



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW THE WEEK OF December 19, 2022...

SPIRIT WEEK is Here!

December 19th - December 22nd

Our IMS Student Council is encouraging students and staff to participate during
Winter SPIRIT DAYS:

Monday- Pajama Day- Wear your best sleepwear.

Tuesday- Xmas Class Color Day: 6th grade=green, 7th grade=white, 8th grade =red

Wednesday- Xmas Hats/Socks/Flannel Day

Thursday- Tropical Xmas Day: Ugly sweaters/hats allowed

Donations of deodorant, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, canned soup, pasta, rice, etc. can be delivered to your 1st period class. There will be a competition amongst grades; the ultimate goal, though, is to fill Officer Hackett's squad car with these items to donate to Helping Hand on Thursday!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

Rules below:

Appropriate School Attire (Ref. School Board Policy 502.1)

Appropriate school attire does not draw attention to the student, does not disrupt the concentration of other students, nor disrupts the educational environment. It is expected that students' clothing will ensure adequate coverage and undergarments should not be visible. Garments may not be backless or without straps, if applicable.

- Pants and shorts are to be worn at an appropriate level at or above the hips.
- Students may be asked to remove any item covering their face or head as staff need to be able to recognize the individual in school or in the classroom.
- Shoes with wheels are prohibited.
- Hats, other head coverings, and sunglasses are to be taken off and left in lockers during the school day with all bags and purses.
- Students are not to wear items that are considered potentially dangerous.
- All students will be expected to change into appropriate clothes for physical education classes.
- Students are expected to refrain from wearing clothing or other apparel with actual or implied profanity, sexual innuendos, and tobacco/alcohol/drug endorsements, promotion of weapons or known gang related insignias.
- The building principals will make the final determination of the appropriateness of the student's appearance.



IMS will dismiss at 2:20 on Thursday, and there will be no school starting Friday.
School will resume on Wednesday, January 4th.

If your student will be absent on Thursday or will need to leave before 2:20, please contact the attendance line between now and 8:00 a.m. that day. Phone 515.961.9530 (press 1), or email imsattendance@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Enjoy the holidays!

Lost & Found

Lost & Found items will be donated to Helping Hand after school on December 22nd. If you are missing an item, please check out the closet before you go on break. It won't be there when you return in January. Do Not Take What is Not Yours.

Cosplay Club

Students who like to dress up as characters from works of fiction, such as comic books, tv shows, etc., are invited to join Cosplay Club! The club will meet in the Industrial Tech room (411) after school on the second Tuesday of each month from 3:30 - 4:00. Limit of 20 participants.

If you are interested in joining, please click on the link to sign up:
<https://forms.gle/7E7c1Gz8YAb5a8cS8>.

Youth Swimming Lessons

The Indianola YMCA's winter Red Cross swimming lessons registration is now open. Classes start the week of January 9th. Registration closes January 2nd. Programs are taught by certified WSI Red Cross instructors, and they meet twice a week for three weeks.

You do not need to be a member to participate, and financial assistance is available. Let us help get your kids ready for a summer full of swimming! Sign up today by calling the front desk at 515-777-7746. For questions, please send an email to Casey.Garcia@dmymca.org.

Yearbook Prices Increase during Winter Break *Order Now!*

You can now order your 22-23 IMS yearbook through [Jostens](#).

The cost right now is \$25. It will increase during winter break!

You may also bring a check (made payable to IMS) or exact cash to Mr. Damman at school (room 507).

Parents, if you thought you ordered an IMS yearbook at the time you paid for school curriculum fees at the beginning of the year, you did not. The option is not available through our website or Revtrak for IMS yearbooks. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Damman @ William.damman@indianola.k12.ia.us.



POSTED PREVIOUSLY...

Prepare Your Families with Lifesaving Skills During the Holidays

From the American Heart Association...

At this time of year, many of us celebrate traditions and share gifts with those we love. One of the best gifts we can give our loved ones is the ability to save a life in an emergency. About 70% of cardiac arrests happen in homes and many – far too many – family members are not prepared for a cardiac emergency.

That is why our school is encouraging families to learn the life-saving skill of Hands-Only CPR and to have an amazing chance to become a CPR lifesaver if ever needed. Please take a few minutes to watch the American Heart Association Hands-only CPR video here: [Hands Only CPR](#).

Immediate CPR can double, or even triple, a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival!



Reminder:

There is **no** Zone until
Monday, January 9th.

Interested in Drama Club?

Students, if you are interested in joining the Drama Club, please click on the link to sign up.

*This is a student-led club and is different than the MS play.

[Drama Club](#)

Battle of the Books

If you are participating in Battle of the Books (BOB), this is just a reminder to keep reading books from [this list](#). Testing to determine our team of six students will occur in late January or early February, and the online competition will be held on April 14. This year's guest author at the competition will be Kelly Baptist. Her book *The Swag Is in the Socks* is the extra book that all BOB participants should read for the competition.

YMCA News

Youth Strength Programs begin again in January. Registrations open soon. New programming, time availability, and more competitive pricing will be offered!

Sign-ups for Super Hoopers, a basketball program for ages 6-12 years, is open and begins in January.

Calling All Current 6th and 7th Graders

Are you interested in snorkeling, swimming with manatees, and learning about marine life in Florida? If so, this Science trip is for you. Come to the meeting to see how you can join Mrs. Strable and Mrs. Fitzpatrick in June of 2024!

Check out this [link](#) to learn more.

Contact Mrs. Fitzpatrick with questions. chris.fitzpatrick@indianola.k12.ia.us

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.

Dates to Remember:

December 22: One Hour Early Dismissal (2:20 for IMS)

December 23 – January 3: No School, Winter Break

Wednesday, January 4: Classes resume

Friday, January 13: No School

Monday, January 16: No School

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.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

7th and 8th Grade girls basketball and wrestling.

You are invited to join us in room 303 in the Blake Fieldhouse from 2:30 to 3:30 each Wednesday for a new Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddle!

You do not need to sign in at Study Table, come directly to room 303 at 2:30 and sign in there.

Please contact janamcgraw@hotmail.com with any questions.

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](#)

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](#)

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

Popular Apps that Parents Should Know About
Click [Smart Social](#) for details.

Parent Facebook Groups

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/>

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>