



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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WEEK OF February 17, 2020...

Reader of the Week



This week's winner:
Dallas Parsons

Conferences are this week. See page 2 for the details.

You will be able to order yearbooks this Tuesday and Thursday evening during conferences. See Yearbook News on page 3.

No School Thursday or Friday

Parents of 6th and 7th Graders Please Read: Course Option Forms are Due this Friday

Parents, on February 6, you were sent a Google form that you and your child must submit to select courses for the 20-21 school year.

COMPLETING THIS FORM DOES NOT REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL—IT IS FOR COURSE SELECTION ONLY.

Please talk with your child about the options for next year, and complete the Google form by this Friday, February 21. We must have one for each child.



SCHOOL NEWS...

Conference Scheduling Underway

Indianola Middle School will once again be utilizing an online conference scheduler so that you can set up 10-minute appointments with your child's teachers. Below, you will find important details that you'll want to be aware of before scheduling and attending the conferences.

The IMS conference schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, February 18:

- 4:00-8:00

Wednesday, February 19:

- 2:30-4:00

Thursday, February 20:

- 2:00-8:00

As a reminder, there is no school for students Thursday, February 20, or Friday, February 21.

We use a student-led conference format at IMS. Therefore, students need to be present and have their Chromebooks charged and ready so that they can share their report card and samples of their work.

In order to be respectful of everyone's time, it is important that you allow time before your first scheduled conference to get parked, find the classrooms, and get the Chromebook ready. Also, if you will be traveling to different wings within the school, please try to avoid scheduling back-to-back appointment times. If you arrive late to an appointment, your 10-minute slot may have to be shortened so that teachers can stay on track.

If the student-led format does not meet your needs, you can schedule a team meeting with many of the core teachers before school, after school, or during their team planning time on non-conference days. If you need more than 10 minutes with a teacher, arrange a follow-up meeting if necessary.

Conference Scheduling Instructions

Before you get started, you will want to know the names of the teachers you want to meet.

<http://www.ptcscheduling.com/app/login.asp?HID=98565623>

Use the link above to access the Parent/Teacher Scheduling program.

1. Complete the information requested on the right hand side of the screen under "REGISTRATION", then hit Register.
2. Upon completion of registration, click on the link again to log in to PTC.
3. Under the LOGIN section, enter your email address and password. Click Sign In.
4. Add/Edit your child's information. Indianola Middle School should be indicated.
5. Click on the Add Child button to save your changes.
6. If you have additional children attending IMS, repeat steps 4 & 5.
7. If you have used PTC in the past at a different school, but with the same email/password, all children you've added will be listed. You will need to edit their information, including school name.
8. Once all your children have been added or edited, click on the Schedule button for the first child.
9. Select the conference date.
10. Choose your student's teachers, and click Submit at the bottom.
11. Pick your student's conference time (ONE per teacher). The time you select will automatically be saved.
12. Click Home.
13. Click Schedule Conferences to view your child's information.
14. Click on the Print/Email button to view, print, or email yourself the conference times.
15. Click the Log Off button at the top of the page to end your session.

If you have questions when signing up for conferences, please call Janet Robbins, Secretary, at 515.961.9530 x3156, or janet.robbins@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Yearbook News

Have you bought your yearbook? If you are not sure, check the list outside the lunch room. There are two lists, one for online sales and one for conference sales, so be sure to check both lists.

Books are \$30. You can buy online using the link below, or you can bring cash/check to Mr. Damman in room 507. You will also be able to order books during Tuesday and Thursday conferences. Make checks payable to IMS. Books will be on sale until February 28.

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1071684/Indianola-Middle-School/>

IMS Black History Poster Contest

All students are invited to participate in the annual IMS Black History Poster Contest. The purpose of this contest is to celebrate and honor black history, culture and achievement. You can collaborate with others for this project. More details are posted at the cafeteria entrance along with the poster paper you can use. Student council will vote for the best poster and the winner will be recognized. All students who participate will receive a certificate and also have a chance to win a raffle prize.

All posters must be turned into the front office by February 28th. See Mrs. Smith in room 410 if you have any questions.

School District Website

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

Middle School Page

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

Upcoming No School Dates

Thursday & Friday, February 20 & 21: Prof Dev for Teachers/Conferences

March 16 – 20: Spring Break

April 13: Professional Development for Teachers

May 25: Memorial Day

Join the Middle School on Twitter!
@MSIndianola



Students: Please bring your Chromebooks and ID cards to school with you each day.

