



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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**New the Week of  
April 1, 2024**

## **ISASP Testing Starts Thursday**

### **\*\*Parents, Please Avoid These Dates When Planning Appointments\*\***

This year's Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) testing dates will be April 4, 5, 9, 11, and 16. They will take place 8:00-10:00 a.m. Then, from 10:00 until the end of the day, students will go to their regular classes for shortened periods of time. Testing will also take place on April 10 throughout the day during LA classes. The normal bell schedule will be followed that day.

Make-ups will take place every day as needed thru April 19.

### **PLEASE SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD DURING NON-ISASP TIMES!**

#### **Here's why that is important:**

\*Once a teacher starts a test, late students will not be allowed to enter the classroom, and they will have to make up their test at a different time (which means they will miss a future class to do that).

\*If your child has to pack up their things and leave a classroom during an assessment, they cause a disruption for the other students who are testing. Not only that, your child will have to be pulled from a future class to complete their test.

Your cooperation is appreciated by staff and students.

**If you would like to donate healthy wrapped snacks for students to enjoy during testing, please have your child deliver them to their 4<sup>th</sup> period teacher, or they can be dropped off in the office.**

## **Preparing Your Student for ISASP Testing**

As with all assessments, parents should encourage their students to:

- Relax. There is no way students can study for this test, or know all of the answers.
- Get a good night's sleep. Going to bed a little earlier than normal will make sure that they are well rested for the next day.
- Eat a healthy breakfast. Food is energy.
- Come fully prepared to engage and participate to the best of their ability.
- Avoid Absences. In order for our school to have accurate results, it is important that all students enrolled at IMS participate in the ISASP testing. If your student has to be absent, we will schedule a time for them to make up the assessment as soon as possible.

### **Anime Club**

Anime Club will be restarting Tuesday, April 2. We will meet in Mrs. Wickett's room (803) from 3:20-4:00 on the first and third Tuesday of April and May. Hope to see you there!

### **Indianola Girls HS Volleyball**

Girls interested in playing or assisting HS Volleyball during the 24-25 school year, this is for you. If you are going into 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, plan on attending a meeting on Monday, May 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the IMS cafeteria.

If you are interested but can't make it to the meeting, contact Coach Halstead – [kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us)

### **MS Boys Track & Field Picture Day**

PICTURE DAY for MS Boys Track & Field will be after school on Wednesday, April 3rd.

As a reminder, Wednesday is a scheduled early-out. All Boys Track Athletes will need to stay after school, regardless if they are signed up for study tables, FCA, etc. They will meet in the Fieldhouse. After pictures, athletes will go to practice and end at their regular scheduled time.

As a quick note, there will not be picture forms that you need to fill out before April 3rd. All pictures will be displayed in a gallery at a later date. Once our photographer has uploaded and displayed the photos, we will send out instructions and a link for you to purchase pictures of your athlete.

Please keep an eye out for any other instructions the coaches share with you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to [Ben.lange@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:Ben.lange@indianola.k12.ia.us)

**No School Today, Monday, April 1**

## Reminders

### Class of 2028 Apparel Order

8<sup>th</sup> graders, if you would like to order one of the signed Class of 2028 t-shirts or sweatshirts, the link is below.

The deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

<https://elevate-28.printify.me/products>

This is not school-sponsored, so if you have questions, email Maranda at [2028imsclass@gmail.com](mailto:2028imsclass@gmail.com).

### **\*\*Please Read\*\* For Our Students' Safety During Pick-Up Time After School** **Students' safety is a top priority.**

We are asking for your cooperation when it comes to pick-up time after school.

- ❖ Pick-Up Locations:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade - In front of the fieldhouse
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade - West side of the building, in front of the stadium
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Main entrance by the flagpole
  - If you have children in multiple grades, you can choose which location to pick them up.
- ❖ DO NOT wait for your child in the parking lots or on the inside of the drives where they have to cross traffic to get to you. This is for their safety!
- ❖ If someone other than yourself picks up your child, please remind them of these rules.
- ❖ FYI-by 3:27, the pick-up lanes are usually clear. If you want to avoid the congestion, you may want to wait until then to get your child.

**Thank You for Doing Your Part to Keep Our Kids Safe!**

# School Info

## **After School Tutoring**

Free tutoring is being offered once again at IMS on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Parents must sign their child up before they attend. Please see the registration form for details.

[23-24 Tutoring Sign-Up](#)

[District Website Link](#)  
[Information Technology Link](#)  
[IMS Link](#)  
[Food Service Link](#)  
[Transportation Link](#)  
[Student Handbook](#)

## **Food Service**

For information regarding menus, free/reduced lunches/online payments/account information, please click:

[Food Service](#)

## **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.

**Indianola Class of 2028** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1386800961472755/>

**Indianola Class of 2029** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/509461217003504/>

**Indianola Class of 2030** (6<sup>th</sup> Grade):

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/238233144858449>

## **Dates to Remember:**

April 1 – No School

May 27 – No School (Memorial Day)

\*May 31 (2:20) – Last Day of School

## School Activities...

### **Indianola Music Boosters**

Stay up to date on all the district's music events by joining the Indianola Music Boosters Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/IndianolaMusicBoosters?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

### **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.

[Event Calendar](#)

### **VOLLEYBALL ADVANTAGE INDIANOLA 2024** **FOR GIRLS IN GRADES 3-8**

The Indianola Volleyball coaching staff will provide fun learning experiences during open gym in the North gym of the HS on the following dates:

March 26

April 2, 9, 18, 23

May 9, 14, 21

Grades 3-6 will meet 6:30-7:30 pm / Grades 7-8 will meet 7:30-8:45 pm

## This and That...

### **Safe and Sound**

Reporting a safety concern is quick and easy when using the anonymous statewide reporting system, Safe + Sound. Click on this [link](#) to learn more.

### **Backpacks 4 Hunger**

Backpacks 4 Hunger feeds Indianola kids over the weekend by providing a sack of individually packaged non-perishable food items. The food is placed discreetly in students' lockers on every Friday.

Call 515.961.5755 or Text 515.808.3498. Leave your name and number, and you will be contacted regarding food allergies and school details.



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.

**There will be no Zone on April 1**  
**The last day of the Zone for this year will be April 18<sup>th</sup>.**