



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW THE WEEK OF September 12, 2022...

Distinguished Achievement Award

The Distinguished Achievement Award (DAA) was developed to recognize students who strive to take advantage of the opportunities, activities, and resources available to them. Participating students collect evidence of and write reflections about their involvement in these opportunities in four of six possible criteria categories: Citizenship, 3.0 or Higher GPA, Arts, STEM, Career Exploration, and Service Learning. Interested students should read and complete the [Intent to Participate Form](#). Copies of this form are available at the Communications Center by the main office. Students should also attend one of two informational meetings being offered on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 7:15am or 2:30pm (if you can't attend either meeting, contact Mrs. Ellis or Mrs. Asell). To learn more about this program to help you decide whether you want to participate, view [this presentation](#).

Art Club

If any 6th grader is interested in signing up for Art Club, the information and sign-up links are below. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Smith at lisa.smith@indianola.k12.ia.us.

[Art Club Sign Up Link](#)
[Art Club Information](#)

After School Tutoring Parent Permission Slip Linked Below

Once again, IMS is offering free after school tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It begins tomorrow, September 13th, in the library. Parents must sign their child up before they can attend. Please click on the link for the registration form and details.

[Tutoring Registration Form](#)

School Pictures this Thursday Morning

Pictures will be taken this Thursday morning starting at 8:10.

Your student will receive a paper order form today or tomorrow. They should bring it to school on Thursday, and hand it to the photographer at the time of pictures. If you prefer to order them online, click [here](#). If you're asked for a teacher's name, enter your child's Language Arts teacher.

6th Grade Students and Parents

The 6th graders have spent the first weeks going over school-wide expectations and team expectations during each of their classes. The “Level Up” system is a grade-level behavior management system tied with building-wide CHAMPS classroom expectations.

Click on the links below to learn more:

[Level Up Management System](#)
[Parent Letter](#)

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

Homecoming Spirit Week

September 26 - September 30

IMS Spirit Days:

Monday, 9-26: Pajama Day (Wear your best sleepwear.)

Tuesday, 9-27: Jersey Day (Wear your favorite activity shirt/team jersey.)

Wednesday, 9-28: Character Day (Dress up like your favorite fictional character.)

Thursday, 9-29: Country -vs- Country Club (Wear either farm wear or golf attire/dress-up clothing.)

Friday, 9-30: Purple & Gold Day! (Dress in your Indianola wear and show your Pride!)

Students can paint a portion of their face at home, but not at school or on the bus. Hats, head coverings, etc. are acceptable during Spirit Week if they are appropriate for the theme day.



POSTED PREVIOUSLY...

Popular Apps that Parents Should Know About

Click [Smart Social](#) for details.

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.

Thank you.

Youth Trap Team News!

Registration for the Fall 2022/Spring 2023 season is here!

Registration will be open from Sept 1-14 only. Absolutely no late registrations will be accepted. Watch TeamApp for the link.

Interested in joining the Indianola Youth Trap Team?

Informational meetings will take place at the Warren County Isaac Walton clubhouse on October 19, October 21 or October 26 at 6:30 pm. Parents are required to attend and the registration link will be provided following the meeting.

If you have any questions, please email: indianolatraptuream@gmail.com

Midwest Heritage Youth Heifer Program

Midwest Heritage, a 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. Throughout this 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 through September 30, 2022. More information is available at: <https://www.mhbank.com/business/services/youth-heifer-program/>.

You can also find flyers on the Communication Wall between the health office and cafeteria.

Please refer to the [22-23 IMS Handbook](#) for all procedures, policies, and guidelines.

IMS Fall Edition of the Math Newsletter

Parents, please click [here](#) to find valuable resources and encouragement for those who may feel they struggle with math.

If you have any questions, please contact our At-Risk Coordinator, Gena Haselhuhn (gena.haselhuhn@indianola.k12.ia.us).

From the Library...

* The September Book BINGO is starting. Please pick up a form in the library if you would like to participate. Great prize for those who finish!

* Officer Hackett Reads. Read what Officer Hackett is reading and discuss it with him! The current book is The Maze Runner by James Dashner.

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books (BOB) 2022-23 competition will be online this spring. 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 competition guest author has yet to be announced, but an extra book will be 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 six 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!

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, September 15: Fall pictures

October 11-13: Conferences

Friday, October 14: No School

Monday, October 17: No School

Tuesday, November 22: One Hour Early Dismissal (2:20 for IMS)

November 23-25: No School, Thanksgiving Break

December 22: One Hour Early Dismissal (2:20 for IMS)

December 23 – January 3: No School, Winter Break

Volleyball Advantage Indianola
Training for All Indianola Girls in Grades 3rd thru 12th!

What: Indianola Volleyball Coaching Staff to host practices on the dates below for girls in grades 3rd thru 8th

Location: North gym of high school

Grades 3-6:

Thursday, Sept 1st 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Thursday, Sept 8th 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 22nd 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Thursday, Oct. 6th 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Thursday, Oct. 27th 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Grades 7-8:

Thursday, Sept 1st 7:00 to 8:15 pm
Thursday, Sept 8th 7:00 to 8:15 pm
Thursday, Sept. 22nd 7:00 to 8:15 pm
Thursday, Oct. 6th 7:00 to 8:15 pm
Thursday, Oct. 27th 7:00 to 8:15 pm

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: Ms. Tina Chaplin (x3151)
7th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Tiffany Cochran (x3116)
8th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Lacey Cherniss (x3106)

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

Food Service

For information regarding menus, free/reduced lunches/online payments/account information, please click on the link below:

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/food-service/>

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/>

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.

Please Note: There is an important notice posted on the site regarding a change to the parent portal. You will see it highlighted in gold.

Parent Facebook Groups

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/>

Late Arrivals, Early Dismissals, Absences

Attendance Line Phone Number: 515.961.9530 x3162.
(Please call this extension to report Absences and Late Arrivals.)

Late Arrivals: All students arriving to school after 8:00 will enter through the main entrance and check in to the office. If possible, please call to notify the office before 8:00 or send a note with student stating the reason for the tardy. You do not need to accompany your child into the school for late arrivals.

Early Dismissals: Please notify a secretary in advance if you will be picking your student up early. That way, we can give them a pass to leave the room quietly when it's time. You can do this by having your student bring a note to the office before 8:00, or by calling 515.961.9530 by 8:00, if possible. We ask that you give us notice so that we can avoid disrupting classrooms with phone calls requesting that a child leave the room. A parent/guardian must come into the building to meet their child.

Absences: Please call the attendance line by 8:00 when your student will be absent. Clearly state the child's name, grade, date of absence, and reason for absence. Students may request homework directly from their teachers via email when they are absent two or more days.

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/>

We Want our Students to be Involved!

There are many ways for students to get involved at school. Just a few of the groups and clubs offered are 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/>



The Zone is returning! The first day will be Monday, September 19. All IMS students are invited to join the fun after school on Mondays and Thursdays during the school year from 3:20 to 5:00.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Did You Buy an Activity Pass for Your Student?

Students will receive an ID card on the first day of school. If you purchased an activity pass for your child before August 17th, there will be a peach "22" sticker attached to the ID. If you purchased one but there is not a sticker, remind your child to stop in to the main office to get it. Students will be reminded of this during daily announcements, as well.

It is their responsibility to come to the office and get their sticker.

If You Want to Buy an Activity Pass...

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. Your student will then need to come to the office to get the sticker for their ID.

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 for the upcoming 22-23 school year, and we'd love to have you join us.

Click [Apply](#) for more information.

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>