spots available and kids who register receive an Iowa Wild Jersey and a free ticket to an Iowa Wild game!
- May will bring Cheer on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30-6:30 for kids 7-12 years!
- As always kids from 8-13 can jump in on youth strength training every month!

Have You Joined a Parent Facebook Group Yet?

Want to know all of the school and community activities for your child's class? Join their Indianola Parent FB group! These pages are designed to be an inclusive catchall for activities, clubs, events, success stories, and opportunities to support IMS.

2027 (8th Grade): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/308102234349293/>
2028 (7th Grade): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1386800961472755/>
2029 (6th Grade): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/509461217003504/>

Astronomy Club

Do you like learning about all things space, planets, and stars? If so, Astronomy Club is for you! We will meet on Tuesday mornings at 7:15 in Mrs. Jacobson's (710). Bring your Chromebook, some paper, or a notebook, and be ready to learn!

Purchasing Tickets to Middle School Athletic Events

Cash Only is accepted to purchase tickets at the gate. There is not an option to buy tickets online, and we do not accept credit/debit cards. Admission is \$3 for everyone.

Please refer to the [22-23 IMS Handbook](#) for all procedures, policies, and guidelines.

CHROMEBOOK NEWS

Students, if your Chromebook is in for repair, please be on the lookout for emails notifying you when the repair is complete. You will need to then exchange the loaner computer for your assigned one.

FAILURE TO EXCHANGE DEVICES WITHIN 3 SCHOOL DAYS OF BEING EMAILED WILL RESULT IN THE LOANER CHROMEBOOK BEING DISABLED.

Has Your Address Changed Recently? Will it Be Changing?

Are you moving? Or have you recently moved? The parent/guardian needs to complete the Change of Address form and provide acceptable proof of residency to the District Enrollment Coordinator. Please do so in a timely manner, as changes can take 2-3 business days to update.

[Change of Address Form](#)

More information may be found here: [ICSD Change of Address](#)

After School Tutoring Parent Permission Slip Linked Below

Once again, IMS is offering free after school tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Parents must sign their child up before they can attend. Please click on the link for the registration form and details.

[Tutoring Registration Form](#)

Backpacks 4 Hunger No Child Goes Hungry Over the Weekend

Backpacks are filled Friday and sent home with meals and snacks for the weekend. Backpacks and contents are provided by donations in the community of Indianola.

ALL students are eligible.

TO SIGN UP: Contact 961-5755 Or
Your school counselor at 515-961-9530

Counselor Emails:

- Tina Chaplin (6th Grade): tina.chaplin@indianola.k12.ia.us
- Tiffany Cochran (7th Grade): tiffany.cochran@indianola.k12.ia.us
- Lacey Cherniss (8th Grade): lacey.cherniss@indianola.k12.ia.us

Thinking of Substitute Teaching?

Schools everywhere are in need of substitute teachers. Here is a way to get authorized through AEA Learning Online. Indianola's current sub pay is \$140 per day. Please share this with anyone you know who might be interested. <https://training.aealearningonline.org/course/2204419999/catalog>

Associates Needed at IMS

Do you want to earn extra cash? Do you want to be off in the summers? Do you want to make a difference in children's lives? Do you want to work with a fun, supportive team? If so, become a **Special Education Associate** at Indianola Middle School! We have openings, and we'd love to have you join us.

Click [Apply](#) for more information.