



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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**New the Week of
April 15, 2024**

ISASP Testing Continues this Week

The remaining Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) testing date will be Tuesday, April 16. Testing 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.

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.

Attention 8th Grade Parents:

On May 9th, the 8th grade students will walk (buses will be available in the event of weather) to the Indianola High School at 8:50 AM. Students will receive a tour of the building and a brief informational presentation by the high school counselors and high school students. We will return to IMS by 10:10 AM.

8th grade students will be attending a field trip to Simpson College on EITHER May 13, 2024 or May 14, 2024 from 11:25-2:30. You and your student will be informed which day he/she will attend when we are closer to the event.

Both of the above events will require parent permission to attend as they are taking place off campus. Please use the link below to complete the parent permission form.

[Parent Permission Slip Link](#)

High School Student Council News for 8th Graders

Attention 8th grade students! Do you consider yourself a leader? Are you interested in a leadership role when you transition to Indianola High School next year? If so, you are encouraged to apply for Student Council for next school year. Student council selects 6 freshmen to participate each year. Student Council is responsible for beginning of the year activities, Homecoming activities, Snowcoming activities, and various fundraisers and service projects throughout the year. As a representative of your class, you will be expected to volunteer and participate in all student council sponsored events. If this is something you are interested in, please see Mrs. Cochran to pick up the application. Completed applications must be returned to Mrs. Cochran by April 24th as voting takes place May 1st.

Attention 8th Graders: Color Guard Auditions

Students interested in the 2024 IHS Color Guard need to sign up in the band hall ASAP. Returning students and interested students need to be at as many practices as possible. All practices will be in the high school EAST GYM at the following days and times.

Wednesday, April 17 - 6:45-7:45 AM

Thursday, April 18 - 6:30-8:00 PM

Friday, April 19 - 6:45-7:45 AM (for those that cannot attend on the 18th)

Sunday, April 21 - 6:30-8:00 PM

Tuesday, April 23 - 6:45-7:45 AM (Auditions)

The Color Guard is part of the Pride of Indianola Marching Band and there will be extra practices before/after school and over the summer. Summer practices and Marching Band Camp (August 5-9) are required. The audition will consist of learning a flag routine. Flags will be issued at the first practice and returned right after the auditions. There will also be an opportunity to showcase other skills that are related to color guard such as dance, gymnastics, baton, etc.

If there are questions, please reach out to the band directors Mr. Richardson or Mr. Swanson.

7th & 8th Grade Art Club Dates

Tuesday, April 16th: 3:30-4:45pm

Monday, April 22nd: 3:30-4:45pm

Friday, May 3rd: 3:30-5pm

Friday, May 17th: 3:30-5pm

Our Lost & Found is getting full. If you are missing a coat, sweatshirt, book, shoes, etc., be sure to check out the closet by the recess doors before May 2. After that, unclaimed items will be donated.

Reminders

Class of 2028 Apparel Order

8th 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 15th.

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

This is not school-sponsored, so if you have questions, email Maranda at 2028imsclass@gmail.com.

Conditions of Learning

Indianola Middle Schoolers will be taking the annual Conditions for Learning Survey the week of April 22nd. Parents, please click the link below for information regarding the survey.

[Conditions for Learning Parent Letter](#)

****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:
 - 6th grade - In front of the fieldhouse
 - 7th grade - West side of the building, in front of the stadium
 - 8th 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 (8th Grade):

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

Indianola Class of 2029 (7th Grade):

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

Indianola Class of 2030 (6th Grade):

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

Dates to Remember:

May 27 – No School (Memorial Day)

*May 31 (2:20) – Last Day of School

School Activities...

Anime Club

Anime Club restarted Tuesday, April 2. We are meeting 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 9th-12th 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

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:

April 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

Contact Coach Halstead if questions: kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us

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 18th.