



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## News for the Week of February 3, 2025...

### **\*\*Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade\*\***

#### **High School Registration Meeting TONIGHT**

High school counselors will be meeting with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents/guardians on Monday, February 3, at 7:00 pm in the HS auditorium.

This is the first orientation meeting, and students will receive registration material. Please bring a pen or pencil.

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Mrs. Finn, 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, at [haley.finn@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:haley.finn@indianola.k12.ia.us), or 515.961.9530 x3151.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parents/guardians, an email went out to you last Wednesday (1-29) giving you details and sign-up information regarding Spring Conferences.

Conferences will be held February 18-20. There will be in-person and virtual appointment options available. Please check that email to get signed up.

### **High School Baseball Apparel**

Here's the link to the HS Baseball apparel store. Orders are **due by Monday, February 10th** at midnight. Items will ship to your house about 3-4 weeks after the store closes in time for spring league games.

<https://indybaseball25.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

**Girls State Wrestling Apparel**  
**Order Deadline TODAY AT NOON!**

Here is the link:  
<https://indianolaathleticboosters.square.site/>

OPEN UNTIL MONDAY AT NOON.  
PICK UP WEDNESDAY - 5PM to 9PM

**Deadline to Order**  
**Yearbooks Coming Soon**

Students, if you want a yearbook, ask your parents to order one through [lostens](#). The price is \$30.

**Time is running out!**

**Wolves Night for Indianola!**

Indianola Community School Night at the Wolves game will be Saturday, February 8. Represent by wearing an Indy shirt, then hang out until the end so we can get a group picture.

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Indianolaclass51>

**WHITE**

**MS Dance this Friday night 7-9**

**Admission - 1 cereal box (see page 3) or \$1**

**Wear WHITE**

**OUT**

**IT News**

Parents/Guardians: Please click on this link for directions on [Accessing Standards-Based Grades on PowerSchool](#).



### **2025 Indianola Middle School/Noon Lions Cereal Box Dominoes Event**

**Help Support the Indianola Helping Hand Food Pantry!** Indianola Middle School (IMS) is excited to announce the kickoff of our Cereal Box Drive, starting February 7th! This event is held in partnership with the Noon Lions to benefit the Indianola Helping Hand Food Pantry.

#### **Kickoff Event: IMS School Dance**

- **When:** Friday, February 7th
- **Admission:** Bring a box of cereal as your ticket to the dance!

#### **Cereal Box Drive Timeline**

- **Start Date:** February 7th
- **End Date:** March 14th
- From February 7th until March 13th students can donate cereal boxes to their IMS advisory class.

**Celebration Assembly: Friday, March 14th** We'll cap off this exciting drive with a school-wide assembly to:

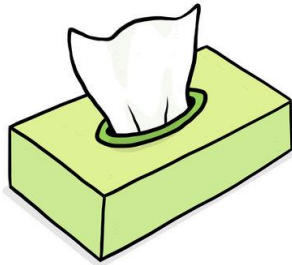
- Celebrate our collective efforts.
- Recognize the advisory groups (one per grade) that donated the most cereal boxes.
- Set up the donated boxes in a domino effect to showcase the total contributions!

**Prizes for the Winning Groups** The advisory group in each grade that donates the most boxes will win a pizza party!

**How You Can Help** Encourage your student to participate by donating cereal boxes and spreading the word about this impactful drive. Together, we can make a difference for families in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. Let's make this event a huge success!

## School Info...



**We are going through lots of these this winter, so donations will be gladly accepted in the front office.**

**Thank you!**

**Parents, please make sure your student brings earbuds/headphones to school.**

**They don't need an expensive pair; just a working pair.**

### Dates to Remember:

February 18-20 – Conferences

February 21 – No School

March 17-21 – No School (Spring Break)

April 7 – No School

May 26 – No School (Memorial Day)

May 30 – 2:20 Dismissal at IMS (Last day of school)

[Link to 6th Grade TEAM SAPPHIRE's Newsletter](#)

[Link to 6th Grade TEAM EMERALD'S Latest Newsletter](#)

### 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.

[24-25 Tutoring Permission Form](#)

### [Indianola Schools District Website](#)

You can find information on just about everything school related on the district website, including each school's home page, school year calendars, athletic information, food service details, etc. Click on the title, and take some time to familiarize yourself with this site.

