



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## WEEK OF February 12, 2018

### Reader of the Week:



Lilly Jacobs

### Conferences this Week

See next page for details.

**No School  
Thursday or Friday**

### Yearbook Orders will be taken at Conferences

Yearbook sales will be ending soon so get yours today! Books are \$30. The yearbook staff will be selling them at conferences on Tuesday and Thursday, February 13 & 15. Cash or check only those nights. You can still order online at [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) as well. The last day of sales will be February 28. **As with all past years, no extras will be purchased, so order yours today.** Not sure if you ordered one? Your student can check the list by the lunchroom. It is updated weekly. If you have questions, contact Mr. Damman at [William.damman@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:William.damman@indianola.k12.ia.us).



## SCHOOL NEWS...

### Dates to Remember

February 13, 14, 15: Parent/Teacher Conferences  
February 15 & 16: No School  
March 12 - 16: Spring Break  
April 16: No School

### New Look to ICSD Website

<http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/>

Please click [Food Service](#) to select February menus.

### Please Bring Your License when you Visit the School

If you have been a visitor to any of our Indianola schools during a typical day, you have been asked to show your license the first time so that a sticker could be given to you before you walk around the building.

We have gotten an upgrade to this security screening system, which is a good thing. However, we do not have access to past visitor records, so we will need to scan every person's license/ID as if it were their first visit.

**Every visitor will be required to show their license to be entered into the screening system.**

Please keep in mind, if you are just coming into the main office you will not need to show your ID. If you are going anywhere else in the building during school hours, however, you will.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Indianola Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences- Spring 2018

Dear parents and guardians:

I want to make you aware of improvements to the middle school conference format. We will be utilizing an online conference scheduler so that you can set up 10-minute appointments with your child's teachers. Your child will still present information from their portfolios at conferences. Sixth and 7th graders can pick up their portfolios in the cafeteria, and 8th graders will access their electronic portfolios in the classrooms of the core teachers. In order to be respectful of everyone's time, it is very important to allow for time to get parked, to get the portfolio, and to find the classrooms. If you prefer to visit the classrooms and teachers, but not necessarily have a conference, open house times are available as well.

**The IMS conference schedule is as follows:**

**Tuesday, February 13:**

- 4:00-5:00 Open House -- Visits do not have to be scheduled, but no sit-down conferences will be held at this time. Teachers are in their classrooms.
- 5:00-8:00 10-minute scheduled conferences with individual teachers in their classrooms

**Wednesday, February 14:**

- 2:30-3:50 10-minute scheduled conferences with individual teachers in their classrooms

**Thursday, February 15:**

- 1:00-4:00 10-minute scheduled conferences with individual teachers in their classrooms
- 4:00-5:00 Open House -- Visits do not have to be scheduled, but no sit-down conferences will be held at this time. Teachers are in their classrooms.
- 5:00-8:00 10-minute scheduled conferences with individual teachers in their classrooms

**To register for your child's conference, please see the link and directions below.**

<http://www.ptcscheduling.com/app/login.asp?HID=98565623>

Click on the link above to access the Parent/Teacher Scheduling program.

1. Complete the information requested on the right hand side of the screen under "REGISTRATION", then hit Register.
2. Upon completion of registration, click on the link again to log in to PTC.
3. Under the LOGIN section, enter your email address and password. Click Sign In.
4. Add/Edit your child's information. Indianola Middle School should be indicated.
5. Click on the Add Child button to save your changes.
6. If you have additional children attending IMS, repeat steps 4 & 5.
7. If you have used PTC in the past at a different school, but with the same email/password, all children you've added will be listed. You will need to edit their information, including school name.
8. Once all your children have been added or edited, click on the Schedule button for the first child.
9. Select the conference date.
10. Choose your student's teachers, and click Submit at the bottom.
11. Pick your student's conference time (ONE per teacher). The time you select will automatically be saved.
12. Click Home.
13. Click Schedule Conferences to view your child's information.
14. Click on the Print/Email button to view, print, or email yourself the conference times.
15. Click the Log Off button at the top of the page to end your session.

**\*\*After 10 a.m. each morning of conferences, you will no longer be able to schedule an appointment for that day.\*\***

If you have questions when signing up for conferences, please call Janet Robbins, Secretary, at 515.961.9530 x3156, or [janet.robbs@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:janet.robbs@indianola.k12.ia.us) .

Sincerely,  
Annette Jauron, Principal

## Student Council Minutes

A quorum is usually needed to vote on any use of funds, and the Secretary should take minutes, including who is present and who initiates motions on the floor (if Parliamentary Procedure is used).

IMS Student Council - Friday, February 2, 8:15 a.m., Room 303  
Next meeting will be February 23 at 8:15 a.m.

