



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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WEEK OF December 18, 2017

Reader of the Week:



Alexis
Halsted

Winter Break

This Thursday, school will be dismissed one hour early (2:20 for middle school) for the start of Winter Break. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 3, 2018.



Ugly Sweater/Wear your Finest Day

Students are encouraged to dress up in their finest clothing or ugly sweaters on Thursday. Staff will be participating as well. Let's make our last day for 2017 a festive one!



SCHOOL NEWS...

School Board Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Chris Scott as a member of the Indianola School Board, the board is seeking interested community members to be considered for his replacement. Please contact Board President Kariann Voigts at kariann.voigts@indianola.k12.ia.us or 515.979.1167 for further information.

Please Bring Your License when you Visit the School

If you have been a visitor to any of our Indianola schools during a typical day, you have been asked to show your license the first time so that a sticker could be given to you before you walk around the building.

We will be getting an upgrade to this security screening system, which is a good thing. However, we will not have access to past visitor records, so we will need to scan every person's license/ID as if it were their first visit.

This upgrade will take place over winter break, so, beginning January 3, 2018, every visitor will be required to show their license.

Please keep in mind, if you are just coming into the main office you will not need to show your ID. If you are going anywhere else in the building during school hours, however, you will.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Tis the Season for Yearbooks

Why should you buy one? So that in the future you have proof that you REALLY did wear your hair that way!

Yearbooks are now on sale. Go to www.Jostens.com.

- Books are \$25 until December 31, and then they will increase to \$30 until the end of sales on February 28.
- Not sure if you bought one? Check out the list on the lunchroom window. We update it weekly.
- Please do not bring money to school. You must order books online.
- Questions? William.damman@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Menu

Please click [here](#) to see the breakfast and lunch menus for the month of December. Student lunches are \$2.90, adults \$3.55, and an extra milk is \$0.40.

School District Website

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

Toys for Tots

The IMS Student Council is helping Coach Manny and the high school wrestling team collect Toys for Tots. They are encouraging IMS students, as well as families who attend open gym, to bring in an unwrapped store bought toy through December 21. There will be collection boxes in the main office and the Blake Fieldhouse.

This is an excellent program and a great way to spread holiday cheer.

Thank you from the IMS Student Council -- and Happy Holidays!

No Cell Phone Usage from 7:30 – 3:20

Parents, please remember that students are not allowed to use their cell phones during the school day. If they need to contact you, they should come to the office to use the phone. If they are not feeling well, they should visit the health office first, and then they may use that phone if they need to call you.

If you need to contact them, please call 961-9530, and we can get a message to the student to call you. For further details, click [here](#), select *Middle School Handbook*, and go to page 18.

Thank you.



ACTIVITY INFO...

Players-Only Meeting for 7th Grade Boys Basketball

There will be a players-only meeting for 7th Grade Boys Basketball this Wednesday, December 20, at 8:00 a.m. in the Street gym. The parent meeting will take place in January.

All interested players should attend this meeting.

Calling all Softball Players!

Please join the Indianola Softball team as they provide pitching/catching/hitting instruction to girls in grades 3-8. The instructional camp will take place on Tuesday, January 2, at the Blake Fieldhouse.

For details and the registration form, click [here](#) and select Softball Instructional Camp.

If you have questions, please contact Stacy Evans at stacy.evans@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Boys Basketball

Sign-ups for Boys Basketball are now in the front office. Practice for both 7th and 8th grade will start Wednesday, January 3, immediately after school.

Parent meetings will take place on January 4 at 5:30. The 7th grade meeting will be in Room 303 by the fieldhouse. The 8th grade meeting will be in the cafeteria.

The coaches this season are Lee Nelson for 7th, lee.nelson@indianola.k12.ia.us, and Greg Kelly for 8th, greg.kelly@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Schedules can be found at www.littlehawkeyeconference.com. Select *Indianola*, then *View Schedules*.

