



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW THIS WEEK
November 9, 2020...

Friendly Reminder: Please Wash Facemasks

For tips on how to store and wash face coverings, click [here](#).

The IMS Orchestra concert scheduled for November 10th has been cancelled due to Covid-19. We are preparing virtual performances to send home to families the week before Thanksgiving, so check your inboxes for updates!

Indianola Youth Trap Team

The Indianola Youth Trap Team will have its registration meeting for the spring 2021 season on Sunday, November 22, at 1:00 pm at the Warren County Izaak Walton League clubhouse. This meeting is for those **NEW MEMBERS** in grades 6-12 who wish to participate on the team in 2021. Due to social distancing, only one parent must attend as well as the participating athlete in order to receive information, sign forms, etc.

In order to get a somewhat accurate account for attendance, please email IndianolaTrapTeam@gmail.com by November 18th.

MEMBERS WHO SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPRING 2020 SEASON DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. Those members will be receiving registration materials electronically.

Any questions may be directed to IndianolaTrapTeam@gmail.com.



SCHOOL NEWS...

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

Updated Guidance on Face Coverings **Effective November 2, 2020**

The Indianola School District has amended its current policy regarding face coverings **effective November 2**. The policy will now require all K-12 students and staff to wear face masks, with provisions for mask breaks and instructional use of face shields, within physical distancing and per public health guidelines. Also note that **Gaiters are not acceptable face masks**. Thank you for your attention to this change as we continue to work through this pandemic and do our best to provide a safe learning environment for our staff and students.

Students, you must have your ID card with you to go through the ala carte line in the cafeteria.
ID Card Tip: Take a picture of your ID/barcode so in case you lose your card you'll be able to scan the image from your phone in the lunch line.

Food Service Announcement

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

Lunch Delivery to Students & Alternative to Outside Treats

Part of IMS's return to learn plan limits what outside food and drink can be delivered to students. Parents may drop off a student lunch when necessary. We will not accept, however, lunches that are being delivered straight from a vendor, such as Jimmy Johns; parents will need to bring the food to the school themselves.

As far as treats—no treats, such as cupcakes or cookies for a birthday, can be brought in and shared at the school this year. You can use the Classroom Catering provided by the district's food service department as an alternative. Click [catering](#) for more details and the order form.

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](#)

Looking for Return to Learn or General District Information? **School District Website**

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

Middle School Website Page

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

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.

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

Dates to Remember:

November 25-27:	No School Thanksgiving Break
December 21-Jan 1:	Winter Break
January 18 & 19:	No School



ACTIVITY INFO...

Indianola Mat Tribe

Sixth grade boys and girls who are interested in joining the Indianola Mat Tribe should visit [Indianola Wrestling](#) for sign-ups and details. Wrestling season will start on November 10!

If you have questions, please see Mr. Manny or send him an email: clint.manny@indianola.k12.ia.us.

We Want our Students to be Involved!

There are many ways for students to get involved at school. Just a few of the groups or clubs offered are Geography Club, Mock Trial, DAA, Yearbook Staff, Art Club, MathCounts, and many more.

Here is a link to the Activities section of the IMS webpage:

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

Students should be wearing a face covering when attending any district activities or games!

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/>



The Zone is temporarily on hold.

For details, click [here](#).

Attention Kids who Love to Read!

The Battle of the Books (BOB) 2020-21 competition, hosted by Great Prairie AEA, will be online this spring rather than in-person. All interested IMS students are encouraged to read as many BOB books as possible from [this list](#). Copies of the list can also be found in the Information Center outside the IMS office. The books on the BOB list are the Iowa Teen Awards books.

This year's guest author is Terry Lynn Johnson and the extra book to add to the BOB reading list is her title *Ice Dogs*. All of the Iowa Teen Award books will be available electronically for free on MackinVIA, but student accounts are not yet set up. (Especially if your student is a remote learner, contact me and I can get this MackinVIA account set up right away.) A test will be held this winter to determine which students will be chosen to represent IMS at the regional Battle of the Books competition.

Feel free to visit the [BOB website](#). Contact Mrs. Asell with any questions at stacy.asell@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Happy Reading!



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.