



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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WEEKS OF
12-25-17 and 1-1-18

Reader of the Week:



Macy Wentz

Happy Holidays!

We'll see you on January 3, 2018!



SCHOOL NEWS...

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.

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.



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.

School District Website

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



ACTIVITY INFO...

7th & 8th Grade Play Information

Actors! Actresses!! What do you get when you cross Cinderella with Frankenstein's monster? Answer: this year's 7th & 8th grade play, *Cinderstein!*

Auditions for the play will be held after break on Thursday and Friday, January 4 & 5, in room 803 from 3:30 – 5:00. Students will only need to attend one of those days. This will be the time to sign up to work behind the scenes as part of the theater crew as well. Those students will be done by 3:50 on the day they choose to sign up.

Check the hall signs or see Mrs. Wickett or Ms. Ryder for more information.



Please click [here](#) to select January menus.

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.

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.

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*.

Check Out the District Event Calendar

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

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.

Athletics

IMS Activities Schedule link:

<http://www.littlehawkeyeconference.com>

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.



**GENERAL
INFORMATION...**

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.