As with all sports, students will need an updated physical on file along with a Concussion Awareness form for this school year. If you are not sure if these items are up-to-date, please ask your student to stop by the office.

For copies of the forms, click [here](#) and select *Sports Physical* and/or *Concussion Form*. Please note: both sides of the middle school physical form need to be completed; this is different from the high school form.

Study Table for Middle School Athletes

On Wednesdays due to the early out, we have an option for our student athletes. When school ends at 2:20, students may stay in a supervised area to do homework or read until practice starts at approximately 3:50. Students who sign up for Study Table are expected to be there each Wednesday during the season unless a parent calls in or writes a note to excuse them ahead of time.

To see the Study Table guidelines and registration form, click [here](#) and select *Study Table Rules & Guidelines*.

Athletic Fundraising Cards

Are you looking for a way to get great deals and support Indianola athletics? The Indianola fundraising card is the answer! For just \$20, you will get discounts at restaurants and retailers such as Applebee's, Pizza Ranch, Jethro's, Outback Steakhouse, Downey Tire Pros, Indy 66, Fareway, and many more. There are cards still available at the middle school. You may pay with cash or check (made out to Indianola Schools). Please click [here](#) and select *Athletic Fundraising Card* to see all the deals.

All You Can Eat Pancake Supper Tonight

Stop by the high school cafeteria tonight from 5:00-7:00 before the IHS holiday concerts for delicious pancakes flipped by the Pancake Man, sausage, and drinks. The cost is \$7 per person.

All proceeds will go to the IHS Show Choirs.

Check Out the District Event Calendar

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

Athletics

IMS Activities Schedule link: <http://www.littlehawkeyeconference.com>

Indianola Athletic Boosters

We started the year with a lofty goal of 600 Indianola Athletic Booster members. We are now at 615! Are you a member yet? It is easy to become one. Please go to www.indianolaathletics.com now to support our athletes, coaches, and programs. They depend on IABC to fund everything from uniforms to equipment & much more.



GENERAL INFORMATION...

Washington D.C. Trip Information for Parents of Current 7th Graders

The Washington D.C. trip for the current 7th grade class will be June 7-11, 2019. Since the registration, payment, and cost of this trip are different than in previous years, we will hold an informational meeting **tonight, December 18**, at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. We also wanted to get this information out before Christmas in case parents want to consider the D.C. trip in their holiday gift giving.

The D.C. trip is not a school-sponsored activity. Feel free to contact Mr. Dubczak with questions, david.dubczak@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Backpacks 4 Hunger

No Child Goes Hungry over the Weekend

ALL students eligible for this program

Backpacks are filled with meals and snacks for the weekend and are sent home with students on Friday. The backpacks and contents are provided by donations from the Indianola community.

TO SIGN UP: Call 961-5755 or contact your student's school counselor.

Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Indianola Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of age (except students), race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, creed or marital status in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities.

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of age (except students), race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, creed or marital status in admission or access to, or treatment in, its hiring and employment practices. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), § 504 or Iowa Code § 280.3 is directed to contact:

504 Coordinator
Indianola Community School District
1304 East 2nd Avenue
Indianola, IA 50125
515 961-9500

who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, § 504 and Iowa Code 280.3 (2007).

Anti-Bullying/Harassment (Ref. School Board Policy 104) Harassment and bullying of students and employees are against federal, state and local policy, and are not tolerated by the board. The board is committed to providing all students with a safe and civil school environment in which all members of the school community are treated with dignity and respect. To that end, the board has in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate bullying and harassment as well as processes and procedures to deal with incidents of bullying and harassment. Bullying and harassment of students by other students, by school employees, and by volunteers who have direct contact with students will not be tolerated in the school or school district. Concerns can be reported to the building administration by phone, email, or in person. Board Policy forms 04E1 and 104E2, along with additional bullying and harassment policy information can be obtained from the district website or from the main office.