



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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WEEK OF
February 14, 2022...

Conference Sign-Ups Underway

Parents and guardians, a reminder email about conferences was sent to you this morning. You can still sign up for 10-minute Zoom appointments with your child's teachers until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday. At that time, scheduling will be locked.

Conferences will run Tuesday, February 15th thru Thursday, February 17th.
The SignUp link and Zoom links are included in the above-mentioned email.

No Tutoring this Tuesday or Thursday

No Study Table this Wednesday

7th & 8th Grade Track Sign-Ups

Track practice will start Monday, March 21. More details will be sent in the coming weeks.

Girls: Athlete/Parent meeting Tuesday, March 1, at 5:30 in the MS cafeteria. Coaches: Lester, Furbee, McKenzie, and Singleton

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWSShwPnboqItOYiTVKhqciqASOQIAo-QV5gwGMO6CsTJTYQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Boys: More info to come

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfdDWi_KIOk1VLfjkLonc5AwaCEB_cuyNIH_jxcRKaqjXwONG/viewform?usp=sf_link

**THERE WILL BE NO ZONE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
DUE TO CONFERENCES.**

Veterinary Camp at Kindness Pet Clinic for 6th – 8th Graders

Kindness Pet Clinic is hosting 2-hour veterinary camps for students in grades 6-8. The first three camp dates are March 27, April 10, and May 22. The camp will allow students to interact with veterinarians and staff while getting to do hands-on activities. Each student may attend one camp session.

Attendees must fill out an application. These are available, along with a more in-depth description of the camp and requirements for participation, at the Kindness Pet Clinic (1007 E 2nd Avenue). A parent will be required to sign a waiver and attend with their student.

KPC is excited to meet the next generation of veterinarians and scientists of all disciplines!

Bus Passes

Just a reminder: Our Transportation department requires a 3-day notice if you are requesting a bus pass for your child to ride home with another student.

You need to contact ryan.whitesitt@indianola.k12.ia.us, or call 515.961.9500 x1620.

Black History Poster Contest

All IMS students are invited to participate in the Black History Poster Contest! Participants will create a unique, original poster that celebrates and honors black culture, history and achievement. You can also collaborate with others and make a poster together!

Student council will vote for the top 3 posters and the winners will be recognized.

Poster paper and more information are available outside the cafeteria doors.

All posters and title cards must be turned into the front office by March 4th. See Mrs. Smith if you have any questions.

Lost & Found Notice

The Lost & Found closet is full again. If you are missing something – jacket, shoes, water bottle, etc., - be sure to look in there before **this Thursday**. Anything still in the closet on Thursday will be discarded or donated!

Middle School Bowling

Students interested in bowling, click [here](#) for details about a fun league (camp) that will start on March 1.



SCHOOL NEWS...

Kids, Tell Your Parents: Deadline to Purchase Yearbooks is February 28th! **No Exceptions**

Yearbooks are now on sale at [Jostens Yearbooks](#). You may also bring \$30 cash or a check made payable to IMS to Mr. Damman in room 507 by February 28th.

Books will arrive in May.

District Website:

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/>

Information Technology Department:

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/information-technology/>

Middle School Website Page

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/school/indianola-middle-school/>

Office Information

Phone Numbers: 515.961.9530 Main Office 515.961.9535 Fax

Attendance Line: 515.961.9530 x3162

Principal: Mrs. Kristy Ellis

Asst. Principal: Mr. Mike O'Meara

6th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Tiffany Cochran

7th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Lacey Cherniss

8th Grade Counselor: Ms. Tina Chaplin

Office Hours: 7:00am – 4:00 (3:30 on Fridays)

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, February 15 thru Thursday, February 17: Conferences (School IS in session)

Friday, February 18: No School

Monday, March 14 thru Friday, March 18: Spring Break

Monday, April 11: No School

Friday, May 27: Last Day of School (1:50 Dismissal for IMS)

From the ICSD Food Service Department:

As schools across the country work diligently to finish last minute preparations for the new school year, we are being faced with unprecedented supply chain challenges. These issues are forcing us to alter our posted menus, at times with little to no notice. While our intention is to serve the posted menu each day at every building throughout the district, supply concerns will not make this possible throughout the year. We will attempt to substitute the original menu item with an item that is similar in nature, and still meets State and Federal requirements. We appreciate your patience and understanding! Please continue to check our online menus often at: <https://indianola.nutrislice.com/menu/>

And, Reminder: Meals are free to all students again this year!

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/food-service/>

Free Tutoring Available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Parents, if your middle school child is in need of some extra help, you can sign them up for tutoring. IMS teachers are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40-4:30 in the library.

Please email or call your child's teacher in the subject where assistance is needed. Let them know that you would like your child to attend tutoring. Include the day(s) that your child will attend, and the date that they'll be starting. Also, include a phone number where you can be reached.

Our teachers are ready to help!



**ACTIVITY
INFO...**

Art Club Sign-Up for 7th and 8th Graders

If you are interested in joining Art Club, please click [here](#).

For more details, read today's Daily Announcements.



IMS 6th Grade Book Worms Club



Sixth graders, a new club called Book Worms is starting!

Please see these [slides](#) for more details.



All IMS students are invited to join the fun after school on Mondays and Thursdays during the school year. For details, click [here](#).

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IMS Gender and Sexuality Alliance

The IMS GSA - Gender and Sexuality Alliance - started Tuesday, February 1st after school from 3:30-4:30 in Ms. Cohen's room (411). The GSA is a social and support group for members or allies of the LGBTQ+ community. We will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month to share experiences, support one another, and participate in various activities and volunteer opportunities within the community

If you are interested in attending the first GSA meeting or have questions, please reach out to Ms. Cohen.



**GENERAL
INFORMATION...**

Like a Flexible Schedule? Want to Make a Difference in Kids' Lives? Substitute Teaching May be for You!

Click on this Heartland AEA link to see just how easy it is to obtain your Substitute Authorization:

<https://www.heartlandaea.org/professional-learning/licensure-info/sub-auth/>

Live Online Homework Help

The community libraries in Iowa are providing access to a live online homework help site called Brainfuse HelpNow. Through the website, students can access live tutors for help, upload writing assignments to be analyzed and to obtain helpful comments, ask a quick question, and more. Live help is available from 2pm-11pm every day. Brainfuse also offers a "skills surfer" to reinforce concepts, as well as targeted lessons, quizzes, and online tutoring for ACT, SAT, and GED tests. Go to the public library website at https://www.brainfuse.com/highed/helpNow.asp?a_id=DAE9AC12&ss=&r=. Click Brainfuse HelpNow, Login, then Sign up.

For more information, see <https://www.brainfuse.com/jsp/company/faq.jsp>, or ask your local or school librarian.