



Indianola High School Daily Announcements

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Monday, January 4, 2021

Day A: Periods 1,3,5,7

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **FOOD PANTRY:** The HS food pantry will be open on Tuesday, January 5 from 3:30-5:00 pm. Please enter at the south entrance by the flag pole.
- Reminder, if your student will be absent for more than 2 days due to a vacation or being out of town, they must grab a Student Absentee Form (available outside the main office) and have their teachers sign off prior to being gone.
- **MASKS:** Students, we are seeing a large volume of you that are continually forgetting your masks and asking for a paper mask when you arrive at school. Masks have been a requirement since the first day of school so this isn't something new that we just sprung on you. Some ideas on where you can keep your mask..... in your computer case; near your phone and keys; in your car; in your backpack and always have a spare!

Parents will be notified by the office if your student is repeatedly noncompliant with a mask. No student will be sent home without prior parent contact.

- **HOME QUARANTINE:** If your child is home due to a quarantine, they are not allowed to be on campus or participate in any extracurricular activities. This also includes picking up homework or coming in for a club meeting. When a student is in a home quarantine and comes to school, this increases the likelihood of spreading the virus.
- **Clarifications Relating to Covid-19:**

Remote Learning—Students who have elected to learn remotely have been asked to make a long term commitment in doing so (at least 2 weeks). Students who have tested positive for Covid-19 or have been in direct contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 and are in quarantine will be expected to remote learn.

Absent Due to Illness—Students who are absent from school because of an illness unrelated to Covid-19, will continue to be onsite learners and follow the makeup policies in the student handbook. Students are encouraged to view PowerSchool class pages to see what they have missed and may begin to complete assignments before returning. However, they will not become remote learners during the time of their illness.

Direct Contact/Positive Test—Students who have been in direct contact with someone who has test positive for Covid-19 or have tested positive themselves need to contact the high school student health office ASAP. Once notified, the administrative office will contact teachers and let them know that the student will be learning remotely and the date he/she is expected to return to onsite learning.

- **RETURNING TO ON SITE INSTRUCTION:** Parents, you must contact the school prior to your student returning to on site instruction. We ask that you either call 961-9500 ext. 2100 or email the principal, jeff.siebersma@indianola.k12.ia.us at a minimum of two days before you would like to make the change.

STUDENTS:

- **FROM THE LIBRARY: Congratulations to Gauge Halda** for entering the closest guess for the number of books in the Library Book Tree. You may pick up your prize in the library. The tree is made with 462 books, and Gauge was 38 off. Thanks to all who entered! Mrs. Richardson
- **JUNIOR BOYS: All Junior boys are invited to apply to attend the American Legion Hawkeye Boys State to be held June 13th - June 18th at Camp Dodge.**

Boys State is an American Legion program held by each state across the entire nation. It is a dynamic six-day course in which participants learn about the functioning and role of government at the city, county, and state level. This is a total "hands-on" program in which participants actively take part in government activities and programs as part of a fully self-governing society. These activities include participation in government at the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial level and include elections, law enforcement, and press participation among other opportunities.

Those participants selected will be given a unique opportunity to prepare them for the leadership positions of tomorrow. Former Boys' Staters nationwide are and have been leaders in many facets of government, military, business, and professional life.

The Indianola American Legion will be selecting two highly qualified Junior boys to attend this very popular and high profile event. Applications are available from Dawn in the counseling office. The deadline for application will be to Dawn by the 18th of January. Selected participants will be notified by the end of February.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Whitesitt at rwhitesitt@aol.com or leave a message with Dawn.

To view an informational brochure on the Boys State program, please click on the following link:

<https://www.ialegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/139ACY0618-Boys-State-Brochure.pdf>

To view an informational video on Hawkeye Boys State please follow the below link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFKw56xNd-k&feature=youtu.be>

- **DMACC STUDENTS:** To protect the DMACC community and help reduce the risk of COVID-19, the below changes have been made to the academic calendar for spring 2021:
 - Credit classes will begin on **Tuesday, January 19** instead of Monday, January 11.
 - Spring Break will be cancelled.

Although I recognize that most of our high schools will move forward with Spring Break as planned, DMACC has decided to delay the start of the semester and alleviate Spring Break altogether.

