



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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New the Week of
November 13, 2023

Do You Like Math? This Competition is for You!

If you enjoy solving math problems and would like to be challenged in this way, we encourage participation in the MathCounts Competition Series. MathCounts is a wonderful experience that will enhance a love of math. You can read more about the program at <http://mathcounts.org/programs/competition-series>.

The regional competition will be held in Ankeny on February 20. Until then, weekly practices will be held at 7:00 am starting the week of November 27; the day of the week will be determined based on which day of the week the most students can attend, and students will indicate this on the sign-up form. Students should sign up with their school Google account by completing [this Google form](#) by Tuesday, November 21. Students should see Mrs. Asell if they want to participate but are involved in music activities every morning.

Girls Basketball Picture Day

PICTURE DAY for 7th & 8th Girls Basketball will be at practice on **Wednesday, November 15th**.

Athletes will not need to do anything specific, outside of bringing their uniforms to practice. A coach will bring the kids to pictures, and they will be taken during practice time on Wednesday.

As a quick note, there will **not** be picture forms that you need to fill out before November 15th. All pictures will be displayed in a gallery at a later date. Once our photographer has uploaded and displayed the photos, we will send out instructions and a link for you to purchase pictures of your athlete.

Please keep an eye out for any other instructions the coaches share with you.

Interested in Joining the Indianola Youth Trap Team this Spring?

There is still time! An informational meeting will take place at the Warren County Izaak Walton Clubhouse on November 15th at 6:00. Parents are required to attend and the registration link will be provided following the meeting.

If you have any questions, please email Coach Aaron Rasko: aaronrasko@gmail.com

From the Counselors Second Step Lessons

6th Grade:

Lesson 6: Monitoring Your Progress

Summary:

In last week's lesson, your child learned strategies for how to stay on track toward their goals. They learned how to monitor their own progress, decide if they need to try new strategies, and determine when their goal is complete.

Question:

Ask your child about a goal they're actively working toward. Ask them if they are encountering any roadblocks and how you can help them determine the next steps forward.

Lesson 7: Bringing It All Together

Summary:

In this week's lesson, your child will bring it all together and create an action plan to help them accomplish one of the goals they chose at the beginning of the unit.

Question:

Ask your child what their goal is, how they broke it down into smaller goals, and their plans for achieving it. Discuss how you can support them if things at home or in school slow them down or stand in their way and about how you can celebrate when they achieve their goal.

7th Grade:

Lesson 6: Overcoming Roadblocks 2

Summary:

In last week's lesson, your child identified a goal they want to work on, anticipated roadblocks, and developed an If-Then Plan for their own goal.

Question:

Think of a time you achieved a big goal, such as learning to drive or graduating from school. Tell your child about your big goal and some of the smaller goals you needed to finish in order to achieve it. Ask your child to tell you about a goal they have.

Lesson 7: Advice on Roadblocks

Summary:

In this week's lesson, your child will put their knowledge about overcoming roadblocks into action by giving advice to a sixth-grader who is struggling to learn something new.

Question:

Tell your child about a time you had to try something new to overcome a roadblock, such as asking someone for help or looking at a problem with a different viewpoint. Tell your child what eventually helped you overcome that roadblock.

8th Grade

Lesson 6: My Future Self

Summary:

In last week's lesson, your child imagined who they want to be in the future.

Question:

Ask your child what they want their life to look like in the future. What skills or abilities do they want to have? What qualities or values do they want to develop?

Lesson 7: My Path Forward

Summary:

In this week's lesson, your child will envision a path to become their best self by using strengths and skills they already have.

Question:

Ask your child what skills, interests, or abilities they want to develop and how you can help.

Washington D.C. Trip

Want to go to Washington D.C.? The Summer 2025 D.C. Trip is open to current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. There will **NOT** be a trip in Summer 2024, so students in middle school who are interested should go in 2025. We will take students on odd-numbered years moving forward.

Ms. Lloyd and Mr. Klocke are trying to gauge the interest level of students in the middle school by sending out an interest survey. Please fill this survey out at home after talking with your parent or guardian. We would appreciate responses being submitted **before** Thanksgiving break on Tuesday, November 21st.

<https://forms.gle/x8j9dGcKciN2hMut6>

7th & 8th Grade Competition

7th and 8th grade students are having a **competition** to see which grade level can collect the most items for Helping Hand. Donations should be brought to the 7th and 8th grade social studies teachers starting November 13th thru December 8th.

Most needed items at the moment: peanut butter, muffin mix, canned soup, canned vegetables and dish soap. Canned meat and peanut butter counts double! Any canned or boxed food items are welcome, as well as soap, toothpaste and deodorant.

School Info

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.

Girls Wrestling Apparel

Show your support of Indianola Girls' Wrestling by ordering some spirit wear! Store closes November 12th.

<https://legacyteamwear.printavo.com/merch/indygirlswrestling>

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, November 21: One Hour Early Dismissal (2:20 for IMS)

November 22-24: No School, Thanksgiving Break

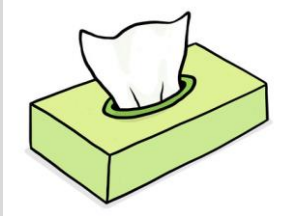
December 21: One Hour Early Dismissal (2:20 for IMS)

December 22 – January 2: No School, Winter Break

It's the season for this...



