



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## NEW THIS WEEK April 26, 2021...

### ISASP Testing

Eighth grade will be testing 10:15-11:40 today. Make-up tests for students who didn't finish or were absent last week will be done at various times throughout the week as teachers have available spots.

### REMEMBER YOUR MASK!!

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 are 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.



### Music Dates:

- May 1: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Bands to Adventureland (load bus at 9:15 a.m.)
- May 6: Parade of Bands, grades 7-12 (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> warm-up at 6:30. Concert at 7 in the HS North gym.)
- May 18: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & Orchestra Concert (Warm-up at 5:30. Concert at 6:00 in the MS Fieldhouse.)
- May 18: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Concert at 7:30 pm in the MS Fieldhouse

## GoGuardian Parent Mobile App

Parents were emailed the notification below regarding GoGuardian on April 9. Please refer to that email for a link to a detailed document.

*As you know, Indianola Middle School has been using Chromebooks for the past few years. To help keep your child safer and more scholarly online, we adopted GoGuardian online filtering & classroom management solutions at the very start of our Digital Learning Environment (DLE). A few months ago, GoGuardian released a new mobile application that allows parents/guardians to have more control over their student's online activities while outside of school. We are pleased to announce that we are now ready for our parents/guardians to begin using the app.*

You can click [here](#) to watch a short video. If, after trying the app yourself, you have questions, visit the [IT Support Portal Page](#).

## 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Girls Softball

Practice will start on Monday, May 17, after school. It will end at 5:30 p.m. Great stuff about the season will be covered in a Zoom meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11. The meeting is for players and guardians. A Zoom link will be emailed to you once the roster sign-up is complete.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

The final dance for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be Friday, May 14, from 7:00 to 9:00 at the Blake Fieldhouse. **The theme is Decade Days**—dress up in clothing from your favorite decade. Pizza, drinks, music, and games will be provided.

Masks are required.





## 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.

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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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:

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/>

### 8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Student Assistants Needed for Indianola HS Volleyball Program

The Indianola HS Volleyball program is needing 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us).

### 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](mailto:kenthalstead@gmail.com) for more information.



## 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.