



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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New the Week of April 8, 2024

ISASP Testing Continues this Week

The remaining Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) testing dates will be April 9, 11, and 16. The tests 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.

*Update--We will follow a normal schedule on April 18.

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 4th 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.
- Charge Chromebooks.

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](#)

Girls Track Pictures

PICTURE DAY for **MS Girls Track & Field** will be at practice on **Wednesday, April 10th**.

Athletes will not need to do anything specific, outside of bringing their uniforms to practice. A coach will bring the athletes to pictures, and they will be taken during practice time on Wednesday.

As a quick note, there will **not** be picture forms that you need to fill out before April 10th. 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.

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.

****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:

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 18th.