



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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**WEEK OF**  
**February 7, 2022...**



## IMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Worms Club



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

Join us after school today, February 7, until 4:30 for our first meeting.

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

## Conference Sign-Ups Underway

Parents and guardians, check your January 31<sup>st</sup> emails. Details for IMS Spring Conferences were sent to you on that day. You can still sign up for 10-minute Zoom appointments with your child's teachers until 10:00 a.m. on February 15<sup>th</sup>. At that time, scheduling will be locked.

Conferences will run Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

All details and the sign-up link are included in the above-mentioned email.

**Kids, Tell Your Parents: Deadline to Purchase Yearbooks is February 28<sup>th</sup>!**

**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 28<sup>th</sup>.

Books will arrive in May.

**THERE WILL BE NO ZONE NEXT WEEK ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
DUE TO CONFERENCES.**

### **Orchestra's Annual Teddy Bear Concert this Thursday**

Please join our orchestras this Thursday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the IHS auditorium. Admission is \$3/adults and \$2/seniors and students.

Raffle tickets are \$1 per ticket for a chance to win a teddy bear – just in time for Valentine's Day!



### **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](mailto:ryan.whitesitt@indianola.k12.ia.us), or call 515.961.9500 x1620.



## **SCHOOL NEWS...**

### **Have You Moved Recently? Will You be Moving?**

Please click [here](#), and go to the Change of Address section. A form must be completed, and you will need to provide proof of residence documentation. All info can be returned to Denise Moss at the district office, emailed to [enrollment@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:enrollment@indianola.k12.ia.us), or faxed to 515.961.9505.

Please allow at least three business days for transportation changes.

Call Denise at 515.961.9500 x1506 if you have questions.

**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  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor:** Mrs. Tiffany Cochran  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor:** Mrs. Lacey Cherniss  
**8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

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

For more details, read today's Daily Announcements.



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

**NO ZONE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> DUE TO CONFERENCES**

## 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.

## **Battle of the Books**

If you are participating in Battle of the Books, this is just a reminder to keep reading books from [this list](#). Testing to determine our team of six students will occur in early February, and the online competition will be held on April 8. This year's guest author will be Sharon Draper. Her book *Blended* is the extra book that all BOB participants should read for the competition

## **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Interested in Soccer**

Any 7th and 8th grade girl seriously interested in playing high school soccer is invited to attend Sunday night open gyms from 5:30-7:00 at Blake Fieldhouse starting this coming Sunday, January 16. Bring indoor shoes and a water bottle. If you have any questions please email:

[erin.ebling@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:erin.ebling@indianola.k12.ia.us)



## **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=](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.