



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW THE WEEK OF May 8, 2023...

Interested in Becoming a Member of the IMS Student Council Next Year?

If you are in 6th or 7th grade and you would like to participate in IMS Student Council next year, you must complete the application that was emailed to you. The due date is May 15th, 2023. Please note that when you fill out the application, we need both your first and last name. Also, please make sure you put the correct grade for **next year**, as well, or you may end up being placed on the wrong ballot.

We will have a lot of applications; if you entered incorrect information, you'll need to notify Mr. Whitesitt ASAP, or there may not be time to include you in the voting.

(ryan.whitesitt@indianola.k12.ia.us)

High School Color Guard Auditions

Students in 8th grade who are interested in auditioning for next year's IHS Color Guard, please sign up in the band room ASAP. Practice dates for auditions are May 16, 17, 18, and 19 from 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. in the North gym at the high school. Students will walk back to the middle school as a group after practice. Auditions will be on May 19 during the practice time.

The color guard is part of the Pride of Indianola Marching Band, and they will practice regularly during the summer, as well as attend marching band camp July 31-August 4. Talk with Mrs. Kinman or Mr. Scheetz if you have questions.

Attention 8th Grade Girls Interested in High School Rugby

Parents and students are invited to an informational Rugby meeting on May 17th at 5pm in room 501. Practices will start mid-July. If you would like more information, please email Mr. Rodrigue at greg.rodrigue@indianola.k12.ia.us, or stop by room 501.

Dates to Remember:

Monday, May 29: No School (Memorial Day)

Wednesday, May 31: Last Day of School (IMS dismissal 11:50)

*The 8th grade dance will
be held Friday, May 26th.*

More details to come.



FREE MEALS FOR ALL KIDS



Emerson Elementary

June 5th – August 11th

(Closed June 22nd, 23rd, July 3rd & 4th)

Breakfast

7:30am – 9:00am

Lunch

11:00am – 12:30pm

If you have any questions, please contact the
ICSD Food Service Department at (515)961-9591



Be Kind to Your Mind

May is mental health awareness month. In an effort to raise awareness, we invite you to participate in the following activities:

5/15 Monday: Complement 3 people to spread positivity.

5/16 Tuesday: Introduce yourself to someone new. (Even something as simple as meeting someone new can have a lasting positive impact.)

5/17 Wednesday: Mismatched Socks Day (Wear mismatched socks as a reminder that it's okay to be different.)

5/18 Thursday: Simply say thank you.

5/19 Friday: Wear green to represent Mental Health Awareness Month.

YMCA Spring/Summer Programs

Youth Triathlon June 11th! Youth ages 8-18 years will have the opportunity to Try a Tri! The cost is only \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members.

Youth USA Tennis program starts June 12th-July 28th on Tuesdays. This program is led by a certified tennis instructor, and it's designed for kids ages 9-12 years. This is a 6-week program. The cost is \$50 for members and \$75 non-members!

Important Library Dates

*The last day to check out library books is May 12.

*The deadline to return library books is May 19.

*Fines will be assessed for lost books after the last day of school. These fines remain on students' accounts through high school. So, students, please return all materials that you've checked out from the library by the 19th.

Girls High School Basketball Info Meeting

Any 8th grade girl who is interested in going out for high school basketball next year should attend a short informational meeting on Tuesday, May 9th in Room 303 (near the fieldhouse) at 7:15 am. Coach Janssen will share with you the summer practice schedule, and will even provide breakfast for you that morning!

Please email him if you are unable to attend but want the information at jeff.janssen@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Attention 8th Grade Parents

You should have received an email on Thursday with information for the 9th grade dental screening requirement. The dental form can be found [here](#).

If you would like to review the notification, please click [here](#).

Feed the Hungry Opportunities

You may have noticed some signs around the school for Meals from the Heartland in West Des Moines. If you would like to help feed the hungry, there will be two opportunities to participate. The dates are May 10th and May 17th. You can sign up through the QR Code on the poster or by e-mailing 7th Grader Kaelee Holter. All the information is on the poster. The posters are by the lunchroom and in the 7th grade hallway.



**POSTED
PREVIOUSLY...**

Friendly Reminder from the School Nurse

Students are not allowed to carry medications with them at school. Here is a [link](#) to the Student Health Handbook for more information. A signed consent form is required if your student needs to take medication at school. The medication (prescription or over the counter) must be dropped off by an adult.

Seasonal allergies are in full swing, but the Student Health Office does not provide over the counter allergy medications. If your student needs to take allergy medications, it is best to do that before or after school.

