



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## NEW THE WEEK OF January 16, 2023...



**\*\*UPDATE\*\***

**The Zone will resume  
Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### Dates to Remember:

Friday, January 13: No School

Monday, January 16: No School

Tuesday, February 13 thru Thursday, February 16: Conferences (school in session)

Friday, February 17: No School

March 13 thru March 17: Spring Break

Monday, April 3: No School

### Parks and Rec News

#### **E-Sports Leagues**

Connect with other players from Indianola and surrounding communities as you play video games SmashBros in a safe and fun environment. Seven-week league begins the week of January 23.

For complete details and to register, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/IndyGGLeagues> .

#### **Family Fun Night**

Friday, February 3, from 6-8pm at the YMCA. Water activities include stand-up paddle boards, kayaking & swimming, plus dodgeball, nerf wars, inflatable jousting battle, giant trike races and more. Youth must register with an adult. Register by February 1. Call 515 961-9420 or register online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/FamilyFunNite>.

### Thank You, Office Runners!

Our front office is a busy place, and we rely on our student workers to help things run smoothly each day. We would like to give a shout-out to our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter runners!

Owen Sharp, Carter Leuwerke, George Blake, Thomas DeWall, Andi Capps, Sage Hawkins, Brilee Grochala, Stevie Bowen, Gracie Ritchie, Maya Whalen, Gabe Williams, Mason Reuter, Nadera Aller, Ava Koch, Zay Neal, Tate Brewer, Allie Powers, Julia McGraw, Kason Enquist, Chandler Brown, Avery Manny, Janee Blake, Harrison Theisen, and Will Rogers.



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**Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Graders & Parents/Guardians**  
**Save the Dates!**

**January 30, 2023, 7:00-8:00 PM**  
**8th grade Registration Meeting for High School**  
**Location: High School Auditorium**

The high school counselors will be meeting with 8th grade students and parents/guardians on January 30, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium. This is the first orientation meeting where the students will receive registration material. Please bring a pen or pencil. All 8th grade students and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Mrs. Cherniss, 8th grade counselor, at [lacey.cherniss@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:lacey.cherniss@indianola.k12.ia.us) or at 515-961-9530 X3106.

**Additional Registration Dates:**  
**High School Registration Work Sessions:**  
**February 14th & 16th (4:00-8:00 PM) and February 15th (3:30-6:30 PM)**

High school counselors will be in the high school library for Q &A. Parents may also drop off completed registration forms during this time. This is not a requirement. Work sessions will be arena style. No individual appointments are necessary, and you can work with any counselor.

If this is your 2nd or 3rd child and you are comfortable on your own, just turn in your sheet to Mrs. Cherniss. Students can turn in completed forms to the front office until March 2nd.

**All registrations are due March 2nd.**

**Still Time to Order a Yearbook!**

You can now order your 22-23 IMS yearbook through [Jostens](#).

**The cost is now \$30.**

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](mailto:William.damman@indianola.k12.ia.us).

**Cosplay Club**

Students who like to dress up as characters from works of fiction, such as comic books, tv shows, etc., are invited to join Cosplay Club! The club will meet in the Industrial Tech room (411) after school on the second Tuesday of each month from 3:30 – 4:00. Limit of 20 participants.

If you are interested in joining, please click on the link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/7E7c1Gz8YAb5a8cS8>.

## **Prepare Your Families with Lifesaving Skills: Hands Only CPR**

From the American Heart Association...One of the best gifts we can give our loved ones is the ability to save a life in an emergency. About 70% of cardiac arrests happen in homes and many – far too many – family members are not prepared for a cardiac emergency.

That is why our school is encouraging families to learn the life-saving skill of Hands-Only CPR and to have an amazing chance to become a CPR lifesaver if ever needed. Please take a few minutes to watch the American Heart Association Hands-only CPR video here: [Hands Only CPR](#).

Immediate CPR can double, or even triple, a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival!

## **Interested in Drama Club?**

Students, if you are interested in joining the Drama Club, please click on the link to sign up.

\*This is a student-led club and is different than the MS play.

[Drama Club](#)

## **YMCA News**

Youth Strength Programs begin again in January. Registrations open soon. New programming, time availability, and more competitive pricing will be offered!

Sign-ups for Super Hoopers, a basketball program for ages 6-12 years, is open and begins in January.

## **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.

## **Calling All Current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Are you interested in snorkeling, swimming with manatees, and learning about marine life in Florida? If so, this Science trip is for you. Come to the meeting to see how you can join Mrs. Strable and Mrs. Fitzpatrick in June of 2024!

Check out this [link](#) to learn more.

Contact Mrs. Fitzpatrick with questions. [chris.fitzpatrick@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:chris.fitzpatrick@indianola.k12.ia.us)

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.**

## **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](#)

## **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](#)**

## **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 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/308102234349293/>

2028 (7<sup>th</sup> Grade): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1386800961472755/>

2029 (6<sup>th</sup> Grade): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/509461217003504/>

## 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](mailto:tina.chaplin@indianola.k12.ia.us)
- Tiffany Cochran (7th Grade): [tiffany.cochran@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:tiffany.cochran@indianola.k12.ia.us)
- Lacey Cherniss (8th Grade): [lacey.cherniss@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto: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>