### Roll Call, Determination of a Quorum

- I. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (if no additions or corrections)
- II. Report from President
- III. Officer Reports
- IV. Old Business:
  - a. Mugging a teacher—need nominations from each grade level: Dusenbery, Pottebaum, Dubczak
  - b. Confirm dance and Special Olympics assignments
- V. New Business:
  - a. Make contacts to area churches to volunteer
  - b. Gratitude cards
  - c. HEAL House discussion from L Abernathy
  - d. Judging Black History contest and participating in hero essays—discuss dates for judging
  - e. Check handbook for any changes or questions
  - f. Other
- VI. Adjournment

## Instructional Advocacy at Work

Leigh Bellville, an Iowa Core Advocate, recently shed some light on the instructional advocacy work she is doing in our state.

"Beginning in September, I started a collaboration with the Iowa Department of Education, Student Achievement Partners, and literacy/mathematics leaders in Iowa to launch an Iowa Core Advocate Network. I serve as the ELA content co-lead with Destiny Eldridge. We plan and facilitate learning through monthly webinars that provide a deeper understanding of the Shifts, and where to find and best use standards-aligned resources, tools, and instructional practices in ELA/literacy. Mathematics is running a parallel webinar structure. Therefore, I have been a thinking partner with April Pforts from the Department of Education as well because she plans and facilitates monthly webinars relating specifically to math. The Iowa Core Advocate Network is inspired by the Student Achievement Partners Core Advocate Network. I created a new Twitter page, [@iacoreadvocates](#), and we created a YouTube Channel to house the webinar videos. In ELA alone, we have over 200 advocates (teachers, coaches, AEA representatives, and administrators) who have signed up to participate in the webinars and share their learning.

"The content for ELA has been driven by the feedback we receive from our advocates and the challenges they have been facing. Teachers and coaches in our IA Core Advocate network are utilizing the IPG and sharing results. I shared with our Core Advocates a sample of the IPG that I utilized during a coaching conversation with a social studies teacher last spring, and then IA Core Advocates were encouraged to use the IPG before the next webinar. Therefore, I encouraged another instructional coach and an 8th-grade ELA teacher to practice using the IPG during a coaching conversation and videotaped it to share during the next webinar as a sample for others. We have heard from other Core Advocates that the resources we are sharing are incredibly helpful moving forward."

## Influenza Awareness

### A Note from Your School Nurse:

Influenza season is upon us and is considered to be widespread throughout Iowa. With that in mind, I wanted to share some information about the signs and symptoms of influenza to be watching for and give recommendations for when to keep your child home from school. Influenza is a highly contagious viral infection that is spread by airborne droplets when an infected person sneezes or coughs. It mainly affects the nose, throat, chest, and lungs. Symptoms may include fever (usually more than 100° F), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. It typically lasts 3-7 days. People may be able to infect each other one day before symptoms occur and up to 10 days after being sick. The CDC suggests that you consult your doctor as needed if your child develops flu-like symptoms including fever and/or cough. Also, keep in mind that it is not too late for a flu shot. Gastroenteritis (often called stomach flu although it is not influenza) continues to be present this time of year as well. People with this should not attend school or work until it's been 24 hours since vomiting or diarrhea have occurred.

In order to prevent the spread of germs and the flu virus, the CDC recommends that your sick child stay home for at least 24 hours after his/her fever is gone, without the use of fever-reducing medicine like Tylenol or Ibuprofen.

Regardless of the season, some healthy reminders are included below:

- Wash hands often and use hand sanitizer when available
- Avoid touching the face
- Cough or sneeze into elbows
- Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate! Keep drinking water, even when it is cold outside
- Maintain good sleep patterns
- Fuel the body with plenty of fruits and vegetables
- When possible, avoid others who are ill

Additional information regarding influenza may be found [here](#) .

Thank you for considering the health of your child and the others in the classroom. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time. I can best be reached by email: [cadi.williams@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:cadi.williams@indianola.k12.ia.us) .

Wishing you all a healthy winter season,

Cadi Williams, BSN, RN  
Middle School and High School Nurse



## High School Registration Events for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

### High School Counselor Q&A at Conferences

Date/Time: February 13, 4-8 PM and February 15, 4-8 PM

Location: Middle School 8th Grade Hallway

\*Conference times are for Q&A. You may turn in your completed registration sheet, but do NOT have to at that time.

### Work Sessions

Date/Time: February 19-22, 3:30-6:30 PM

Location: High School Media Center

\*Work sessions at the high school are arena style; no individual appointments. You may work with any counselor available. We will collect completed sheets at that time.

*If this is your 2nd or 3rd child and you are comfortable on your own, you can turn in your completed registration form to Mrs. Cherniss.*

All Registrations Must be Turned in by March 2



## ACTIVITY INFO...

### Orchestra's Annual Teddy Bear Concert

Orchestra students in grades 7 – 12 will be hosting their annual Teddy Bear concert on Tuesday, February 20, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The theme this year is Cartoon Tunes, so you'll definitely recognize hits from all of your favorite animated shows and movies! They will have a variety of stuffed animals to raffle off in between groups so be sure to bring some extra dollars if you'd like to purchase tickets.

### Girls Track

Sign-ups for girls 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade track are in the office. Practice will start March 19 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and March 21 for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The March 21 practice will start at 4 p.m. due to it being a Wednesday.

