



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW THE WEEK OF
April 17, 2023...

Attention Parents of 6th and 7th Graders

Reminder Time to Choose Classes for Next Year!

Parents/guardians of current 6th and 7th graders, last week 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.

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!

Counseling Corner

8th to 9th Grade Transition Information

-May 4th: 8th grade students will go to the high school from 8:20-9:40 am. During this time, students will go on a tour of the building and will have an opportunity to hear from high school students who will share advice for a successful transition from middle school.

-May 15th (Team Pride) and May 16th (Team Brainstormers): Students will attend a Postsecondary Exploration day at Simpson College. Your 8th grade student should have brought home a [permission form](#) for you to sign that also includes information about what students will be doing at the event.

-8th grade students have completed High School Course Plans. Your 8th grade student received a copy of their Course Plan during Science class last week along with a [Parent Letter](#). If you have not yet signed your student's Course Plan, please indicate that you have reviewed it by filling out the following [Google Form](#). You can review an electronic copy of the Course Plan by having your student show you their plan on Xello, or through your Xello Parent Portal account.

8th Grade Counselor: Lacey Cherniss, lacey.cherniss@indianola.k12.ia.us

7th Grade Counselor: Tiffany Cochran, tiffany.cochran@indianola.k12.ia.us

6th Grade Counselor: Tina Chaplin, tina.chaplin@indianola.k12.ia.us

Student & Family Liaison: Kyla Bandstra, kyla.bandstra@indianola.k12.ia.us

Dates to Remember:

Monday, May 29: No School (Memorial Day)

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

Science Trip to Tampa Bay!

Any current 6th or 7th grader interested in joining Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Strable on the Science trip to Tampa Bay, FL in June 2024 should join us for an informational meeting. It will be held on Thursday, May 11, from 6:00-6:30 pm in the MS library. If you have already signed up you do not need to attend. This meeting is for those who are interested and who have not registered.

Hope to see you there!

Impulse Try-Outs

If you are interested in trying out for the Impulse Dance Team next year, fill out the form below. Try-out location and times are listed on the form.

<https://forms.gle/pgoT58pET2oJMZDFA>

****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.

8th Grade Girls Interested in Volleyball

Girls going into grades 9-12 are invited to a players-only meeting on Tuesday, May 23, at 8:15 p.m. It will be held in the HS North gym. If you can make it, please contact Coach Halstead at kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us.

The last day for **The Zone** is Thursday, April 27th.

Music News

May 4 - Parade of Bands for grades 7-12, HS North gym at 7:00 p.m.

May 16 - 6th Grade Band & Orchestra concert, HS Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

May 22 - 7th & 8th Grade Band to Adventureland



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PREVIOUSLY...**

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!

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 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.

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.