



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

403 S 15th Street, Indianola, IA 50125
PHONE 515.961.9530 FAX 515.961.9535
<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/school/indianola-middle-school/>

News for the Week of November 18, 2024...

Earn a Pizza Party While Helping Others

Indianola Middle School is hosting a Food Drive for the next few weeks and would love your help! We are collecting non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products to donate to local areas in need. We are competing with our WIN classes to see who can bring the most items. The WIN class with the most items will receive a pizza party! This drive is running from November 11th through December 6th.



The most needed items at the moment are peanut butter, muffin mix, canned soup, canned vegetables, and dish soap. *Canned meat and peanut butter earn double the credit!*

Thank you for your support and consideration as the holiday season approaches.

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.

[24-25 Tutoring Permission Form](#)

Dates to Remember:

November 28, 29 – No School (Thanksgiving Break)

December 20 – 2:20 Dismissal at IMS

December 23-January 1 – No School (Winter Break)

January 20 – No School

February 18-20 – Conferences

February 21 – No School

March 17-21 – No School (Spring Break)

April 7 – No School

May 26 – No School (Memorial Day)

May 30 – 2:20 Dismissal at IMS (Last day of school)

Music News

6th Grade Band & Chorus Winter Concert: Monday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. at IHS Auditorium

Students are requested to dress nicely and to avoid jeans and athletic wear if possible. There is no expectation for new clothing to be purchased to meet the request.

School Info...

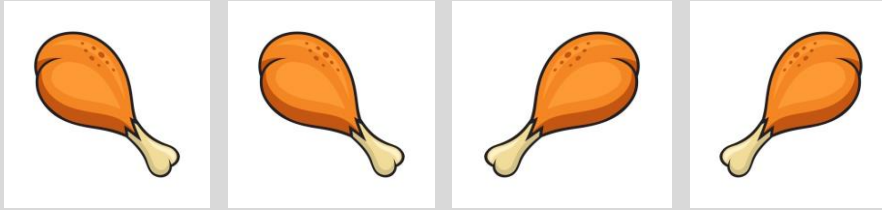
IMS Doors Open at 7:30 A.M. **Plan Accordingly**

Parents/Guardians/Students: Just a reminder that IMS doors **do not open until 7:30 each morning**. Students should dress appropriately for the weather if they arrive at school before that time; jackets, long pants, umbrellas, etc. If you have to drop your child off early, or if your child walks to school, please keep in mind that bus transportation is available. Contact Transportation at 515.961.9500 x1620 for more information.

From the Library

For the November Reading Challenge you will need to read a book with the word **FOOD** in the title, a book with a brown cover, or a book that focuses on a family.

If you need help finding these, just ask!



[Indianola Schools District Website](#)

You can find information on just about everything school related on the district website, including each school's home page, school year calendars, athletic information, food service details, etc. Click on the title, and take some time to familiarize yourself with this site.

Parent Schoology Access *Please Read*

We understand that navigating Schoology can be new for some families, and we want to ensure you are comfortable using the platform to support your student's learning. To assist with this, we have created three helpful guides:

1. **How to Sign in to Schoology**

This walks you through the steps of signing into Schoology, so you can stay updated on your child's academic progress, assignments, and announcements.

2. **How to Check for Mastery in Schoology**

Learn how to view your child's mastery progress for individual learning standards in their courses. This feature allows you to track how well your child is performing on key concepts and skills.

3. **Proficiency Scale Explanation**

This video walks through an explanation of the levels of proficiency we are using when reporting student progress. It also provides an explanation of how the proficiencies do not align to the traditional A-B-C-D-F.

Watch the videos here:

[How to Sign in to Schoology Link](#)

[How to View for Mastery in Schoology](#)

[Proficiency Scale Explanation](#)

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Standards-Based Reporting

A letter was emailed to parents a couple weeks ago with helpful information about our shift to the Standards-Based Reporting (SBR) grading system.

Here is the link to the Parent's Guide:

[K-8 Standards-Based Learning, Scoring and Reporting](#)

Yearbooks

Time to order yearbooks through [Jostens](#). The price is \$25 right now.

Parents, please make sure your student brings earbuds/headphones to school.

Requesting a Bus Pass

If your child needs to ride the bus home with a friend, the Transportation department must receive a parent request **3 business days before the day of the trip** to allow proper planning. Passes normally will be approved as long as there is room on the bus and the request is submitted on time. To contact the Transportation department, please call 515.961.9592 or email wendy.gehringer@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Quick Links:

[District Website](#)

[Information Technology Link](#)

[IMS Link](#)

[Food Service Link](#)

[Transportation Link](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

School Activities...

Do You Like Math Problems?

If your student enjoys solving math problems and would like to be challenged in this way, 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 [the MathCounts website](#).

The regional competition will be held in Ankeny on February 13, 2025. Until then, weekly practices will be held at 7:00 am starting the week of November 18, 2024; 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 Friday, November 15. Students should see Mrs. Asell if they want to participate but are involved in music activities every morning.

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 Page](#).

Have You Ever Wanted to Feel Like a Rock Star?

Do you play the drums, piano, bass guitar or electric guitar?

If so, see [Ms. Moore](#) or Mr. [Luepker](#) in the choir room for more information about becoming a member of Show Band.

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.

[Events Calendar](#)

7th Grade Opportunity

7th Graders, you are invited to an informational meeting for a new group that meets over lunch called Rise and Thrive. Rise and Thrive is the new name for Stomp Out Stigma. This is a student-led group that works on projects to help our school. To learn more, please grab your lunch, and then join Rise and Thrive today in the 8th grade art room

Miscellaneous...



All IMS students are invited to attend The Zone. The fun, provided by Indianola Parks and Rec, takes place most Mondays and Thursdays after school starting in the cafeteria.

Games, contests, healthy snacks, and much more await you this school year!

See the flyer in the [Digital Backpack](#) for sign-up information.

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.

Class of 2029 (8th grade)- <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/o9XPd9oGBR3SPdQi/>

Class of 2030 (7th grade)- <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/bCUYkjKtrKmbeTm5/>

Class of 2031 (6th grade)- <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/UVdwBvM9YCEoHk3L/>

IHS POST PROM FUNDRAISER

The Post Prom Committee is selling Indianola earrings and metal signs!

All orders are due by November 30, 2024.

Submit order and payment via Venmo, noting item #(s) and color (if applicable).

Venmo: IHS Post Prom @IHSClassof26

If you prefer to order and pay via cash or check, contact Lori Meyer (lori5_99@yahoo.com) or Anita Meacham (dna1023@gmail.com).



IHS POST PROM FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Order Deadline: November 30, 2024

#1



Dreamcatcher Leather
Earrings (\$15)

#2



Purple & Gold Shimmer
Leather Earrings (\$15)

#3



White w/Purple & Gold
"I" Leather Earrings (\$15)

#4



Metal Yard Sign
(purple or gold option)
(\$40)

#5



Metal Yard Sign
(purple or gold option)
(\$40)

IHS PostProm
@IHSClassof26



<<< Submit order & payment via Venmo [noting Item #(s) and color (if applicable)].

Prefer to order & pay via cash or check, contact:

Lori Meyer (lori5_99@yahoo.com) or

Anita Meacham (dna1023@gmail.com)