



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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**NEW THIS WEEK**  
**January 18, 2021...**

**No School Monday & Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

## **Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences in Mid-February**

Indianola Middle School will once again be utilizing the PTC online conference scheduler so that you can set up 10-minute virtual Zoom appointments with your child's teachers. **\*We will not be doing in-person conferences this spring.\*** Below, you will find important details that you'll want to be aware of before scheduling and attending the virtual conferences.

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. Again, it will be virtual through Zoom.

Teachers will add their conference Zoom links to their Class Pages as we get closer to conference time. Please watch for further details through emails, the weekly office newsletter (on Mondays), and on those above-mentioned Class Pages.

### **The IMS conference schedule is as follows:**

Tuesday, February 16: (Onsite and Remote Learning both in session this day)

- 3:30 - 7:30

Wednesday, February 17: (Onsite Learning in session / No Remote afternoon instruction this day)

- 2:00 - 3:20

Thursday, February 18: (No school for Onsite or Remote Learners this day)

- 1:00 - 8:00

**\*\*No school on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> or Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.\***

Again, sign-up instructions and Zoom links will be released when teachers' conference schedules are finalized. This should be late January or early February.

## Schedule Changes for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

As mentioned to students last week, starting January 20th (3rd quarter), the IMS schedule will look different. At this time, our school hours will remain the same (8:00-1:50 for onsite learning with the remainder of the day for remote learning), but the *class* schedule is changing.

Mondays and Wednesdays will be ODD Days. Tuesdays and Thursdays will be EVEN Days. Fridays will alternate between ODD and EVEN. Fridays will start with Advisory and there will be no WIN; this part is the same as 1st semester.

To see what your Odd & Even classes are, you can check your schedule using the MATRIX VIEW on PowerSchool. As always, it is best to pull up your WEEKLY VIEW at the beginning of each week to know exactly where you're supposed to go each day.

You will find the new bell schedule below. Monday-Thursday is on the first page. Friday is on the second. Please note-Study Table at the end of each day is only for athletes/drama participants who must wait for practice to start at 3:30.

Please keep in mind, things can change quickly. Right now, we are basing the schedule on a 1:50 dismissal.

If you have questions, please contact the office at 515.961.9530.

# Monday - Thursday Hybrid Schedule (effective 1-20-21)

Period 1	8:00 - 8:40
Period 2	8:44 - 9:17
WIN	9:21 - 9:41
Period 3	9:45 - 10:18
Period 4	10:18 - 10:51

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## 6th Grade

Lunch	10:51 - 11:21
5th Period	11:25 - 11:58
6th Period	12:02 - 12:35

## 7th Grade

Period 5	10:55 - 11:28
Period 6	11:32 - 12:05
Lunch	12:05 - 12:35

## 8th Grade

Period 5	10:55 - 11:28
Lunch	11:28 - 11:58
Period 6	12:02 - 12:35

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Period 7	12:39 - 1:12
Period 8	1:16 - 1:50
Study Table	1:50 - 3:20

## Friday - Advisory Hybrid Schedule (effective 1-20-21)

Advisory	8:00 - 8:25
Period 1	8:29 - 9:00
Period 2	9:04 - 9:35
Period 3	9:39 - 10:10
Period 4	10:14 - 10:45

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### 6th Grade

Lunch 10:47 - 11:17  
5th Period 11:19 - 11:53  
6th Period 11:57 - 12:31

### 7th Grade

Period 5 10:49 - 11:23  
Period 6 11:27 - 12:01  
Lunch 12:01 - 12:31

### 8th Grade

Period 5 10:49 - 11:23  
Lunch 11:23 - 11:53  
Period 6 11:57 - 12:31

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Period 7	12:35 - 1:09
Period 8	1:15 - 1:50
Study Table	1:50 - 3:20



## SCHOOL NEWS...

**Students, bring a mask to school each day. It is your responsibility!**

### **Covid-19 Clarifications:**

**Remote Learning:** Students who have elected to learn remotely must make a long-term commitment in doing so (at least 9 weeks). Students who have tested positive for Covid-19, or have been in direct contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus and are in quarantine, will be considered an onsite learner even though they'll be learning from home. They can check Class Pages and contact teachers for work.

**Absence Due to Illness NOT Related to Covid-19:** Students who are absent from school because of an illness *unrelated* to Covid-19 will continue to be onsite learners and will follow the makeup policies in the student handbook. Students are encouraged to view PowerSchool class pages to see what they have missed and may begin to complete assignments before returning. However, they will not become remote learners during the time of their illness.

**Direct Contact/Positive Test:** Students who have been in direct contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or have tested positive themselves need to contact the middle school health office ASAP (515.961.9530 x3124). Once notified, the administrative office will contact teachers and let them know that the student will be learning at home.

### **All Parents, Please Check your Child's Account for Fines**

School fines are viewable on PowerSchool . These fines are for overdue books, textbooks not returned, band supplies, uniforms, etc. Directions for viewing fines can be found [here](#). Please note—fees/fines cannot be paid using the PowerSchool mobile app. If you prefer to pay with check instead of online, please make check payable to IMS and turn it in to the main office. Be sure to note the student's name and what the fine is that is being paid. Please call 961.9530 x3156 if you have questions.

**\*Please Note\* that middle school fines will stay with a student through high school and must be paid before they graduate. It's a much easier process to either find the lost item or pay for it while your child is still in middle school.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Student and Parent App Tutorials**

Click [here](#) to find valuable information on how to maneuver through many of the apps that are being used this school year.

### **Middle School Website Page**

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

## **If You Forget Items at Home**

Before you leave your home each day, please make sure you have everything you need: binder, Chromebook, water bottle, MASK, school project, ID, etc. Many items are being dropped off, but we would like to reduce the traffic coming into the building.

If you do forget something and your parent brings it to school after the day has begun, an email will be sent to you to let you know it's in the office. It will not be delivered to you; it is your responsibility to check your email throughout the day. Other important information is emailed as well, including announcements and early dismissal pass notifications. Please make it a habit to check your email during the school day.

## **PowerSchool**

PowerSchool is the district's student information system. [Here](#) is a link to the PowerSchool Parent & Guardian Success site. You will find helpful information to log in, set up notifications, check fines/fees, use the mobile app, and much more.

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Parents, please take a look at the two sets of directions linked below for managing your email subscriptions.

Note: these directions do not allow parents to unsubscribe from all district emails—only the automated PowerSchool emails.

- [Managing Grades & Attendance Summary, Assignment Scores, and Balance Alert Notifications](#)
- [Managing PowerSchool Class Pages \(PowerSchool Learning\) Email Digests & Notifications](#)

## **Looking for Return to Learn or General District Information?**

### **School District Website**

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

### **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. Lacey Cherniss  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor:** Ms. Tina Chaplin  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor:** Mrs. Tiffany Cochran

**Office Hours:** 7:00am – 3:30pm

### **Food Service Announcement**

ALL MEALS (Breakfast and lunch) are FREE to ALL students this school year. Please click [here](#) for more details.

**Yearbooks are \$25 this year. Go to [Jostens](#) to order.**

### **Dates to Remember:**

January 18 & 19: No School  
February 12: No School  
February 18 & 19: No School  
March 15-19: Spring Break



## ACTIVITY INFO...

### 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/>



## GENERAL INFORMATION...

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.