



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW THIS WEEK
May 9, 2022...



The IMS teachers and staff would like to say thanks to all the folks who contributed goodies, money, time, and effort to make Teacher Appreciation Week one of the best!

Maranda Greenwalt, Rachel Arvidson, Amber Allen-Cosimo, Lindsey Kaufman, Jamie Appenzeller, Lori Meyer, Shannon Quijano, Jenel Brueck, Dawn Hageman, Christa Marchant, Erin Paugh, Jenn McDonald, Nicole Westcott, Molly Woodruff, Jennifer Johnson, Kellie Carlton, Susan Krisko, Rachel Bardwell, Beth Fox, Missi Spurgeon, Tara Elcock, Sarah Winn, Tausha Allen-Cosimo, Jenna Brown, Kristy, Dykstra, Andrea Hackett, Jesse Johnson, Josh Lullman, Maegen Marmon, Carli Milby, Melissa Peterson, Sarah Roberg, Aimee VanRoekel, Betsy Sharp, Megan Weaver, Jill Whitson, Summer Herring, Becca VanDam, Natasha Alexander, Arika Retzlaff, and Dixie Bowlin.

If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer, or would like information on joining one of the parent Facebook groups for each graduating class (2026, 2027, and 2028), please contact Maranda Greenwalt at marandagrace@yahoo.com.

No Study Table this Wednesday

8th Grade Dance

The last dance for 8th graders is Friday, May 20, from 7pm-9pm. It will be held in the middle school cafeteria. The theme is Mix & Match. A few examples for this would be to wear a tropical shirt and jeans/cowboy boots, a flannel shirt over something formal, or an 80's style neon top with a 50's style poodle skirt.

IMS 8th Grade Girls Softball

There will be a Zoom meeting for players and guardians on May 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Here is the Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94596126264?pwd=N0hsZkdvWVRkTOVKU2NIZ3pxWmo0Zz09#success>

Meeting ID: 945 9612 6264

Passcode: 30w6Bq

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

Are You an 8th Grader Interested in Joining Student Council in High School?

On Friday, 8th graders were emailed the link to apply for the IHS Student Council for 22-23. Applications are due Friday, May 20th.

Orchestra Concert Tonight

The 7th - 12th grade orchestra concert will take place Monday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.



SCHOOL NEWS...

**[Parents/Guardians: VERY IMPORTANT
Time to Re-Enroll Students for Next Year
Deadline is June 1st](#)**

[Returning Student Annual Enrollment Instructions](#)

Change of Address?

Parents, if you have a change of address, please click [here for details](#).

Upcoming 8th Grade Event

Monday & Tuesday, May 16 & 17: Field trips to Simpson College

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/>

Dates to Remember:

Friday, May 27: Last Day of School (1:50 Dismissal for IMS)

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. Tiffany Cochran

7th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Lacey Cherniss

8th Grade Counselor: Ms. Tina Chaplin

Office Hours: 7:00am – 4:00 (3:30 on Fridays)

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!

If You Drop Off or Pick Up Your Child *Read This*

For our students' safety, do not drop off or pick up where there are yellow painted curbs or in the lanes in the middle of the parking lot. Please follow the flow of traffic that allows students to safely walk on the sidewalk to get to your vehicle. We do not want them crossing lanes of traffic, especially during our busy times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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/>



ACTIVITY INFO...

High School Volleyball

****REVISED MEETING TIME****

There will be a meeting for girls going into 9th – 12th grades who are interested in joining Indianola High School Volleyball in the fall.

The meeting is for players only. It will be held on **Sunday, May 15th at 8:00 p.m.** at the Indianola High School North Gym.

Summer practice and competition dates will be a focus of the conversation, along with some presentations by Coach K and returning players!

Contact Coach Halstead if you have questions: kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us

YMCA Youth Strength Training this Summer

Please check out the [Digital Backpack](#) for details regarding the Youth Strength Training program at the Y.

IMS 6th Grade Book Worms Club

Sixth graders, a new club called Book Worms is starting! Please see these [slides](#) for more details.

Warren County Girl's Wrestling Club

Girls of all ages interested in wrestling are invited to join the Warren County Girl's Wrestling Club! A flyer with all the details will be added very shortly to the [Digital Backpack](#). The first practice will be held Sunday, May 1, at Indianola High School.

Indianola Volleyball Camp for Girls in Grades 3 – 8 this July

Please check out the [Digital Backpack](#) for all the Indianola Volleyball Camp details. Girls in grades 3-8 are invited to join!

Contact Coach Kent Halstead at kenthalstead@gmail.com if you have questions.

IMS Gender and Sexuality Alliance

The IMS GSA - Gender and Sexuality Alliance 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 in room 411 to share experiences, support one another, and participate in various activities and volunteer opportunities within the community

If you are interested in attending a GSA meeting or have questions, please reach out to Ms. Cohen.

Theater Camp

Carousel Theatre of Indianola and the Indianola High School Theatre Department are teaming up with The Missoula Children's Theatre for an awesome week-long theatre camp, June 27-July 2 at the IHS Auditorium. The camp will run Monday through Friday for students going into first through eighth grades with performances on Saturday. Younger students will have about two hours of rehearsal time each day. Older students will probably rehearse about four hours per day. Registration is \$50.

Numbers are limited, so please register soon at www.carouseltheatre.org.

Veterinary Camp at Kindness Pet Clinic for 6th – 8th Graders

Kindness Pet Clinic is hosting 2-hour veterinary camps for students in grades 6-8. The first three camp dates are March 27, April 10, and May 22. The camp will allow students to interact with veterinarians and staff while getting to do hands-on activities. Each student may attend one camp session.

Attendees must fill out an application. These are available, along with a more in-depth description of the camp and requirements for participation, at the Kindness Pet Clinic (1007 E 2nd Avenue). A parent will be required to sign a waiver and attend with their student.

KPC is excited to meet the next generation of veterinarians and scientists of all disciplines!



GENERAL INFORMATION...

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=. 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.