



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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**New the Week of  
May 13, 2024**

*THANK YOU to all the parents who helped make teacher appreciation week special. Your generous gifts, and your willingness to donate your time, creativity, and hard work did not go unnoticed.  
We thank you for your continued support of IMS throughout the year.*

## **Yearbook Distribution**

Purchased yearbooks will be handed out Wednesday morning, May 22, from 7:30-8:00 at the fieldhouse concession stand.

If you can't remember if you purchased one, contact [William.damman@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:William.damman@indianola.k12.ia.us).

\*No payments will be accepted that day. This is only for those students who paid for a yearbook before the deadline in February.\*

## **8th Grade Dance**

Okay, 8<sup>th</sup> graders, it is the last dance of your middle school career! Join us this Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 p.m. in the cafeteria. The theme is NEON, so dress in your brightest wear and dance the night away! A slice of pizza and a beverage will be provided.

## **Girls Circle**

Tuesday, May 14, is the last day of Girls Circle for this year.

## **Current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders – Washington D.C. Trip Info**

Have you ever wanted to see the United States Capitol Building? What about the Washington Monument, Smithsonian Museum, or the Battlefield of Gettysburg? If you answered yes to any of these things or just want to take a trip to our nation's capital to see all that it has to offer, then you are in luck! IMS is taking a trip to Washington DC in the summer of 2025 for current 7th and 8th graders! We encourage you to check out some of the information linked below or come see Mr. Weepie or Mrs. Birkland! Parents, we encourage you to join a zoom meeting on Thursday the 23rd of May at 7pm (Zoom link below)

[Parent Letter](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 743 0162 7253

Passcode: DZWj0U

## **All Students Attending the Florida Trip in June**

If you have signed up to take the June Florida trip, you should have received an email from Mrs. Fitzpatrick last week. Please fill out the Google form included in that email asap.

## **State Track & Field Apparel**

State Track and Field shirts are currently on sale. The link is below. **Online shop closes Monday May 13th at 10am. No late orders will be accepted.** Pick up will be Wednesday May 15th from 4PM to 7pm, or during regular hours Thursday thru Saturday at Embark Ink on the Square.

<https://indianolaathleticboosters.square.site/>

## **IMS Show Choir Auditions**

Auditions for the 2024-2025 IMS Show Choirs are on Monday, May 20th and Tuesday, May 21st from 3:30-6:00pm. Auditions are open to any current 6th & 7th graders

Please contact Mr. Luepker and Ms. Moore for more information.  
([avery.luepker@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:avery.luepker@indianola.k12.ia.us) & [meredith.moore@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:meredith.moore@indianola.k12.ia.us))

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Civic Center**

On Thursday, May 16, all 6th grade students will be going to the Civic Center to view the [Peking Acrobats](#). The show begins at 12:00, so students will be leaving IMS at 11:05 and returning by 2:00.

### **Important Message from the Library**

It is time to start returning your library books. The replacement cost for those not returned go onto your PowerSchool account at the end of the school year. Many books have special expensive bindings.

Thanks! Mrs. Richardson

### **Reminders**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Graders, Time to Show Off Your Talent!**

8th Graders - Do you have talent? Sign up to participate in the 8th grade talent show which will be held on the last day of school. We are looking for all kinds of solo and group acts: singing, dancing, juggling, stand-up comedy, instrumental performances, karaoke, lip sync, riddles, skits, gymnastic routines, stupid human tricks, etc. If you have an act, we want to see it.

Sign up for an audition day by clicking the link below. **Auditions are held so we know who is participating and what equipment is needed - not to exclude people.**

See Mrs. Moore or Mrs. Wickett if you have questions.

[Sign up here](#)

#### **Simpson College Trip for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

8th grade students will be attending a field trip to Simpson College on EITHER May 13, 2024 or May 14, 2024 from 11:25-2:30. You and your student will be informed which day he/she will attend when we are closer to the event.

#### **Band and Orchestra News**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & Orchestra concert:** Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the HS auditorium.

Band questions: [beth.kinman@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:beth.kinman@indianola.k12.ia.us) or [Daniel.scheetz@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:Daniel.scheetz@indianola.k12.ia.us)

Orchestra questions: [Katherine.bendon@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:Katherine.bendon@indianola.k12.ia.us)

## 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](#)

### Dates to Remember:

May 27 – No School  
(Memorial Day)

\*May 31 (2:20) – Last Day of  
School

### 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** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1386800961472755/>

**Indianola Class of 2029** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/509461217003504/>

**Indianola Class of 2030** (6<sup>th</sup> Grade): <https://m.facebook.com/groups/238233144858449>

## School Activities...

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Club Dates

Friday, May 17th: 3:30-5pm

### **Volleyball Camp this Summer**

The Indianola coaching staff will be holding a volleyball camp for girls in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> during the 24-25 school year.

The dates for the camp are Thursday, June 27, Monday, July 1, Tuesday, July 2, and Wednesday, July 3. The camp will be held in the Indianola High School North Gym.

**Each Camper will go away with volleyball swag!**

Questions? Email [kenthalstead@gmail.com](mailto:kenthalstead@gmail.com).

[Grades 6-8 Flyer](#)   [Grades 3-6 Flyer](#)

### **Girls 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball**

On Wednesday, May 1, parents were emailed information to sign their daughter up for softball. Please refer to the May 1 message from Indianola Activities Office (subject: MS Softball) to sign up and to receive parent meeting info.

### **Indianola Girls HS Volleyball**

Girls interested in playing or assisting HS Volleyball during the 24-25 school year, this is for you. **If you are going into 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, plan on attending a meeting on Monday, May 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the IMS cafeteria.**

If you are interested but can't make it to the meeting, contact Coach Halstead – [kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us)

### **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:

May 9, 14, 21

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

Contact Coach Halstead if questions: [kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:kent.halstead@indianola.k12.ia.us)

**This and That...**

**Free Community Meal**

Every Wednesday starting June 5 until August 14, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church will be serving a free meal at the pavilion in Moats Park. They will be serving from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Everyone welcome!

**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.