



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW THIS WEEK
January 25, 2021...

Students, remember to bring your masks each day! It is your responsibility!

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 18th or Friday, February 19th.***

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

IHS Post Prom Committee

What better way to support a great cause than by buying donuts! The IHS Post Prom Committee is selling KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS to raise money for post-prom festivities. Buy a dozen, two dozen, or more! All proceeds will benefit prom attendees. Let's help make up for not getting to celebrate last year and make this year a year to remember!! Thank you for your support!

All of the information is on the Order Form below.

Pick Up will be February 6th from 8 AM to 10 AM at IHS North Gym (Circle Driveway)

[IHS Post Prom Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Order Form](#)

Deadline is February 1.

Art News

Click [here](#) for the Art Club t-shirt order form. There are 3 different shirts to choose from designed by Cecilia McDonald. You can print the form from home and turn in your money with the form to the front office or Mrs. Smith by JANUARY 29TH. Checks payable to DLH GraFX. Exact change required for cash payments. Order forms will be handed out to members during art classes this week. Extra forms can be found on the Communication Wall near the health office.

Congratulations to Theo McDonald!

Theo McDonald's Peace Poster went on to place 3rd at district level after placing 1st on the local level here in Indianola. Theo received his first cash prize from the Indianola Lion's Club, and the second will be awarded to him at the awards ceremony this spring. Great job, Theo! The 3 winning peace posters are on display now through the end of the year in the cafeteria lobby area at the Middle School.



Theo's quote about his poster: "Service comes in many forms. Service dogs create a sense of calm, and they help solve problems around the world."



SCHOOL NEWS...

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/>

School District Website

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

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.

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](#)

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

6th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Lacey Cherniss
7th Grade Counselor: Ms. Tina Chaplin
8th 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:

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.