



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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New the Week of  
December 11, 2023

## Attention Parents Lost & Found Items to be Donated Thursday

Parents, has your child's coat, sweatshirt, lunchbox, water bottle, shoes, etc. gone missing? If so, please encourage them to check our Lost & Found closet. It is once again filled to capacity. Items not retrieved will be donated to Helping Hand Thursday morning.

## Headphones

Students, please remember to bring your headphones or earbuds to school each day. If you do not have any, please let your parents/guardians know.

There are many choices at Walmart and the Dollar Tree. Some suggestions from Amazon include: [Sony Earbuds](#) and [JVC Gumy Earbuds](#) and [Nasuque Headphones](#).



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.

**No Zone These Days:**

**December 11, 14, 18, or 21**

**January 4**

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Band Concert \*Reschedule Date\* \*Tonight\*

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band students will be performing tonight, December 11, at 7:00 in the HS auditorium. Warm-up begins at 6:25.

There are also HS Basketball games tonight, so plan ahead for a good parking spot!

# COMING SOON

# SPIRIT WEEK!

December 18th - December 21st

Our IMS student council is encouraging staff and students to participate in Winter SPIRIT DAYS!

Monday, 12/18 - "Pajama Day": Wear your best sleepwear.

- Donate deodorant, mouthwash, toothpaste, dental floss, or a toothbrush.

Tuesday, 12/19 - "Tropical Xmas day": Xmas on a tropical island

- Random acts of kindness - open the door for someone, throw his/her garbage away, etc.

Wednesday, 12/20 - "Mr. Grinch Day": Dress up in Grinch wear or as a character from "The Grinch".

- Bring canned soup, pasta, rice, instant mashed potatoes, etc. to add to a warm meal.

Thursday, 12/21 - "Ugly Sweater Day" / "Happy Holidays":

- The greatest gift you can give to yourself is time. Enjoy your days off from school!

THE GOAL IS TO FILL UP OFFICER HACKETT'S SQUAD CAR WITH AS MANY ITEMS AS WE CAN ON THURSDAY!

DONATIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO YOUR 1ST PERIOD CLASS. THEY WILL BE DELIVERED TO HELPING HAND.

## Art Club News

Final two Studio Times for 6<sup>th</sup> grade:

\*December 15<sup>th</sup> (3:30-5:30)

\*January 19<sup>th</sup> (3:30-5:00)

7th grade Art Club will begin in February.

## **\*\*Yearbook Prices Increase on December 22<sup>nd</sup>\*\***

IMS yearbooks are now on sale! The cost is \$25. That will increase to \$30 once break starts. You can order online at [Jostens](#), or you can bring a check (made payable to IMS) or exact cash to Mr. Damman in room 507. Parents, there was not an option to pay online with your school fees, so if you believe you purchased one then, you did not.

## School Info

### **Dates to Remember:**

December 21: One Hour Early Dismissal (2:20 for IMS)

December 22 – January 2: No School, Winter Break

January 3 – Return to School

January 12 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

January 15 – No School

January 16 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins

[District Website Link](#)

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**It's the season for this...**



**So, donations of these...**



**Would be gladly accepted!**

### **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](#)

### **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>

## School Activities...

### We Want our Students to be Involved!

There are many ways for students to get involved at school. Just a few of the groups and clubs offered are Mock Trial, DAA, Yearbook Staff, Art Club, MathCounts, and many more!

Here is a link to the [IMS Activities Webpage](#).

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball

Parents, an email was sent to you Monday, November 13, regarding Boys Basketball sign-ups. Please refer to that email for the sign-up link and meeting/practice details.

If you have not already, please make sure that you turn in all the required forms: (1) [sports physical](#), (2) [insurance waiver](#), and (3) [concussion form](#) for this year. Without these forms, your athlete will not be able to participate in practices or games until we have received the completed forms.

MS Boys Basketball practices will begin after Winter Break on Wednesday, January 3rd. As a reminder, this will be an early out, so study tables will be an option for those looking to stay after school for practice.

If you have questions, please reach out to one of the following:

Ben Lange - MS Activities Director - [Ben.Lange@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:Ben.Lange@indianola.k12.ia.us)

Coach Kelly - 8th Grade Head Coach - [greg.kelly@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:greg.kelly@indianola.k12.ia.us)

Coach Reiter - 7th Grade Head Coach - [reade.reiter@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:reade.reiter@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=LQOJ4d>

## 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](#)

## This and That...

### Hawki Health Insurance

As the public health emergency declaration has come to an end, and with the addition of a third managed care organization (MCO), we have found many families have slipped through the cracks and lost their health coverage through Medicaid and Hawki. Through our partnership with EveryStep, we have a Hawki Outreach Specialist in our office at Warren County Health Services who is trained to complete presumptive eligibility (PE) determinations for children. This special Medicaid application typically provides the child temporary Medicaid coverage to bridge the gap during the application review process, allowing families to receive outpatient medical and dental services, including immunizations. We can complete these determinations via phone or by appointment in our office.

Please see the links below if you are struggling with the reapplication process.

[Hawki Rack Card](#)

[Hawki Brochure - English](#)

[Hawki Brochure - Spanish](#)

Contact: Veronica McVay, Program Manager at Warren County Health Services, 515.961.1074

### 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.

### Associates Needed at IMS

Do you want to earn extra cash? Do you want to be off during the holidays and summers? Do you want to make a difference in children's lives? Do you want to work with a fun, supportive team? If so, become a Special Education Associate at Indianola Middle School! We have openings, and we'd love to have you join us.

Click [Apply](#) for more information.