There will be a parent/athlete meeting on Thursday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The meeting should last approximately 30 minutes.

The track coaches are Michelle Lester, Erin March, Jami Daniel, and Keri Sorenson.

As with all sports, students will need an updated physical and Concussion Awareness form on file. Please check with the front office if you have questions.

### Archery Team

The 2018 Archery team is having its first informational meeting on Wednesday, February 21, before school from 7:45 to 8:05 a.m. No experience is required; we will train anyone who's never shot before. The Warren County Izaak Walton League will be providing all equipment, or you can bring your own.

Bring your friends and meet in room 303 to learn more about this opportunity! Contact Sandy Thorup at [thorup111666@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:thorup111666@indianola.k12.ia.us) with any questions or for information if you can't make it. We hope to see you there.

This team is not school sponsored and is not supported by the school district or teachers within the school.

## Music Boosters Meeting

The next Music Boosters meeting is tonight, Monday, February 12, at 6 p.m. in the high school 9-10 band room. Music Booster meetings are open to anyone interested in helping support the music programs in all of the Indianola schools. Questions about getting involved with Music Boosters? Contact President Anita Christensen at [Indianolamusicboostersinfo@gmail.com](mailto:Indianolamusicboostersinfo@gmail.com). You can also find us on Facebook at Indianola Music Boosters!

## IHS Girls Soccer Camp for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Girls in grades 6 thru 8 can spend their spring break training like a high school soccer player. This 5-day camp will be filled with drills and activities, and it will help elevate athletes to the next level.

The camp runs March 12-16 from 5:15-6:45 p.m. The cost is \$50. Please go to the [Digital Backpack](#) to see full details listed on the flyer.

## Indianola Track & Field Apparel

If you would like to show your support for our Track & Field athletes by wearing spirit wear from BSN Sports, click on [https://www.bsnteamssports.com/v3/shop/team\\_shop/IndianTrk#/](https://www.bsnteamssports.com/v3/shop/team_shop/IndianTrk#/). The shop is open through February 8. The access code is IndianTrk.

## Indianola Volleyball Practices

All Indianola girls in grades 3-8 are welcome to attend the Indianola Volleyball select practices listed below. Grades 3-6 will practice 6:30 – 7:45 p.m., and grades 6-8 will practice 7:45 – 9:00 p.m. Practices will be held in the high school's North gym.

Thursdays: March 8, 22, 29; April 5

Tuesdays: April 10, 24

Monday: April 16

## Indianola Athletic Boosters

We started the year with a lofty goal of 600 Indianola Athletic Booster members. We are now at 615! Are you a member yet? It is easy to become one. Please go to [www.indianolaathletics.com](http://www.indianolaathletics.com) now to support our athletes, coaches, and programs. They depend on IABC to fund everything from uniforms to equipment & much more.

## Indianola Little League

Please click [digital backpack](#) to view the 2018 Little League flyer. Contact Bobby Shepherd, [bobbyshepherd51@gmail.com](mailto:bobbyshepherd51@gmail.com), with questions.

## Check Out the District Event Calendar

<http://www.littlehawkeyeconference.com/public/genie/206/school/645/>

## Study Table for Middle School Athletes

On Wednesdays due to the early out, we have an option for our student athletes. When school ends at 2:20, students may stay in a supervised area to do homework or read until practice starts at approximately 3:50. Students who sign up for Study Table are expected to be there each Wednesday during the season unless a parent calls in or writes a note to excuse them ahead of time.

Please click [here](#) and select *Study Table form* for details.

## Athletics

IMS Activities Schedule link: <http://www.littlehawkeyeconference.com>



## GENERAL INFORMATION...

### Heal House of Iowa

Heal House of Iowa is a group of volunteers, who have filed for non-profit status, committed to taking care of homeless individuals in Warren County and establishing a shelter in Indianola. Please click [Digital Backpack](#) to see the flyer with full details.

### Backpacks 4 Hunger

#### No Child Goes Hungry over the Weekend

\*ALL students eligible for this program\*

Backpacks are filled with meals and snacks for the weekend and are sent home with students on Friday. The backpacks and contents are provided by donations from the Indianola community.

TO SIGN UP: Call 961-5755 or contact your student's school counselor.

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504 Coordinator  
Indianola Community School District  
1304 East 2nd Avenue  
Indianola, IA 50125  
515 961-9500

who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, § 504 and Iowa Code 280.3 (2007).

**Anti-Bullying/Harassment (Ref. School Board Policy 104)** Harassment and bullying of students and employees are against federal, state and local policy, and are not tolerated by the board. The board is committed to providing all students with a safe and civil school environment in which all members of the school community are treated with dignity and respect. To that end, the board has in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate bullying and harassment as well as processes and procedures to deal with incidents of bullying and harassment. Bullying and harassment of students by other students, by school employees, and by volunteers who have direct contact with students will not be tolerated in the school or school district. Concerns can be reported to the building administration by phone, email, or in person. Board Policy forms 04E1 and 104E2, along with additional bullying and harassment policy information can be obtained from the district website or from the main office.