Parents: Students are still able to eat lunch if they forget or lose their cards. They may have to go to the back of the line, however, so that the lunch clerks can assist them after the other students with cards have made their way through the line. The goal is to get nearly 300 students served and seated as quickly and smoothly as possible.

If you purchased them an activity pass, they will have to come to the office to get a sticker placed on their new card; this is their responsibility.

Food Service & Free/Reduced Meal Info

Indianola Schools offer lunch and breakfast each day. Breakfast is \$2.00 at all schools and lunch is \$3.00 at the elementary schools and \$3.10 at the middle school and high school. Menus are available here: <https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/food-service/>.

If you need assistance to participate, the free and reduced meal application is available. <https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/food-service/fee-and-reduced-meal-application-information-test/>.

Indianola Schools is an equal opportunity provider.



ACTIVITY INFO...

7th and 8th Grade Art Club

Any 7th and 8th grader can sign up for Art Club by filling out the Google Form: [Sign Up for Art Club](#). Students who sign up will be emailed updates on activities going forward. There is no pressure to attend all activities. There will be a group photo in the Art room Tuesday, February 18th at 8am for those who sign up. Please sign up by February 14th if you want to join. You can email Mrs. Smith with any questions at lisa.smith@indianola.k12.ia.us

THERE IS NO STUDY TABLES THIS WEDNESDAY DUE TO CONFERENCES.

8th Graders Interested in High School Cheerleading

Practices will be held March 23 & 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the middle school in the Street gym. Tryouts will be March 26 at 6 p.m. in the same location.

7th and 8th Grade Track Information

- Links to the sign-up forms will be sent to **students** via email on Monday, February 24.
- First day of practice is Monday, March 23.
- All athletic paperwork must be turned in and up-to-date in order to practice.
- Study Table forms are required for students who will stay at school before practice on Wednesday early out days. If students already completed one for a different sport or activity this school year, a new one is not needed.
- 7/8 Girls Athlete/Parent meeting is Tuesday, March 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the MS Cafeteria
- 7/8 Boys Athlete/Parent meeting is Monday, March 23, at 5:00 p.m. in the MS Cafeteria.
- Sweatshirt orders are due Friday, March 13.
- 7th Boys head coach is Jeremy Whalen.
- 8th Boys head coach is Stacy Garrels.
- 7th Girls head coach is Erin Furbee.
- 8th Girls head coach is Michelle Lester.

Volleyball News

Volleyball Advantage Indianola Training all Indianola Girls in Grades 3rd thru 8th

Girls in grades 3 thru 8 interested in learning or improving their volleyball skills are invited to practices in March and April.

Please click [here](#) to view the flyer being added to the Digital Backpack very soon.

Contact Kent Halstead for more information at kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us.

HS Volleyball Assistants Needed

The IHS Volleyball program is in need of student assistants starting this summer through next fall. This position(s) would be for students in 9th grade during the 20-21 school year. Some of the tasks you would get to do would be:

Coordinate and run music at practices

Run criteria-based timings for drills in practice

Coordinate food and DONUTS

Welcome our opponents to our gyms...and be an awesome part of our program.

Contact Mr. Halstead if interested.



Check Out the District Event Calendar



Below is a link to the district's event calendar. You'll find dates, times, and locations for sports, music, and various other events in which our students are participating on this site.

<https://www.littlehawkeyeconference.com/public/genie/206/school/645/> -OR- Put the RSchool Today app on your phone. You'll need to choose the Little Hawkeye Conference and then the Indianola District when setting it up on your device. This is a quick, convenient way to get updated activity information for our school district.

Watch School Events Online!

If you missed your child's concert, game, etc., and wish there was a way to see it, you may be in luck! The following link will take you to the High School Sports Network-Indianola page. You will find several events listed for all grades in the Indianola district.

<http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/indianola-high-school-indianola-ia>

We Want our Students to be Involved!

There are many ways for students to get involved at school. Just a few of the groups or clubs offered are Geography Club, Mock Trial, DAA, Yearbook Staff, MathCounts, Art Club, and many more. Here is a link to the Activities section of the IMS webpage:

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



GENERAL INFORMATION...

Post Prom is raising money by selling metal Indianola yards signs. They are \$40. If you would like to order one, contact Karen at 515-321-1205.



Backpacks 4 Hunger

Backpacks 4 Hunger provides food to students that they can take home for the weekend. This service is for elementary and middle school students. Contact 961-5755 or your child's school counselor for details.

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.