



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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**New the Week of
December 18, 2023**

**IMS will dismiss at 2:20 on
Thursday.**

**School will resume on
Wednesday, January 3.**

Enjoy your Winter Break!

Attendance this Week

If you know ahead of time that your student will be absent or will need to be dismissed early at any point this week:

*Email your student's name, grade, dates/times, and reason for absence to imsattendance@indianola.k12.ia.us.

*Or, call 515.961.9530 (press 1), and leave the info on the attendance line.

IT'S 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.

Calling all 7th and 8th Grade Actors, Actresses, and Interested Crew Members!

Auditions for this year's middle school play, *Above Average Man*, will be right after winter break on Thursday, January 4th and Friday, January 5th.

Synopsis: Every city needs a hero, and Populace is no different. With villains like Nefarious, Mary Sue (aka Cat Girl), Solomon Grungy, and the Peacock roaming around, taking hostages, and being all-around evil, Captain Stupendous is very busy. Still, he is pretty content fighting crime and being...well...stupendous...until he meets news reporter Piper Penbrooke. He discovers that the world is not at all as it seems and that even superheroes might be less than super.

If you are interested in being part of this year's production, see below.

Potential actors/actresses should sign up to attend one audition day by going to this link: [acting role](#). If you would be interested in working behind the scenes as part of the crew, go to this link and plan to come to an audition day: [crew](#).

Tech News

Parents and students, check out [Smart Social](#) for ways to stay safe online.

Special Ed 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 immediate openings, and we'd love to have you join us.

Click [Apply](#) for more information.

Reminders

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

****Reminder****

Yearbook Prices Increase December 22

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 at the beginning of the year, so if you believe you purchased one then, you did not.

7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Begins January 3

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

Coach Kelly - 8th Grade Head Coach - greg.kelly@indianola.k12.ia.us

Coach Reiter - 7th Grade Head Coach - reade.reiter@indianola.k12.ia.us

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](#)

It's the season for this...



So, donations of these...



Would be gladly accepted!

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:

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 2nd Quarter

January 15 – No School

January 16 – 3rd Quarter Begins

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](#).

Art Club News

Final Studio Time for 6th grade:

*January 19th (3:30-5:00)

7th grade Art Club will begin in February.

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](#)

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.