

NDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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Our last day of the Zone before winter break will be this Thursday, December 8th.

It will resume on Monday, January 9th.

Associates Needed at IMS

Do you want to earn extra cash? Do you want to be off in the 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 **Media Associate or Special Education Associate** at Indianola Middle School! We have openings, and we'd love to have you join us.

Click Apply for more information.

IMS Fundraiser - Ends Thursday

Just in time for gift giving--Indianola apparel from Embark Ink! Sweatshirts, t-shirts, cinch bags, stocking caps, and more! The order deadline is Thursday, December 8, at midnight. In-store pick-up or shipping is available.

Click here to shop the IMS fundraiser: https://indianola-middle-school-105185.square.site/

Concert Dates this Week

- 12-6 ... 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. in the IHS auditorium
- 12-8 ... 6^{th} Grade Band Concert, 6:00 p.m. in the IHS auditorium
- 12-8 ... 6th Grade Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m. in the IHS auditorium

Attention 7th & 8th Graders: Middle School Play Info

If you are interested in taking part in the middle school play this year, plan on attending an informational meeting this Thursday, December 8, during lunch.

*7th Grade: Go to Miss Lloyd's room (708) on Thursday. Bring your lunch and chromebook.

*8th Grade: Go to Mrs. Wickett's room (803) on Thursday. Bring your lunch and chromebook.

*If you are interested but can't make it on 12-8, email linda.wickett@indianola.k12.ia.us.

YMCA News

Youth Strength Community Engagement event featuring guest speakers - former Hawkeye and NFL players Rodney Filer and Tavian Banks:

- Monday, December 5th
- 6pm-7pm
- Indianola YMCA
- This is a free event and all community is welcome!

Youth Strength Programs begin again in January. Registrations open soon. New programing, time availability, and more competitive pricing will be offered!

Sign-ups for Super Hoopers, a basketball program for ages 6-12 years, is open and begins in January.



Interested in Drama Club?

Students, if you are interested in joining the Drama Club, please click on the link to sign up.

*This is a student-led club and is different than the MS play.

Drama Club

Battle of the Books

If you are participating in Battle of the Books (BOB), this is just a reminder to keep reading books from this list. Testing to determine our team of six students will occur in late January or early February, and the online competition will be held on April 14. This year's guest author at the competition will be Kelly Baptist. Her book *The Swag Is in the Socks* is the extra book that all BOB participants should read for the competition.

Order Your Yearbook Before the Price Goes Up!

You can now order your 22-23 IMS yearbook through <u>Jostens</u>. The cost right now is \$25. It will increase during winter break!

You may also bring a check (made payable to IMS) or exact cash to Mr. Damman at school (room 507).

Parents, if you thought you ordered an IMS yearbook at the time you paid for school curriculum fees at the beginning of the year, <u>you did not</u>. The option is <u>not</u> available through our website or Revtrak for IMS yearbooks. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Damman @ William.damman@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Calling All Current 6th and 7th Graders

Are you interested in snorkeling, swimming with manatees, and learning about marine life in Florida? If so, this Science trip is for you. Come to the meeting to see how you can join Mrs. Strable and Mrs. Fitzpatrick in June of 2024!

Check out this <u>link</u> to learn more. You can see the flyer in the <u>Digital Backpack</u>.

Contact Mrs. Fitzpatrick with questions. chris.fitzpatrick@indianola.k12.ia.us

Dates to Remember:

December 22: One Hour Early Dismissal (2:20 for IMS)

December 23 - January 3: No School, Winter Break

Wednesday, January 4: Classes resume

Friday, January 13: No School

Monday, January 16: No School

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

7th and 8th Grade girls basketball and wrestling.
You are invited to join us in room 303 in the Blake Fieldhouse from 2:30 to 3:30 each Wednesday for a new Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddle!

You do not need to sign in at Study Table, come directly to room 303 at 2:30 and sign in there.

Please contact <u>janamcgraw@hotmail.com</u> with any questions.

After School Tutoring Parent Permission Slip Linked Below

Once again, IMS is offering free after school tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays. <u>Parents must sign</u> their child up before they can attend. Please click on the link for the registration form and details.

Tutoring Registration Form

CHROMEBOOK NEWS

Students, if your Chromebook is in for repair, please be on the lookout for emails notifying you when the repair is complete. You will need to then exchange the loaner computer for your assigned one.

FAILURE TO EXCHANGE DEVICES WITHIN 3 SCHOOL DAYS OF BEING EMAILED WILL RESULT IN THE LOANER CHROMEBOOK BEING DISABLED.

<u>Has Your Address Changed Recently?</u> <u>Will it Be Changing?</u>

Are you moving? Or have you recently moved? The parent/guardian needs to complete the Change of Address form and provide acceptable proof of residency to the District Enrollment Coordinator. Please do so in a timely manner, as changes can take 2-3 business days to update.

Change of Address Form

More information may be found here: ICSD Change of Address

Please refer to the <u>22-23 IMS Handbook</u> for all procedures, policies, and guidelines.

Popular Apps that Parents Should Know About

Click Smart Social for details.

Purchasing Tickets to Middle School Athletic Events

Cash Only is accepted to purchase tickets at the gate. There is not an option to buy tickets online, and we do not accept credit/debit cards. Admission is \$3 for everyone.

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.

2027 (8th Grade): https://www.facebook.com/groups/308102234349293/
2028 (7th Grade): https://www.facebook.com/groups/1386800961472755/
2029 (6th Grade): https://www.facebook.com/groups/509461217003504/

Backpacks 4 Hunger No Child Goes Hungry Over the Weekend

Backpacks are filled Friday and sent home with meals and snacks for the weekend. Backpacks and contents are provided by donations in the community of Indianola.

ALL students are eligible.

TO SIGN UP: Contact 961-5755 Or Your school counselor at 515-961-9530

Counselor Emails:

• Tina Chaplin (6th Grade): tina.chaplin@indianola.k12.ia.us

• Tiffany Cochran (7th Grade): tiffany.cochran@indianola.k12.ia.us

• Lacey Cherniss (8th Grade): lacey.cherniss@indianola.k12.ia.us

Thinking of Substitute Teaching?

Schools everywhere are in need of substitute teachers. Here is a way to get authorized through AEA Learning Online. Indianola's current sub pay is \$140 per day. Please share this with anyone you know who might be interested.

https://training.aealearningonline.org/course/2204419999/catalog