



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW THE WEEK OF
September 19, 2022...



The Zone starts today! 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.

Picking Your Student Up Early

Parents: If you are going to pick up your child early, please call or email the attendance line by 8:00 a.m. You can also have your student bring a note to the office before school that day.

Why? With early notice we can write the student a pass so they can leave their classroom and be waiting in the office for you. Without early notice, we have to disrupt instructional time in class with a call and there could be a wait before the child gets to the office.

We appreciate your cooperation.

6th Grade Girls, this is for You! Make New Friends and Improve Skills!

The Chrysalis Foundation and WeLift Job Search Center is sponsoring the 6th Grade Girls Circle this year. The purpose of this program is to encourage the development of strength, courage, confidence, honesty, and communication skills in girls.

This small group will meet after school on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:45 in the cafeteria starting October 18th. More details can be found in the [Digital Backpack](#). Sign-up forms are in the office.

Yearbook Orders

You can now order your 22-23 IMS yearbook through [Jostens](#). The cost is \$25. You may also bring a check (made payable to IMS) or exact cash to Mr. Damman at school (room 507).

Parents, if you thought you ordered an IMS yearbook at the time you paid for school curriculum fees at the beginning of the year, you did not. The option is not available through our website or Revtrak for IMS yearbooks.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Damman @ William.damman@indianola.k12.ia.us.

DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Students, we are looking for your creative ideas and help to make this a successful event!

The Indianola Downtown Merchants are in the planning stages of our Home for the Holidays event taking place on Saturday, December 10th from 5-9 p.m. We would love to see participation from our younger community, and hope that groups from IHS and IMS are willing to take part. We are looking for carolers, maybe a little Christmas skit from the theatre group, volunteers to help with Toy/Food drive, etc. – We are open to your great ideas!

Here is the signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADAF2BABF4C43-home>

Any questions can be directed to Brandy Werner at 515-205-4369 or brandy@willowmoondsm.com.

Youth Trap Team News! ***Update***

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

Due to unforeseen issues and delays, the registration window has been extended. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOW 9/21/22.

Returning IYTT members - please go to TeamApp for the registration link. Reach out to your Grade Representative if you have any questions.

Interested in joining IYTT? 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: indianolatraptteam@gmail.com

Picture Retake Day - Tuesday, November 1st

If you have an order form to turn in, please bring it to the main office before school this week.

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.



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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](#)

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](#)

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](#).

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.

Popular Apps that Parents Should Know About

Click [Smart Social](#) for details.

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

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

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.

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!

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/>

Dates to Remember:

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

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/>

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

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>