



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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**New the Week of  
April 22, 2024**



The Zone has ended  
for this school year.  
See you in the fall!

## **High School Student Council News for 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## **Could YOU be the Next Basketball Superstar?!?**

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday morning, May 8, at 7:30 in Mr. Hein's room (801) for all 6th-8th grade girl basketball players. Information about summer camp opportunities and what the future looks like for Indianola girls' basketball will be shared at this meeting. Let Coach Jeff Janssen ([jeff.janssen@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:jeff.janssen@indianola.k12.ia.us)) know if you have any questions or concerns.

Hope to see you there!

## Reminders

### **Attention 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Attention 8th Grade Parents:**

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](#)

## Conditions of Learning

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

[Conditions for Learning Parent Letter](#)

**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.**

## **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:**

May 27 – No School (Memorial Day)

\*May 31 (2:20) – Last Day of School

## **School Activities...**

### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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 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)

## **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 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](mailto: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.