



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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**New the Week of
March 18, 2024**

ISASP Testing Starts April 4th

****Parents, Please Avoid These Dates When Planning Appointments****

This year's Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) testing dates will be April 4, 5, 9, 11, and 16. They will take place 8:00-10:00 a.m. Testing will also take place on April 10 throughout the day during LA classes.

Make-ups will take place every day as needed thru April 19.

All students must take these assessments.

PLEASE SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD DURING NON-ISASP TIMES!

Here's why that is important:

*Once a teacher starts a test, late students will not be allowed to enter the classroom, and they will have to make up their test at a different time (which means they will miss a future class to do that).

*If your child has to pack up their things and leave a classroom during an assessment, they cause a disruption for the other students who are testing. Not only that, your child will have to be pulled from a future class to complete their test.

Please plan ahead. There is no school on Monday, April 1. This may be a great time to schedule an appointment!

Your cooperation is appreciated by staff and students.

If you would like to donate healthy wrapped snacks for students to enjoy during testing, please have your child deliver them to their 4th period teacher, or they can be dropped off in the office.

8th Grade High School Course Plan – Today and Tuesday

March 18th and 19th all 8th grade students will complete a high school course plan. The State of Iowa requires all 8th grade students in Iowa to draft a high school course plan. Course plans are created using the district's Career Information System, Xello. All 8th grade parents/guardians received an emailed invitation on March 6, 2024 to create a Xello family account, if you haven't already done so. When the course plans are complete students will be encouraged to discuss their selections with parents/guardians. Parents/guardians will then be asked to utilize their created Xello accounts to view and approve their student's high school course plan.

It is important to note that the created course plans are only an overview of courses your student *might* consider taking each high school year. The course plans are updated annually in high school. Course plans are designed to be a fluid document in which parents and students can modify as they see fit.

The high school counselors **do not** use this plan to register your student for classes, nor will this plan change their current 9th grade registration.

Class of 2028 Apparel Order

8th graders, if you would like to order one of the signed Class of 2028 t-shirts or sweatshirts, the link is below.

The deadline is April 15th.

<https://elevate-28.printify.me/products>

This is not school-sponsored, so if you have questions, email Maranda at 2028imsclass@gmail.com.

7th / 8th Girls and Boys Track Practice Starts Today After School

If you have questions, contact Ben Lange at ben.lange@indianola.k12.ia.us or 515.961.9500 x 2283.

Counselors Corner

6th Grade Second Step Info from the Counselors

6th Grade Unit 3

Weekly family communications for lessons 14-19.

3/20/24 Lesson 19: Raising Awareness About Managing Emotions

Summary: In this week's lesson, your child will create a storyboard (a visual plan for a video) that will inform their peers about the benefits of using emotion-management strategies.

Question: Ask to see your child's storyboard. If they can't bring it home, ask them to describe it to you.

7th Grade Second Step Info from the Counselors

7th Grade Unit 3

Weekly family communications for lessons 14-19.

3/20/24 Lesson 19: Making Better Decisions

Summary: In this week's lesson, your child will share strategies for how to interrupt unhelpful thoughts and manage strong emotions with their peers by creating a comic strip.

Question: Ask to see your child's comic strip. If they don't have the comic strip, ask them to explain it to you.

8th Grade Second Step Info from the Counselors

Unit 3

Weekly family communications for lessons 14-19.

3/20/24 Lesson 19: My Stress-Management Plan

Summary: In this week's lesson, your child will complete their own stress-management plan. It will include their own signs of stress, the situations that contribute to their stress, strategies they can use to relieve stress, and people they can reach out to for help or support.

Question: Ask to see your child's stress-management plan. Talk about the strategies they've identified and offer your support if you see them displaying any signs of stress.

Reminders

Students, remember to bring your headphones or earbuds each day.

School Info

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.

[23-24 Tutoring Sign-Up](#)

[District Website Link](#)
[Information Technology Link](#)
[IMS Link](#)
[Food Service Link](#)
[Transportation Link](#)
[Student Handbook](#)

Food Service

For information regarding menus, free/reduced lunches/online payments/account information, please click:

[Food Service](#)

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.

Indianola Class of 2028 (8th Grade):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1386800961472755/>

Indianola Class of 2029 (7th Grade):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/509461217003504/>

Indianola Class of 2030 (6th Grade):

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/238233144858449>

Dates to Remember:

March 29 - End of 3rd Quarter

April 1 – No School

May 27 – No School (Memorial Day)

*May 31 (2:20) – Last Day of School

School Activities...

From the Athletic Boosters

Please consider signing up to volunteer to work at the concession stand using the link below. Students can earn silver cord hours and parents can have fun with their friends! The more volunteers we have the more funds go back to supporting our athletes.

Contact Jody Sandy for more details. jodysandy@gmail.com

<https://signup.com/go/sZbDcxg>

Chess Club

Chess Club is starting soon. It will be in Ms. Bienemann's room (810) after school until 4:00 on Tuesdays. Here is the link to sign up:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1B4Bu4C7jZ03qJw5mvzENviuX6mGC9NaJOUscjpbmKE>

Indianola Music Boosters

Stay up to date on all the district's music events by joining the Indianola Music Boosters Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/IndianolaMusicBoosters?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

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.

[Event Calendar](#)

VOLLEYBALL ADVANTAGE INDIANOLA 2024 **FOR GIRLS IN GRADES 3-8**

The Indianola Volleyball coaching staff will provide fun learning experiences during open gym in the North gym of the HS on the following dates:

March 26

April 2, 9, 18, 23

May 9, 14, 21

Grades 3-6 will meet 6:30-7:30 pm / Grades 7-8 will meet 7:30-8:45 pm

This and That...

Safe and Sound

Reporting a safety concern is quick and easy when using the anonymous statewide reporting system, Safe + Sound. Click on this [link](#) to learn more.

Backpacks 4 Hunger

Backpacks 4 Hunger feeds Indianola kids over the weekend by providing a sack of individually packaged non-perishable food items. The food is placed discreetly in students' lockers on every Friday.

Call 515.961.5755 or Text 515.808.3498. Leave your name and number, and you will be contacted regarding food allergies and school details.

Tech News

Parents and students, check out [Smart Social](#) for ways to stay safe online.



All IMS students are invited to join the fun after school on Mondays and Thursdays during the school year from 3:20 to 5:00. Click [here](#) for more information.

There will be no Zone on April 1

The last day of the Zone for this year will be April 18th.