So, donations of these...



Would be gladly accepted!

[District Calendar Link](#) for 23-24

Please refer to the [Student Handbook](#) for all procedures, policies, and guidelines.

[District Website Link](#)

[Information Technology Link](#)

[IMS Link](#)

[Food Service Link](#)

[Transportation Link](#)

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](#)

Yearbooks

IMS yearbooks are now on sale! The cost is \$25. You can order online at [Jostens](#), or you can bring a check (made payable to IMS) or exact cash to Mr. Damman in room 507. Parents, there was not an option to pay online with your school fees, so if you believe you purchased one then, you did not.

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. Lacey Cherniss (x3106)

7th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Haley Finn (x3151)

8th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Tiffany Cochran (x3116)

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

Food Service

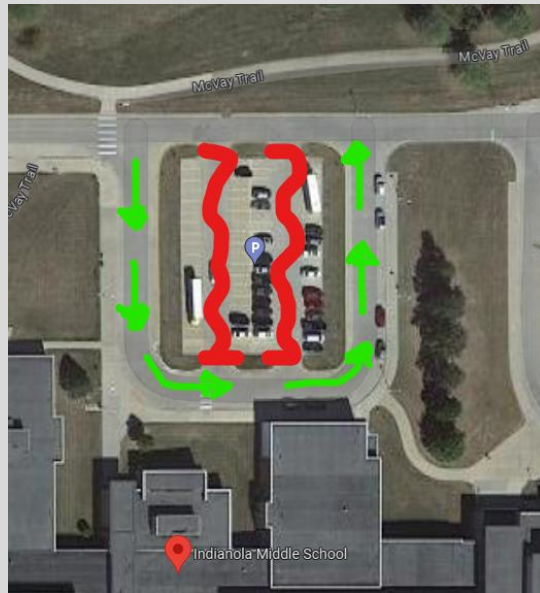
For information regarding menus, free/reduced lunches/online payments/account information, please click:

[Food Service](#)

Drivers, Careful in the Parking Lot, Please!

When you are dropping off or picking up students at the circle drive in front of the main office, please follow the path highlighted in green. Do not drive through parking aisles.

We ask this for the safety of our students and staff.



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>

School Activities...

We Want our Students to be Involved!

There are many ways for students to get involved at school. Just a few of the groups and clubs offered are Mock Trial, DAA, Yearbook Staff, Art Club, MathCounts, and many more!

Here is a link to the [IMS Activities Webpage](#).

Wrestling Gear

Show your support of Indianola wrestling by wearing some new fan gear. Click on the link below to check out various t-shirts, sweats, hats, bags, and more. <https://indianola-wrestling-2023.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

6th Graders, Check this Out!

Are you interested in building relationships with other kids in 6th grade? Think about joining "R" Afterschool Club. Look through these slides to see some possible activity ideas for "R" Afterschool Club. Please forward this "R" Club Registration form to your parent/guardian's email so they can register you. If you have questions, please see Ms. Davis, or email her at Melinda.davis@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Anime Club

If you are interested in joining Anime Club, click on the link below. For more information, see Mrs. Wickett in room 803.

<https://forms.gle/WB6h6e3UKuuc9MyL6>.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Anyone interested in joining Dungeons and Dragons Club is welcome! The club will meet after school on Mondays in Mr. Weepie's room, 806.

Fill out this Google form to register: [D & D Sign-Up](#)



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.

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](#)

6-8th Graders can sign up for Art Club!

Art Club is a time after school where students who are interested in art can do individual or collaborative art projects, learn new techniques and be social.

After signing up, members and parents will receive more information about Studio Time activities and dates.

[6th Grade Art Club Sign up Link](#) (semester 1)

[7th-8th Grade Art Club Sign up Link](#) (semester 2)

[Click HERE to read general info about IMS Art Club](#)

Students, you must have your ID with the "23" activity sticker on it to attend home games without paying. If you don't have it with you, or you don't have a picture of it on your phone, you will have to pay to get into the event. See the office if you've lost your ID or you need the sticker.

This and That...

Hawki Health Insurance

As the public health emergency declaration has come to an end, and with the addition of a third managed care organization (MCO), we have found many families have slipped through the cracks and lost their health coverage through Medicaid and Hawki. Through our partnership with EveryStep, we have a Hawki Outreach Specialist in our office at Warren County Health Services who is trained to complete presumptive eligibility (PE) determinations for children. This special Medicaid application typically provides the child temporary Medicaid coverage to bridge the gap during the application review process, allowing families to receive outpatient medical and dental services, including immunizations. We can complete these determinations via phone or by appointment in our office.

Please see the links below if you are struggling with the reapplication process.

[Hawki Rack Card](#)

[Hawki Brochure - English](#)

[Hawki Brochure - Spanish](#)

Contact: Veronica McVay, Program Manager at Warren County Health Services, 515.961.1074

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.