



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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**New the Week of
March 25, 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.

Preparing Your Student for ISASP Testing

As with all assessments, parents should encourage their students to:

- Relax. There is no way students can study for this test, or know all of the answers.
- Get a good night's sleep. Going to bed a little earlier than normal will make sure that they are well rested for the next day.
- Eat a healthy breakfast. Food is energy.
- Come fully prepared to engage and participate to the best of their ability.
- Avoid Absences. In order for our school to have accurate results, it is important that all students enrolled at IMS participate in the ISASP testing. If your student has to be absent, we will schedule a time for them to make up the assessment as soon as possible.

Last Day of 3rd Quarter – This Friday

IMS will be running our 2:20 dismissal schedule on Friday, the last day of the quarter.

SCHOOL WILL STILL BE IN SESSION, AND STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY UNTIL 3:20, HOWEVER!

The last hour will be used for celebrations or catching up on 3rd quarter work.

No School Monday, April 1

Volleyball Advantage on Tuesday, February 26th has been cancelled due to gym space. If questions, contact Coach Halstead.

Wrestling Meeting

There will be a meeting for all boy wrestlers in grades 6-8 this Tuesday morning. Meet in room 303 by the fieldhouse at 7:50 a.m. tomorrow.

****Please Read** For Our Students' Safety During Pick-Up Time After School**
Students' safety is a top priority.

We are asking for your cooperation when it comes to pick-up time after school.

- ❖ Pick-Up Locations:
 - 6th grade - In front of the fieldhouse
 - 7th grade - West side of the building, in front of the stadium
 - 8th grade - Main entrance by the flagpole
 - If you have children in multiple grades, you can choose which location to pick them up.
- ❖ DO NOT wait for your child in the parking lots or on the inside of the drives (in red) where they have to cross traffic to get to you. This is for their safety!
- ❖ If someone other than yourself picks up your child, please remind them of these rules.
- ❖ FYI-by 3:27, the pick-up lanes are usually clear. If you want to avoid the congestion, you may want to wait until then to get your child.



Thank You for Doing Your Part to Keep Our Kids Safe!

Counselors Corner

8th Grade Parents:

If you have not already done so, please check your email and sign up for the Xello family account. 8th grade students recently completed their four-year course plans. We will be asking all parents to review and sign the four-year course plan using the Xello Family account.

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>

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.

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.



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.