



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2017

Reader of the Week:



Kaegan Howell

Band News

- This Thursday, December 7: 7th & 8th Band concert at high school auditorium, 7 p.m.
- December 14: 6th Band & Choir concert at high school auditorium, 7 p.m.



SCHOOL NEWS...

Positions Available

Indianola Middle School has part-time associate and sub-associate positions available. If you are interested, please click on the following link and select Employment Opportunities:
<http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/index.php>

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>

Boys' Lunch Bunch

IMS is offering an opportunity for boys to participate in a small group structure similar to our ongoing Girls' Circle. The group meets during each grade's lunch period outside the library. The mentor/supervisor is Alex Irwin, a local youth minister. The goal of the group is to focus on helping boys make good decisions, as well as helping kids gain access to academic, emotional, and behavioral supports.

Below is a link for parents to complete. The electronic signature allows your student the opportunity to participate:

<https://goo.gl/forms/peyboBurq0SvWhHg1>



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.

Student Health Services Handbook

With cold and flu season upon us, you may want to check out the Student Health Services handbook. You will find information on the duties of the school nurse and health associate, symptoms that will require a student to go home/stay home, medication administration, and much more.

If you have questions related to student health services, please contact our school nurse Cadi Williams (cadi.williams@indianola.k12.ia.us) or our health associate Nicky Gearhart (nicky.mcneeley@indianola.k12.ia.us). The health office phone number is 515.961.9530 x3124.

Please click [here](#) to select *Student Health Services Handbook*.

Dates to Remember

- ❖ December 21 – 1 Hour Early Dismissal, Winter Break Begins ***Revised***
- ❖ December 22 thru January 2 – Winter Break ***Revised***

Lost & Found

Our lost & found is growing! If your student is missing items, such as sweatshirts, shoes, or water bottles, he should check the closet by the outside recess doors. Smaller items can be found in the office.

School-Based Therapy Services

The Indianola School District has been working on providing additional supports to students, and we are happy to announce that we now have a new school-based therapy provider, Integrative Counseling Solutions. ICS provides mental health counseling with a licensed therapist for students at school. There currently is no wait list for services.

If you are interested in finding out more about school-based therapy, feel free to contact your student's grade-level counselor or you can contact Integrative Counseling Solutions at 515.267.1340. Students seek mental health services to help with issues such as depression, anxiety, grief, trauma, anger, ADD/ADHD, stress management, relationship issues, and more.



**ACTIVITY
INFO...**

After School Geography Club

If you love maps and learning about exciting places around the globe, Geography Club is for you! We will be doing qualifying activities to choose participants for the Indianola Middle School Geography Bee which takes place Monday, January 8, in Room 614 at 3:30. The first meeting is December 11 right after school.

Click [here](#) and select *Geography Bee Flyer* for all the details. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Connee Larsen.

The last day of **The Zone** for 2017 is Monday, December 11. It will resume on Thursday, January 11.



Holiday Lock-In

The IHS Side One Show Choir is sponsoring a lock-in for ALL students in grades K-6 **this Friday**, December 8, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Blake Fieldhouse. For details, click [here](#) and select *Holiday Lock-In Flyer*.

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.

Rock the House

Indianola Middle School is rocking the house this year! Rock the House provides an opportunity for students to be physically active and engaged in fun activities before school. Rock the House meets every other Wednesday from 7:30 – 8:00. The various activities that may be offered at times throughout the year include the following: ultimate Frisbee, ultimate football, volleyball, speedball, handball, kickball, whiffle ball, Just Dance, basketball, yoga, hacky sack, bean bag toss, pedometer walking, and much more. Please join us for a fun-filled morning!

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.

Indianola Athletic Boosters

We started the year with a lofty goal of 600 Indianola Athletic Booster members. We are so close to meeting that! Currently, we are at 577 members—just 23 more and we make our goal. Are you a member yet? It's 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.

Check Out the District Event Calendar

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

Gift Ideas for your Favorite Indianola Indian

GTM Sportswear has Indianola t-shirts, sweatshirts, scarves, hats, bags, and much more for all members of your family. Many are sport/activity specific, and others include the Indians logo only.

Click [here](#) to view GTM's selection.

Athletics

IMS Activities Schedule link:

<http://www.littlehawkeyeconference.com>

Watch School Events Online

<http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/>



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.