



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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WEEK OF
January 31, 2022...

WHITE OUT Shirts on Sale for the February 11th Basketball Games

Get your WHITE OUT shirts to wear at the basketball games on February 11th. You'll be supporting DECA as we fundraise to purchase fleece to make blankets for Blank Children's Hospital.

Click here to order: <https://ihs-deca.square.site/>

Orders will be accepted until this Wednesday, February 2, AT NOON!

They will be ready for pick-up at Embark Ink on February 8th!

MS PinkOut Dance this Friday!

Students, you are all invited to wear pink to the next MS dance. It will be held on Friday, February 4, from 7-9 pm. Admission is \$1.

Student Council will be also be accepting donations as a fundraiser for Blank Children's Hospital.

Refreshments will be available to purchase.

Adults, we are in need of chaperones. Details and the sign-up can be found by clicking [here](#).

Conference Sign-Ups Start Today

Parents and guardians, check your emails later this morning. Details for IMS Spring Conferences will be sent to you. You'll be able to sign up for 10-minute Zoom appointments with your child's teacher starting today. Conferences will run Tuesday, February 15th thru Thursday, February 17th.

2nd Quarter P.R.I.D.E Plus Award Recipients

During the school year, teachers can nominate students for PRIDE Plus awards when they demonstrate Personal Responsibility in Daily Effort. Here are the recipients for 2nd quarter:

Ahmed Al Fatli, Emily Allen, Guy Berryhill, Nick Bradley, Baeya Breuklander, Taylor Burns, Marley Crooks, Macie Crosson, Leia Graham, Aubrey Griffin, Alexa Guyer, Caden Haugen, Kaelee Holter, Madalyn Jewett, Cael Johnston, Zoe Jones, Gracelund Kappelman, Max King, Makenna Loyd, Gabe Maas, Sophia Miller, Aidan Moon, Sydney Nickelson, Ezekiel Patterson, Brooks Paugh, Blaine Peterson, Isaiah Pilat, Blake Putney, Bryson Rehmeier, Reed Robbins, Iliana Ruiz, Ariana Snyder, Sophia Sorensen, Lilly Spain, Beau Spenner, Aleah Tully, Sam VanRoekel, Delanie Williams

Congratulations!

Thank you to Karey Bishop for sponsoring last week's reception honoring the students and their accomplishments.

IMS Gender and Sexuality Alliance

The IMS GSA - Gender and Sexuality Alliance - will be starting Tuesday, February 1st after school from 3:30-4:30 in Ms. Cohen's room (411). The GSA is a social and support group for members or allies of the LGBTQ+ community. We will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month to share experiences, support one another, and participate in various activities and volunteer opportunities within the community

If you are interested in attending the first GSA meeting or have questions, please reach out to Ms. Cohen.



All IMS students are invited to join the fun after school on Mondays and Thursdays during the school year. For details, click [here](#).

Yearbooks on Sale Until February 28th

Yearbooks are now on sale at [Jostens Yearbooks](#).

You may also bring \$30 cash or a check made payable to IMS to Mr. Damman in room 507 by February 28th.

Books will arrive in May.

Art Club Sign-Up for 7th and 8th Graders

If you are interested in joining Art Club, please click [here](#).

For more details, read today's Daily Announcements.



SCHOOL NEWS...

Have You Moved Recently? Will You be Moving?

Please click [here](#), and go to the Change of Address section. A form must be completed, and you will need to provide proof of residence documentation. All info can be returned to Denise Moss at the district office, emailed to enrollment@indianola.k12.ia.us, or faxed to 515.961.9505.

Please allow at least three business days for transportation changes.

Call Denise at 515.961.9500 x1506 if you have questions.

District Website:

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

Information Technology Department:

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/information-technology/>

Middle School Website Page

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/school/indianola-middle-school/>

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. Tiffany Cochran

7th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Lacey Cherniss

8th Grade Counselor: Ms. Tina Chaplin

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

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, February 15 thru Thursday, February 17: Conferences (School IS in session)

Friday, February 18: No School

Monday, March 14 thru Friday, March 18: Spring Break

Monday, April 11: No School

Friday, May 27: Last Day of School (1:50 Dismissal for IMS)

From the ICSD Food Service Department:

As schools across the country work diligently to finish last minute preparations for the new school year, we are being faced with unprecedented supply chain challenges. These issues are forcing us to alter our posted menus, at times with little to no notice. While our intention is to serve the posted menu each day at every building throughout the district, supply concerns will not make this possible throughout the year. We will attempt to substitute the original menu item with an item that is similar in nature, and still meets State and Federal requirements. We appreciate your patience and understanding! Please continue to check our online menus often at: <https://indianola.nutrislice.com/menu/>

And, Reminder: Meals are free to all students again this year!
<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/food-service/>



"Produced by the 8th Grade Movie Making class, *The Spells of Madame Ophelia* premieres this Thursday in the High School auditorium. Admission is \$3/students, \$5/adults, \$15 family pack.

In addition, a stream will be available for \$5. Order forms are on the table outside Mr. Dubczak's room (501), and are due on Wednesday, February 2. in order to get a streaming link for Thursday.

Don't miss this exciting and fun film!"

Free Tutoring Available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Parents, if your middle school child is in need of some extra help, you can sign them up for tutoring. IMS teachers are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40-4:30 in the library.

Please email or call your child's teacher in the subject where assistance is needed. Let them know that you would like your child to attend tutoring. Include the day(s) that your child will attend, and the date that they'll be starting. Also, include a phone number where you can be reached.

Our teachers are ready to help!



ACTIVITY INFO...

Battle of the Books

If you are participating in Battle of the Books, this is just a reminder to keep reading books from [this list](#). Testing to determine our team of six students will occur in early February, and the online competition will be held on April 8. This year's guest author will be Sharon Draper. Her book *Blended* is the extra book that all BOB participants should read for the competition

7th and 8th Grade Girls Interested in Soccer

Any 7th and 8th grade girl seriously interested in playing high school soccer is invited to attend Sunday night open gyms from 5:30-7:00 at Blake Fieldhouse starting this coming Sunday, January 16. Bring indoor shoes and a water bottle. If you have any questions please email:

erin.ebling@indianola.k12.ia.us



GENERAL INFORMATION...

Like a Flexible Schedule? Want to Make a Difference in Kids' Lives? Substitute Teaching May be for You!

Click on this Heartland AEA link to see just how easy it is to obtain your Substitute Authorization:
<https://www.heartlandaea.org/professional-learning/licensure-info/sub-auth/>

Live Online Homework Help

The community libraries in Iowa are providing access to a live online homework help site called Brainfuse HelpNow. Through the website, students can access live tutors for help, upload writing assignments to be analyzed and to obtain helpful comments, ask a quick question, and more. Live help is available from 2pm-11pm every day. Brainfuse also offers a "skills surfer" to reinforce concepts, as well as targeted lessons, quizzes, and online tutoring for ACT, SAT, and GED tests. Go to the public library website at

https://www.brainfuse.com/highed/helpNow.asp?a_id=DAE9AC12&ss=&r=. Click Brainfuse HelpNow, Login, then Sign up.

For more information, see <https://www.brainfuse.com/jsp/company/faq.jsp>, or ask your local or school librarian.