### **\*Reminder to Parents and Students\* IMS Doors Open at 7:30 A.M. Plan for Weather**

Parents/Guardians/Students: Just a reminder that IMS doors **DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 7:30 EACH MORNING**. Students should dress appropriately for the weather if they arrive at school before that time; coats, long pants, hats, gloves, warm shoes/boots, umbrellas, etc.

This is for everyone's safety as adult supervision does not begin until 7:30.

If you have to drop your child off early, or if your child walks to school, please keep in mind that bus transportation is available. Contact Transportation at 515.961.9500 x1620 for more information.

### **Parent Schoology Access \*Updated Link Below\***

We understand that navigating Schoology can be new for some families, and we want to ensure you are comfortable using the platform to support your student's learning. To assist with this, we have created three helpful guides:

1. **How to Sign in to Schoology**  
This walks you through the steps of signing into Schoology, so you can stay updated on your child's academic progress, assignments, and announcements.
2. **How to Check for Mastery in Schoology**  
Learn how to view your child's mastery progress for individual learning standards in their courses. This feature allows you to track how well your child is performing on key concepts and skills.
3. **Proficiency Scale Explanation**  
This video walks through an explanation of the levels of proficiency we are using when reporting student progress. It also provides an explanation of how the proficiencies do not align to the traditional A-B-C-D-F.

**Watch the videos here:**

[How to Sign In to Schoology Link \\*Updated\\*](#)

[How to View for Mastery in Schoology](#)

[Proficiency Scale Explanation](#)

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## **Tech Reminders from the Library**

\*We do not give loaners. If you forget your Chromebook, you'll have to call home.

\*If you think your charger is broken, you need to bring it in during Tech Hours so that it can be exchanged.

\*Bring your headphones/earbuds to school every day. Maybe have an extra pair to leave in your locker.

### **Tech Hours:**

Monday: 7:30-10:00

Wednesday: 7:30-8:45

Friday: 1:00-3:00

### **Quick Links:**

[District Website](#)

[Information Technology Link](#)

[IMS Link](#)

[Food Service Link](#)

[Transportation Link](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

### **Requesting a Bus Pass**

If your child needs to ride the bus home with a friend, the Transportation department must receive a parent request ***3 business days before the day of the trip*** to allow proper planning. Passes normally will be approved as long as there is room on the bus and the request is submitted on time. To contact the Transportation department, please call 515.961.9592 or email [wendy.gehringer@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:wendy.gehringer@indianola.k12.ia.us).

## **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 Page](#).

### **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.

[Events Calendar](#)



### **Pokemon Club**

If you are a Pokemon fan, be sure to check out the new Pokemon Club! We will be trading and playing the card game. Fans of the video games are welcome to come trade and battle as well.

The club meets after school on Tuesdays in Mr. Dietl's room (608). See Isaac Baughman or Milo Leggins for more information.

### **Miscellaneous...**



All IMS students are invited to attend The Zone. The fun, provided by Indianola Parks and Rec, takes place most Mondays and Thursdays after school starting in the cafeteria.

Games, contests, healthy snacks, and much more await you this school year!

See the flyer in the [Digital Backpack](#) for sign-up information.

### **No ZONE These Dates:**

Thursday, February 20

Monday, March 17

Thursday, March 20

Monday, March 24.

### **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.

Class of 2029 (8<sup>th</sup> grade)- <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/o9XPd9oGBR3SPdQi/>

Class of 2030 (7<sup>th</sup> grade)- <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/bCUIYkjKtrKmbeTm5/>

Class of 2031 (6<sup>th</sup> grade)- <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/UVdwBvM9YCEoHk3L/>