



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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Reader of the Week:



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SCHOOL NEWS...

Dates to Remember

February 13, 14, 15: Parent/Teacher Conferences (Details regarding online scheduling will be announced soon.)

February 15 & 16: No School

March 12 - 16: Spring Break

April 16: No School

Blue Ribbon Essay Contest for Former Whittier Students

Whittier Elementary received the Blue Ribbon Award earlier this school year in recognition of student achievement scores. Because of that, there will be a special ceremony on Friday, January 26.

Former Whittier students are being asked to write an essay explaining the impact the school had on them. The student with the winning essay will read it aloud during the ceremony.

For details, please click [here](#) and select *Digital Backpack* near the middle of the page to find the Blue Ribbon Flyer.

Middle School Dance Info – Volunteers Needed

The next IMS dance will be Friday, February 2, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Blake Fieldhouse. Admission is \$1.

Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help out, please follow the link below to sign up.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ba4aa28a1f85-indianola1>

Please click [here](#) to select January menus.

Lost and Found

Between the gyms, locker rooms, and lost-and-found, the school is getting bogged down with clothes and other unclaimed items. All these items will be donated within the next week or two. If students are missing something, they should check with their PE teachers or the lost-and-found.

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. **Beginning January 16, 2018, every visitor will be required to show their license.**

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.

Important News for Parents of 8th Graders

Job Shadow Day will take place February 2. **Please read, print, sign, and return this form (please note--there are three pages) by January 22nd.** You may also fill out [this form](#) (please note--there are three pages) electronically and email it to lacey.cherniss@indianola.k12.ia.us with a typed signature.

8th grade Registration Events

Parent Meeting

Date/Time: January 29, 7:00 PM

Location: High School Auditorium

This is the first orientation meeting where the students will receive registration material. Please bring a pen or pencil. All 8th grade students and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. For those unable to attend, Mrs. Cherniss will have extra copies of materials available for students after the meeting.

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...

IHS Girls Soccer Camp for 6th – 8th 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 click [here](#) and select *Digital Backpack* to see full details listed on the flyer.

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 now to support our athletes, coaches, and programs. They depend on IABC to fund everything from uniforms to equipment & much more.

Athletics

IMS Activities Schedule link:

<http://www.littlehawkeyeconference.com>

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.



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 [here](#) and select Digital Backpack located halfway down page 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.

Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Indianola Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of age (except students), race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, creed or marital status in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities.

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of age (except students), race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, creed or marital status in admission or access to, or treatment in, its hiring and employment practices. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), § 504 or Iowa Code § 280.3 is directed to contact:

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.