



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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WEEK OF
October 18, 2021...

Purchase a Yearbook During Lunch on Friday

The Yearbook staff will be taking orders for yearbooks during lunch this Friday and next. You must have \$25 cash or a check made payable to IMS.

Books can still be ordered online through Jostens (see blurb in School News section).

Wrestling Sign-Ups

Sign-ups for 7th and 8th grade Wrestling have begun. **Practice starts October 18.** Please click [here](#) to register.

All physical paperwork must be up to date before you can practice. Check out the IMS [Athletics page](#) for details and forms.

Girls Basketball Sign-Ups

Sign-ups for 7th and 8th grade Girls Basketball have begun. **Practice starts October 18.** Please click [here](#) to register.

All physical paperwork must be up to date before you can practice. Check out the IMS [Athletics page](#) for details and forms.



The IMS school dance will be Friday, November 12, 7-9 pm.
More details will be released soon!



Veterans Day Assembly



The Veterans Day Assembly will be held this year on Wednesday, November 10, at 9:30. We would like to prepare a slideshow of photos of veterans in our community, and we need your help. Please email a photo of a veteran in your life to Mrs. Asell at stacy.asell@indianola.k12.ia.us. Include the veteran's name; rank; branch of military; location, years, and conflict served.

If you'd like to invite a special vet, grab an invitation at the Communication Center near the health office.

We look forward to honoring our veterans and doing our best to show them our appreciation for their service to our country.

Job Openings

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 open positions, and we'd love to have you join us.

Click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/careers/>

Indianola Mat Tribe Youth Wrestling Sign-Ups 6th Grade and Younger

Youth wrestling sign-ups are now open and registration can be done online using the following links:

<https://www.indianolawrestling.com/youth-wrestling-signups.cfm>

<https://register.ryzer.com/camp.cfm?id=200469>

Lost & Found is Getting Full

If you are missing an item, such as a sweatshirt, water bottle, shoes, etc., be sure to check the Lost & Found closet near the recess doors. If you are missing a smaller item, such as a watch, necklace, etc., check in the office. Unclaimed items will be either donated or thrown away after October 22nd.

Indianola Trap Team 2022 Informational Meetings

New Shooters: Wednesday, November 3rd, 6:30-7:30 at Warren County Ikes

Friday, November 5th, 6:30-7:30 at Warren County Ikes

Returning Shooters: Wednesday, November 10th, 6:30-7:30 at Warren County Ikes

Friday, November 12th, 6:30-7:30 at Warren County Ikes

These meetings are being held to determine how many student athletes are considering participating this spring. The meetings will introduce changes and additions to the program, including online registration. You will also be able to observe a team practice during this meeting. One parent/guardian needs to attend a meeting with their student athlete.

Registration will close Wednesday, November 24th. **No late registrations will be accepted.**

If you are not able to attend one of these meetings, but are interested in participating or you have questions, please reach out to IndianolaTrapTeam@gmail.com.

This is not a school-sponsored sport.

Be the Change You Want to See

The week of 10-25 to 10-29

Indianola Middle School Student Council

Monday, October 25th:

“STAND UP TO BULLYING DAY”

- Wear a **blue** shirt to take a visible, public stance against bullying.

Tuesday, October 26th:

“BEING A FRIEND IS NO SWEAT!”

- Wear sweatpants and sweatshirts

Wednesday, October 27th:

“TAKE A WALK IN SOMEONE ELSE’S SHOES”

- Wear two different shoes or socks or both with the intention of walking a mile in someone else’s shoes can be challenging and eye-opening.

Thursday, October 28th:

“WE’RE TIRED OF BULLYING / PUT BULLYING TO REST”

- Wear pajamas

Friday, October 29th:

“UNITED WE STAND: OUR SCHOOL BELIEVES, ACHIEVES & SUCCEEDS IN BEING BULLY-FREE”

- Purple & Gold Day
- **WE WILL NOT BE DRESSING UP FOR HALLOWEEN! Handbook guidelines will be followed.**

Indianola Music Boosters 11th Annual Craft & Vendor Show

Come and support the Indianola Middle School's music programs by starting your holiday shopping early!

- ❖ Saturday, October 30th
- ❖ 9am - 2pm
- ❖ Blake Fieldhouse
- ❖ \$3 admission
- ❖ 100+ vendors!

Hope to see you there!



SCHOOL NEWS...

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, October 27: End of 1st quarter

Friday, November 5: Picture Retake Day - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday-Friday, November 25 & 26: No School, Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, December 21: 1 Hour Early Dismissal (2:20 for IMS)

Wednesday, December 22 thru Tuesday, January 4: No School, Winter Break

Yearbooks on Sale Now!

