



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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**WEEK OF**  
**April 4, 2022...**

## ISASP Testing This Week \*Parents, Please Read\*

Parents, the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) testing will take place throughout the week.

We ask the following so that students can perform their best during each assessment:

1. Get a good night's sleep
2. Eat a good breakfast. Remember, breakfast is served 7:30-8:00 in the cafeteria.
3. Avoid scheduling appointments if at all possible so that students may take tests at the planned time.
4. Avoid last-minute pick-ups if at all possible.
5. Many assessments will be taking place in the morning. Arrive to school on time!

## Student Honor Code for ISASP \*\*Students, Please Read\*\*

The following will be read to students before each test this week.

These are expectations for student behavior during and after testing. Prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to:

1. Using personal electronics to capture test items and responses.
2. Providing assistance to or accepting assistance from other students, which includes copying answers, using prearranged signals to provide answers, sharing used scratch paper, etc.
3. Discussing test items or responses with students who have not yet tested.
4. Sharing test tickets, or retaining tickets/scratch paper after testing.

## During ISASP Testing:

**Textbooks, unauthorized reference materials, cell phones, cameras, smart watches, portable music players, image/sound capturing devices, or social media sites are not to be accessed during testing times. They should be put in lockers if possible.**

**Students, make sure you charge your Chromebooks each night!**

No School on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.



## SCHOOL NEWS...

### Change of Address?

Parents, if you have a change of address, please click [here for details](#).

### District Website:

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/>

### Information Technology Department:

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/information-technology/>

### Middle School Website Page

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/school/indianola-middle-school/>

### Dates to Remember:

Monday, April 11: No School

Friday, May 27: Last Day of School (1:50 Dismissal for IMS)

### Office Information

**Phone Numbers:** 515.961.9530 Main Office 515.961.9535 Fax

**Attendance Line:** 515.961.9530 x3162

**Principal:** Mrs. Kristy Ellis

**Asst. Principal:** Mr. Mike O'Meara

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor:** Mrs. Tiffany Cochran

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor:** Mrs. Lacey Cherniss

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor:** Ms. Tina Chaplin

**Office Hours:** 7:00am – 4:00 (3:30 on Fridays)

## Free Tutoring Available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Parents, if your middle school child is in need of some extra help, you can sign them up for tutoring. IMS teachers are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40-4:30 in the library.

Please email or call your child's teacher in the subject where assistance is needed. Let them know that you would like your child to attend tutoring. Include the day(s) that your child will attend, and the date that they'll be starting. Also, include a phone number where you can be reached.

Our teachers are ready to help!

## From the ICSD Food Service Department:

As schools across the country work diligently to finish last minute preparations for the new school year, we are being faced with unprecedented supply chain challenges. These issues are forcing us to alter our posted menus, at times with little to no notice. While our intention is to serve the posted menu each day at every building throughout the district, supply concerns will not make this possible throughout the year. We will attempt to substitute the original menu item with an item that is similar in nature, and still meets State and Federal requirements. We appreciate your patience and understanding! Please continue to check our online menus often at: <https://indianola.nutrislice.com/menu/>

**And, Reminder: Meals are free to all students again this year!**

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/food-service/>



## ACTIVITY INFO...

### Iowa Cubs Night

IMS Students, Family & Friends enjoy a night at the Iowa Cubs. You can get \$1 hot dogs while making great memories!

Purchase your tickets thru this link: <https://fevo.me/indianola>.

More details can be found in the [Digital Backpack](#).

### IMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Book

#### Worms Club

Sixth graders, a new club called Book Worms is starting! Please see these [slides](#) for more details.

### Volleyball Advantage Indianola

The Indianola High School Volleyball coaching staff is inviting girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade to come join the fun of the sport during open gyms in March and April. Check out the [Advantage flyer](#) on the district website for all the times and details.

## Veterinary Camp at Kindness Pet Clinic for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Kindness Pet Clinic is hosting 2-hour veterinary camps for students in grades 6-8. The first three camp dates are March 27, April 10, and May 22. The camp will allow students to interact with veterinarians and staff while getting to do hands-on activities. Each student may attend one camp session.

Attendees must fill out an application. These are available, along with a more in-depth description of the camp and requirements for participation, at the Kindness Pet Clinic (1007 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue). A parent will be required to sign a waiver and attend with their student.

KPC is excited to meet the next generation of veterinarians and scientists of all disciplines!

## IMS Gender and Sexuality Alliance

The IMS GSA - Gender and Sexuality Alliance is a social and support group for members or allies of the LGBTQ+ community. We will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month in room 411 to share experiences, support one another, and participate in various activities and volunteer opportunities within the community

If you are interested in attending a GSA meeting or have questions, please reach out to Ms. Cohen.



**GENERAL  
INFORMATION...**

## Volunteer Opportunity for Girls Cross Country Families & Friends

Volunteer to help man an aid station at the DSM Ironman Triathlon on June 12, 2022 from 10:30 am-5:30pm (or a chunk of time in between)

To sign up to volunteer, please visit:

<https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=58027>

At the very top there is a place to enter a password: IndyXC22

Scroll down to:

**+ Run Aid Station #7 - Indianola Girls XC/Des Moines Derby Brats Booster Club**

Click on the 10:30am - 5:30pm time slot and then scroll down and complete the information to sign up. If you are unable to attend the entire time, we can discuss splitting shifts as we get closer to the date, but please sign up now.

## “Get on the Board Project” Handing Out 500 Free Skateboards and Helmets to Central Iowa Kids

Click <https://skatedsm.org/getonboard/> for details.

## Live Online Homework Help

The community libraries in Iowa are providing access to a live online homework help site called Brainfuse HelpNow. Through the website, students can access live tutors for help, upload writing assignments to be analyzed and to obtain helpful comments, ask a quick question, and more. Live help is available from 2pm-11pm every day. Brainfuse also offers a "skills surfer" to reinforce concepts, as well as targeted lessons, quizzes, and online tutoring for ACT, SAT, and GED tests. Go to the public library website at [https://www.brainfuse.com/highed/helpNow.asp?a\\_id=DAE9AC12&ss=&r=](https://www.brainfuse.com/highed/helpNow.asp?a_id=DAE9AC12&ss=&r=). Click Brainfuse HelpNow, Login, then Sign up.

For more information, see <https://www.brainfuse.com/jsp/company/faq.jsp>, or ask your local or school librarian.