- **PARKING:** If you have not filled out a vehicle registration, please have your student stop in the main office to pick one up or follow the link and fill out a form <https://forms.gle/fb7ETUB7bEeBqWTcA>

SENIORS:

PARENTS:

- **SCHOOL PERMIT:** If you have a student who has finished Drivers Education and needs to fill out the DOT Affidavit for School license, here is the link to the form:
<https://iowadot.seamlessdocs.com/f/AffidavitforSchoolLicense>
- **HYVEE RECEIPTS FOR POST PROM:** The post prom committee is continuing to collect Hy-Vee receipts. For every \$100.000.00 collected we receive a donation from Hy-Vee for \$350.00. Keep those receipts from all your holiday grocery shopping and turn in at the main office after break.
- **JUNIOR PARENTS:** We need volunteers.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4aa8ab2eaafa7-cantrash>

Can & Trash Clean Up

We don't have to sort cans & bottles for our post-prom fundraiser, we just need to maintain the site. We're responsible for picking up garbage, stray cans & bottles that are around the trailer. There are garbage cans on site. Please place any loose cans & bottles in the trailer - if there isn't room, organize around the trailer. We want it to look as neat & tidy as possible. The trailer is located between Arby's and Ace Hardware store. When choosing your date, please plan to stop 2-3 times during the week to maintain the site. This doesn't take much time, but it needs to be done weekly. HS kids can earn Silver Cord hour each time. Please sign up! Thank you!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 18	NO SCHOOL	Teacher Workday
January 19	NO SCHOOL	Professional Development Day
February 12	NO SCHOOL	Teacher work day
February 16-18	Conferences	Parent Teacher Conferences
February 18-19	NO SCHOOL	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 15-19	NO SCHOOL	SPRING BREAK
April 17	8:00-11:00 PM	PROM @ Adventureland Palace Theatre
April 19	11:30 Dismissal	Professional Development Day
May 23	1:00 p.m.	Graduation

FINE ARTS:

- **MIDWINTERS ENTERTAINMENT:**
 - If you are interested in acting, auditions will be held **Tuesday, 1/5 at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium, with callbacks Wednesday, 1/6 at 4:30 p.m.**

SPORTS:

- There is still time to "Boost a Senior"! With the uncertainty that surrounds the winter sports season, the Indianola Athletic Booster Club wanted to give our community another chance to support the IABC, while also showing our senior athletes that we are cheering for them through it all! Please view this link for all of the information you need to "Boost a Senior"! <https://forms.gle/omkG7RFrEYihnuf36>

STUDENT CLUBS:

- **DECA:** DECA Meeting this Friday morning at 7:30 in Mrs. Busby's room. We will be talking about events for the state competition and practice times. See you there!
- **ART CLUB MEMBERS: Snow Sculpting Contest, Sat., Jan. 9th from 1-3PM**
 - Behind the IHS Art Room
 - Sculpt with teams of up to 4 or individually!
 - Bring a friend or family member to join in on the fun!
 - Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!
 - ***SNOW GEAR NECESSARY FOR PARTICIPATION***
 - ***Back up date: Sat., Jan. 16th 1-3PM***
- **INTERACT CLUB:** Interact Club will hold meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday every month at 7:15 a.m. in the study hall room (E336). All are welcome!!
- **D&D CLUB:** The D & D Club is in the process of planning our first meeting. If you're interested, [please fill out the survey at the following link](#). It will help us decide how to best manage things in the current situation.
- **CREATIVE WRITING CLUB:** Creative Writing Club meets each Thursday at 3:15. You can either attend [via Zoom at this link](#) or in person in Mr. Bethards' room. Mr. Bethards and Mr. Whitaker hope to see you there!

SILVER CORD OPPORTUNITIES:

GUIDANCE NEWS:

- **The PSAT (Sophomores only) test will be given on January 26 at 8:00 a.m. in the high school media center.** The top 15% of the sophomore class may take the test as a practice, however their scores are not entered in the National Merit competition. Juniors take this test to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship competition. Due to social distancing a limited amount of tests have been ordered. An email has been sent to the top 15% advising them that the application is available in Dawn's office in the guidance office. If you did not receive this email and still want to take the test, we will place you on a waiting list. If you have any questions, please contact dawn.fitzgerald@indianola.k12.ia.us

Other Announcements which are not school sponsored but are of interest to IHS students

Job opportunities available at the Indianola Veteran's Memorial Aquatic Center; apply now for the Summer of 2021: <https://indianolaiowa.applicantpro.com/jobs/>

The City of Indianola and the Indianola YMCA is looking for kids that would like to become certified lifeguards! Several former lifeguards need to get recertified. Visit <https://dmymca.org/> for more information on class schedules.

DRIVERS EDUCATION: If your student is interested in Driver's Education, please visit Street Smarts at <https://streetsmartsdriversed.com/> for the class schedules and registration.