



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW THE WEEK OF
February 27, 2023...

LAST TWO DAYS TO ORDER A YEARBOOK!! **Tuesday, February 28th is the Deadline!**

You can now order your 22-23 IMS yearbook through [Jostens](#). You may also bring a check (made payable to IMS) or exact cash to Mr. Damman in room 507. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Damman @ William.damman@indianola.k12.ia.us.
The cost is \$30.

THANK YOU...

**TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO ORGANIZED AND CONTRIBUTED TO
CONFERENCE MEALS FOR OUR TEACHERS.**

**The food was tasty
...and much appreciated!**

Lost and Found is Getting Full!

If you have misplaced a sweatshirt, coat, water bottle, etc., be sure to check the Lost & Found closet by the recess doors before the end of the day this Friday. Unclaimed items will be donated.

DO NOT TAKE WHAT IS NOT YOURS.

Battle of the Books

It's time for the Battle of the Books building competition to determine the team of six students who will represent IMS at the online regional competition on Friday, April 14! If you have been reading books from the Iowa Teen Awards list, then come to Mrs. Asell's room (601) during WIN on Thursday, March 2nd. Bring your Chromebook.

Track News

An email to sign students up for MS Track was sent to parents between 2-13 and 2-15. If you do not see the email with the sign-up link, please email Ben.lange@indianola.k12.ia.us. It will not be sent directly to students because there is a permission form to sign, so students please check with your parent/guardian if you are interested in joining the team.

MS Girls' Track & Field: Family/Athlete meeting will be Tuesday, March 7th @ 5:30pm in the MS Cafeteria. Please make plans to attend. If you can't make it, please see Coach Furbee or Coach Bethards. Thank you!

MS Boys' Track & Field: Family/Athlete meeting will be Monday, March 20th @ 5:00pm in the MS Cafeteria.

For those girls and boys participating in Track & Field this season, there will be order forms for **OPTIONAL** track/field hoodies in the main office. Please return the form with payment to the main office by **Friday, March 10**. Thank you! Coach Lester.

Track practice will begin after school on the day we return from spring break, March 20th.

Indianola Volleyball Camp

Join the Indianola Volleyball coaching staff this summer if you want to learn or improve your skills, and, most importantly, have fun!

Girls going into grades 6-8 in the fall are invited to sign-up.

Please see the flyer in the [Digital Backpack](#) for all the details.

Middle School Bowling

Kids in grades 5-8 are invited to join Middle School Bowling!

Sign-ups will take place at Bowlerama Lanes tonight from 4:00-5:00.

Please check out the flyer in the activities section of the [Digital Backpack](#) for all the details. If you can't make it tonight, call Bowlerama at 515.285.2811.





**POSTED
PREVIOUSLY...**

Reminder for 8th Graders:

Your high school registration form is due this Thursday, March 2nd.

Please turn it in to the office after your parent has signed it.

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 promote awareness and to celebrate African-American heritage. The theme is "celebrating black culture, history and achievement". All posters must be turned into the front office by March 9th. This poster can be done individually or in groups. No names can appear on the front of the poster. See the handout for more details and pick up poster paper outside the cafeteria doors. Student council will vote for the best poster and the winner will be recognized. All students who participate will receive a certificate.

Link for the handout:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VkpAme3Kcmu0an7nqMrfwC0y7coWfR9cqHTeptUxi9U/edit?usp=sharing>

American Legion Auxiliary Essay Contest

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at www.ALAforVeterans.org after its national convention.

Students interested in participating in this contest should refer to the attached cover sheet. Essays must be submitted by mail by February 28, 2023, to the local American Legion Auxiliary, 1510 West Salem Avenue, Indianola.

[American Essay Contest Cover Sheet](#)

Indianola YMCA News

- Spring Break Day Camp March 13th-17th for kids ages 7-12 years. Kids will learn all about science, have fitness time in the gym and finish the day in the pool! Program will run 8am-12pm M-F
- Floor Hockey program begins April 4th -April 27th on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30 for kids ages 9-12 years! Only 10 spots available and kids who register receive an Iowa Wild Jersey and a free ticket to an Iowa Wild game!
- May will bring Cheer on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30-6:30 for kids 7-12 years!
- As always kids from 8-13 can jump in on youth strength training every month!

Volleyball Advantage Indianola 2023

What: Indianola HS volleyball coaching staff is providing practices for girls in grades 2-8

Location: North gym at the HS

Grades 2-6, 6:30-7:30pm these dates: 2/27, 3/6, 3/20, 3/27, 4/4, 4/13, and 4/18

Grades 6-8, 7:30-8:30pm these dates: 2/27, 3/6, 3/20, 3/27, 4/4, 4/13, and 4/18

*6th graders can come to either practice based on skill level.

There is no registration. Simply show up!

The #1 goal of Indianola Volleyball is to lead the state in FUN!

Dates to Remember:

March 13 thru March 17: Spring Break

Monday, April 3: No School

To view district event calendar: [Calendar](#)

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.

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

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.

Astronomy Club

Do you like learning about all things space, planets, and stars? If so, Astronomy Club is for you! We will meet on Tuesday mornings at 7:15 in Mrs. Jacobson's (710). Bring your Chromebook, some paper, or a notebook, and be ready to learn!

ISASP

Parents, Please Avoid These Dates When Planning Appointments

This year's Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) testing dates will be April 4
– April 10 (with make-ups thru 4-21).

All students must take these assessments.

PLEASE SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD DURING NON-ISASP TIMES!

Here's why that is important:

*Once a teacher starts a test, late students will not be allowed to enter the classroom, and they will have to make up their test at a different time (which means they will miss a future class to do that).

*If your child has to pack up their things and leave a classroom during an assessment, they cause a disruption for the other students who are testing. Not only that, your child will have to be pulled from a future class to complete their test.

Please plan ahead. There is no school on Monday, April 3. This may be a great time to schedule an appointment!

Your cooperation is appreciated by staff and students.

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](#)

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/>

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](#)

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

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.

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>