



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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New the Week of
December 4, 2023

6th Band / Chorus Concert

Enjoy some great music from the 6th grade Band and Chorus students on Thursday, December 7. Band will start the concert at 7:00 in the HS auditorium. Chorus will follow.

Band warm-up is 6:30. Chorus arrival is 6:50 (Go to the HS cafeteria.)

Students are asked to dress nicely and avoid athletic wear if possible. There is no expectation, however, for clothes to be purchased for this performance.

LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://youtube.com/live/4vOAvSRYU5A?feature=share>

QUESTIONS? Email: avery.luepker@indianola.k12.ia.us or meredith.moore@indianola.k12.ia.us.

7th & 8th Band Concert

The 7th and 8th grade Band students will be performing Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00 in the HS auditorium. Students are asked to dress nicely and avoid athletic wear if possible. There is no expectation, however, for clothes to be purchased for this performance.

Art News

George Washington Carver- Several IMS 6th grade art students created artworks to celebrate George Washington Carver's life and accomplishments. This display is currently in the glass case in the South Encore Wing. Many of these artworks will be moved to the Simpson College art gallery with other works from K-12 art students in February and open for community viewing.

Native American Heritage Month- Many IMS 6th grade art students participated in creating artwork that celebrates Native American Heritage. Artwork is displayed in and around the Field House lobby. Community members are welcome to view this 1st annual show during Field House open gym hours. Q & A's throughout the show are from the website: [Smithsonian's National Museum of American Indians](https://www.si.edu/nai).

Peace Poster Update- Evelyn Bierman received 2nd place at the multiple district level. Only 1st place moves on, but great job Evelyn! Thank you to the Lion's Club for awarding her \$30 for her achievement and also awarding the 1st-3rd place winners with plaques!

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.

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 Info

7th & 8th Grade Competition

7th and 8th grade students are having a **competition** to see which grade level can collect the most items for Helping Hand. Donations should be brought to the 7th and 8th grade social studies teachers starting November 13th thru December 8th.

Most needed items at the moment: peanut butter, muffin mix, canned soup, canned vegetables and dish soap. Canned meat and peanut butter counts double! Any canned or boxed food items are welcome, as well as soap, toothpaste and deodorant.

Attention Parents

Lost & Found

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 the morning of December 14th.

Please refer to the [Student Handbook](#) for all procedures, policies, and guidelines.

[District Calendar Link](#) for 23-24

[District Website Link](#)

[Information Technology Link](#)

[IMS Link](#)

[Food Service Link](#)

[Transportation Link](#)

It's the season for this...



So, donations of these...



Would be gladly accepted!

Yearbooks

IMS yearbooks are now on sale! The cost is \$25. 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.

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.

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

6th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Lacey Cherniss (x3106)

7th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Haley Finn (x3151)

8th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Tiffany Cochran (x3116)

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

Food Service

For information regarding menus, free/reduced lunches/online payments/account information, please click:

[Food Service](#)

After School Tutoring

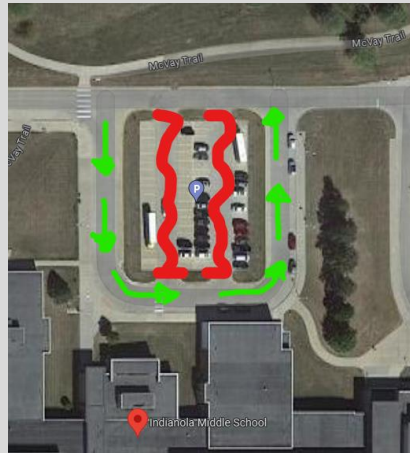
Free tutoring is being offered once again at IMS on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Parents must sign their child up before they attend. Please see the registration form for details.

[23-24 Tutoring Sign-Up](#)

Drivers, Careful in the Parking Lot, Please!

When you are dropping off or picking up students at the circle drive in front of the main office, please follow the path highlighted in green. Do not drive through parking aisles.

We ask this for the safety of our students and staff.



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>

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](#).

Students, you must have your ID with the "23" activity sticker on it to attend home games without paying. If you don't have it with you, or you don't have a picture of it on your phone, you will have to pay to get into the event. See the office if you've lost your ID or you need the sticker.



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

Wrestling Gear

Show your support of Indianola wrestling by wearing some new fan gear. Click on the link below to check out various t-shirts, sweats, hats, bags, and more. <https://indianola-wrestling-2023.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

7th and 8th 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

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

Coach Reiter - 7th Grade Head Coach - 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=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...

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

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.