



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW THIS WEEK April 19, 2021...

The Middle School dismissal time is 11:50 today, April 19th.

ISASP testing begins tomorrow, Tuesday, April 20th. **Students must have their Chromebooks with them fully charged. There will be no loaners to borrow.** Smart watches, phones, and other personal electronic devices (besides Chromebooks) will have to be stored in students' lockers during testing.

See ISASP schedule on next page.

Are You Remembering Your Mask Each Day?

Parents, please check with your student to see if they have a mask ready to wear at school each morning. The number of paper masks that we handing out before school is increasing, and many students are forgetting theirs every day. We are happy to help on those occasions when a mask is forgotten, but our intention is not to supply them on a daily basis.

Students, put one in your backpack each night so you have it ready for the next day.

Thank you.



Indianola Volleyball Camp

Girls who want to have fun and improve their volleyball skills are invited to join Indianola Volleyball Camp this July. There are two times: one for girls going into grades 3-6, and one for girls going into grades 6-8. Sixth grade girls can choose either camp. Prizes will be awarded daily and each participant receives a t-shirt! The sign-up flyer with details will be added to the [Digital Backpack](#). Contact Kent Halstead at kenthalstead@gmail.com for more information.

ISASP Testing Starts Tuesday

The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP's) will take place beginning Tuesday, April 20. The schedule is below.

Parents, once an assessment begins in a classroom, we cannot disturb the room unless there is an emergency. Please take note of the times that your child will be testing, and avoid scheduling appointments during those times. You will be asked to wait until the session is over if you come to pick them up in the middle of a test.

If we are notified prior to testing that your student will need to leave during an exam, he/she will need to wait in the office until check-out time, and then will have to make up the test at a later time. We want to avoid this as much as possible; schedules have to be adjusted and it can add unnecessary stress to the students when they are pulled out of class for the exam.

Remember, you can look at your child's schedule on PowerSchool ([PS Info page](#)).

Your cooperation is appreciated.

4/20: 6th grade during Math/SS blocks

7th grade during Math/SS blocks

8th grade during periods $\frac{3}{4}$

4/21: 6th grade during Language Arts

7th grade during Language Arts

8th grade during periods $\frac{3}{4}$

4/22: 6th grade during Language Arts

7th grade during Language Arts

8th grade during periods $\frac{3}{4}$

4/23: 6th grade during Language Arts

7th grade during Language Arts

8th grade during periods $\frac{3}{4}$

4/26: 8th grade during periods $\frac{3}{4}$

(6th & 7th do not have a scheduled test on Monday, 4-26; just make-ups.)

Make-up tests for all grades will be scheduled throughout the week.



SCHOOL INFO...

Food Service Announcement

ALL MEALS (Breakfast and lunch) are FREE to ALL students this school year. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Middle School Website Page

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/school/indianola-middle-school/>

School District Website

<http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/index.php>

Student and Parent App Tutorials

Click [here](#) to find valuable information on how to maneuver through many of the apps that are being used this school year.

Homework Support

If your child needs homework support, tutoring is now available after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You must sign up for your child to attend. See [flyer](#) for details.

PowerSchool

PowerSchool is the district's student information system. [Here](#) is a link to the PowerSchool Parent & Guardian Success site. You will find helpful information to log in, set up notifications, check fines/fees, use the mobile app, and much more.

Parents, please take a look at the two sets of directions linked below for managing your email subscriptions. Note: these directions do not allow parents to unsubscribe from all district emails—only the automated PowerSchool emails.

- [Managing Grades & Attendance Summary, Assignment Scores, and Balance Alert Notifications](#)
- [Managing PowerSchool Class Pages \(PowerSchool Learning\) Email Digests & Notifications](#)

21-22 Class Scheduling Reminder

Students, if you or your parent didn't select classes for next year, you would have received an email on March 24th giving you the link to the sign-up. We must have a class option form for each student. Please check your email to see if you received this reminder. If you didn't get it, that means you are signed up for classes.

How to Place a Library Book on Hold

1. Go to the catalog (<https://tinyurl.com/indmslc>)
2. Click Log In and then sign in with Google
3. Search for a book
4. Click *Hold* or click the cover to look at it
5. Click *Hold* or search for another book

**We will email you to let you know your book is ready to be picked up.

**If you are a remote learner, please let us know and we will place your book(s) in the office

Video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SKE97f7s3F51tXdpjfnQW4ruTGBH55QJ/view?usp=sharing>

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Mrs. Richardson (sara.richardson@indianola.k12.ia.us)

21-22 Enrollment is Underway!

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE – Enrollment is different than class scheduling! If you and your student have selected classes for next year, you are halfway there. The next step is to re-enroll your child into the district. Please click [here](#) for information.

Not receiving text messages from the Indianola Community School District?

You can opt-in by texting YES to 87569. Standard message and data rates apply.

If you still aren't receiving ICSD text messages, please contact the office to confirm that we have the correct contact information on file.

Dates to Remember:

April 19:	11:50 Dismissal
May 28*:	Last Day of School
	11:50 Dismissal
	Revised Date and Time



ACTIVITY INFO...

Check Out the District Event Calendar

Below is a link to the district's event calendar. You'll find dates, times, and locations for sports, music, and various other events in which our students are participating on this site.

<https://www.littlehawkeyeconference.com/public/genie/206/school/645/>

8th Graders: Student Assistants Needed for Indianola HS Volleyball Program

The Indianola HS Volleyball program is needing 9th grade student assistants starting this summer through next fall. Some of the tasks you would get to do would be:

- Coordinate and run the music at practices
- Run criteria-based timings for practice drills
- Coordinate food and donut orders
- Welcome opponents to our gyms
- Be an awesome part of our program!

If interested, contact Mr. Halstead in room 811 or kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us.



GENERAL INFO...

Homework Hotline

The United Way Homework Helpers Hotline is a volunteer-based hotline aiming to support students with homework questions outside of the school day.

Operating hours are from 3:00-8:00 p.m., Sunday thru Thursday. Call 211 for FREE homework help for students k-12. Then, select #7 to speak with a Homework Hotline Helper. Interpreters are also available.