Yearbooks are now on sale at [Jostens Yearbooks](#).

Buying online thru Jostens is the only option for buying a book!!

Books will be \$25 thru December 31st. On January 1st thru February 28th, they will be \$30.
Books will arrive in May.

BE AWARE: YEARBOOK SALES WERE NOT OFFERED WITH REGISTRATION FEES. Ordering through the Jostens website or paying in person during conferences are the only ways to order.

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/>

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!

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/>

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)

Picture Retake Day

Friday, November 5 at 8:30



ACTIVITY INFO...



All IMS students are invited to join the fun after school on Mondays and Thursdays during the school year.

For details, click [here](#).

IYFL Purple -vs- Gold

The Indianola Youth Football League will be having a **Purple** vs **Gold** game at 6:45 p.m. on October 21, at the football stadium. Come and cheer on the players as they play under the lights!

From the Library

6th Grade Chat & Chew

Join Ms. Brown—the Teen Services Librarian at the Indianola Public Library and Mrs. Richardson—IMS Teacher Librarian to discuss reading, books, and what's happening at the public library! Grab your lunch and join us in the library on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

Warriors Book Club for 7th Graders

Calling all 7th graders! If you are (or might be) interested in Warrior books by Erin Hunter, please join Mrs. Richardson in the library on Wednesdays during lunch!

FCS Club

If community service, outreach to nursing homes, baking, sewing projects, and general Family & Consumer Science topics are of interest, FCS Club may be for you!

FCS Club will start in November. Applications can be found outside of Ms. Cordray's room (416), and are due October 25th.

Art Club Studio Time: October 29th after school until 5 pm

6th Grade Art Club

6th graders who REALLY like art should consider being in Art Club! 6th grade Art Club is offered Semester 1 only. Click on this [Art Club Information](#) doc to find out more.

[Click HERE to sign up for Art Club!](#) (a parent should be present while filling out this form). There is no deadline for signing up.

Let Mrs. Smith know if you have any questions!
lisa.smith@indianola.k12.ia.us

Join the New Wings of Fire Book Club!

If you are a 6th grader and a fan of this children's fantasy book series about young dragons, or you want to learn more, you are invited to this new club. It will be held every Tuesday during lunch in the Cactus Room (#604).

See Mrs. Lumsden if you have questions.

Activity Pass

If you purchased an activity pass for your child, there should be a "21" sticker attached to his/her student ID. If you purchased one but there is not a sticker, remind your child to stop in to the main office to get it. It is their responsibility to make sure their ID has the sticker.

If you haven't purchased an activity pass, there is still time. The cost is \$50 and it allows your student entry into home high school and middle school athletic events and some music events. You may purchase this pass in the front office (check or exact cash only) or click [here](#) and select Activity Tickets.

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books (BOB) 2021-22 competition 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](#). The books on this list are the Iowa Teen Awards books. This year's guest author has yet to be announced, but there will be an extra book added to the BOB reading list once this is determined. Further announcements will be made when the guest author's book title is released. A test will be held this winter to determine which students will be chosen to represent IMS at the regional Battle of the Books online 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...

7th & 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

This year's Washington DC trip is open to both 7th AND 8th graders! Any 7th grader interested in going should go this year because the trip will not be offered in 2023.

See the DC trip website at imsdc.weebly.com, or email Mr. Dubczak with any questions (David.dubczak@indianola.k12.ia.us).

(This is not a school sponsored activity.)

7th & 8th Grade Florida Trip

This year's Florida trip is open to both 7th AND 8th graders! This trip will have a different itinerary than last year's trip. If you missed the informational meeting, see Mrs. Fitzpatrick in room 101, or email her at chris.fitzpatrick@indianola.k12.ia.us.

<https://worldstrides.com/custom/indianola-middle-school-florida-science-in-motion-194299/>

(This is not a school sponsored activity.)

Midwest Heritage Youth Heifer Program

Midwest Heritage, a banking, insurance, and investments subsidiary of Hy-Vee, Inc., is now accepting applications for its annual award-winning program to help youth get a start in the cattle industry.

Up to five 7th and 8th grade students will be granted three bred heifers each. During this five-year program, recipients are responsible for managing the herd through daily care, record-keeping, and breeding.

Iowa students from Adair, Lucas, Madison, Warren, and Wayne counties are invited to apply. Applications are being accepted until October 29th, and can be completed online at www.mhbank.com/business/banking/loans/youth-heifer-program/. Details can be found there as well.

Central Iowa Division of United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps

Boys and girls ages 10-18 who have a desire to learn about the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or the Merchant Marine should click on this [link](#) to see details in our district's digital backpack.