You can always call for more information at 515-961-9530 (press 2 for the Health Office), or email Mrs. Williams directly at cadi.williams@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Attention Students

Students, the *overall* term/final grade view in Schoology has been turned off. Individual assignment scores will still show up in both Schoology and PowerSchool. **From now on, to see your overall term/final course grades, simply open ClassLink and click into the PowerSchool Student Portal.**

Counseling Corner

8th to 9th Grade Transition Information

-May 15th (Team Pride) and May 16th (Team Brainstormers): Students will attend a Postsecondary Exploration day at Simpson College. Your 8th grade student should have brought home a [permission form](#) for you to sign that also includes information about what students will be doing at the event.

-8th grade students have completed High School Course Plans. Your 8th grade student received a copy of their Course Plan during Science class last week along with a [Parent Letter](#). If you have not yet signed your student's Course Plan, please indicate that you have reviewed it by filling out the following [Google Form](#). You can review an electronic copy of the Course Plan by having your student show you their plan on Xello, or through your Xello Parent Portal account.

8th Grade Counselor: Lacey Cherniss, lacey.cherniss@indianola.k12.ia.us

7th Grade Counselor: Tiffany Cochran, tiffany.cochran@indianola.k12.ia.us

6th Grade Counselor: Tina Chaplin, tina.chaplin@indianola.k12.ia.us

Student & Family Liaison: Kyla Bandstra, kyla.bandstra@indianola.k12.ia.us

8th Grade Girls Interested in Volleyball

Girls going into grades 9-12 are invited to a players-only meeting on Tuesday, May 23, at 8:15 p.m. It will be held in the HS North gym. If you can make it, please contact Coach Halstead at kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Indianola Volleyball Camp

Join the Indianola Volleyball coaching staff this summer if you want to learn or improve your skills, get some volleyball swag, 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.

Contact Kent Halstead if you have questions at kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us.



Music News

May 16 - 6th Grade Band & Orchestra concert, HS Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

May 22 - 7th & 8th Grade Band to Adventureland

Student Assistants Needed for High School Volleyball this Summer and Fall

The IHS Volleyball program is in need of student assistants (grades 9-12 next year) this summer and next fall.

Here are just some of the things you would get to do:

- *Run the music at our practices
- *Record timings for volleyball drills
- *Coordinate food and donuts!
- *Welcome our opponents into our gyms
- *Be an important part of our awesome program!

If you would like more information, contact Mr. Halstead at kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Impulse Try-Outs

If you are interested in trying out for the Impulse Dance Team next year, fill out the form below. Try-out location and times are listed on the form.

<https://forms.gle/pgoT58pET2oJMZDFA>

8th Grade Softball

8th Grade Girls' Softball will start on Monday, May 15. Practices will be held at Pickard Park. Sign-ups will be emailed to parents in early April.

New Info

A meeting for players and parents/guardians will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, in room 811. It will last about 40 minutes.

6th or 7th Grade Girls Interested in Summer Basketball Camps

Any 6th or 7th grade girl who is interested in basketball next year should look into the THREE opportunities for camp this Summer. You can sign up for each camp individually, two of them, or all three of the opportunities this Summer. Information and the camp form to fill out is here:

[Camp](#)

Please email Coach Janssen if you have any questions or concerns at jeff.janssen@indianola.k12.ia.us.

******Important Re-Enrollment Info for All Students******

ICSD 23-24 Returning Student Re-enrollment began March 17th! Parents/Guardians will use the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) to complete online re-enrollment. Instructions have been emailed to parents/guardians of current Preschool through 11th grade students. All students who plan to return to ICSD must be re-enrolled for 23-24. This is separate from course registration at the High School and Middle School.

ICSD 23-24 New Student Enrollment began March 3rd! Parents/Guardians must provide all required paperwork to Denise Moss, District Enrollment Coordinator to enroll a new student. Please see the [District Enrollment](#) page for more details.

Please contact Denise Moss, District Enrollment Coordinator, with any questions: enrollment@indianola.k12.ia.us or 515-961-9500 x1506.

Have You Joined a Parent Facebook Group Yet?

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/>

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.

Science Trip to Tampa Bay!

Any current 6th or 7th grader interested in joining Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Strable on the Science trip to Tampa Bay, FL in June 2024 should join us for an informational meeting. It will be held on Thursday, May 11, from 6:00-6:30 pm in the MS library. If you have already signed up you do not need to attend. This meeting is for those who are interested and who have not registered.

Hope to see you there!

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](#)

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

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>

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.