



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## NEW THE WEEK OF November 21, 2022...

### Thanksgiving Break

IMS will dismiss at 2:20 on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
There will be no school Wednesday thru Friday this week.



**No After  
School  
Tutoring on  
Tuesday**

### YMCA News

Youth Strength Community Engagement event featuring guest speakers - former Hawkeye and NFL players Rodney Filer and Tavian Banks:

- Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>
- 6pm-7pm
- Indianola YMCA
- This is a free event and all community is welcome!

Youth Strength Programs begin again in January. Registrations open soon. New programming, time availability, and more competitive pricing will be offered!

Sign-ups for Super Hoopers, a basketball program for ages 6-12 years, is open and begins in January.

### Music Dates in December

12-2...Jazz Band Cocoa & Carols, 6:00 p.m. in the IMS Street Gym  
12-6...7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. in the IHS auditorium  
12-8...6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert, 6:00 p.m. in the IHS auditorium  
12-8...6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m. in the IHS auditorium

## SAFE News from our Student Council

The Middle School Student Council supports the SAFE ([Seatbelts Are for Everyone](#)) program which is a DCCCA initiative focused on increasing teen restraint compliance through education, positive rewards and enforcement. This teen run, peer-to-peer program is designed to reduce the number of motor vehicle-related injuries and fatalities among teens. For more than a decade the SAFE program has been a part of KTSRO. In 2014, the program was added in [Oklahoma](#), in 2016 we brought the program to [Missouri](#), and SAFE expanded to [Iowa](#) in 2021. We will be doing a Pledge Drive during lunches soon.

\*\*Note that Iowa's seat belt use rate for 2021 was 92.8% and 33 teenagers died in vehicle crashes in that year. We are trying to do better in 2022.

Indianola Middle School with 95.4% of drivers and passengers belted and NA distracted drivers. (Only MS in the state).

South Hamilton CSD with 93.98% of drivers and passengers belted and 1.63% of drivers distracted.

Dowling Catholic HS with 91.55% of drivers and passengers belted and 6.88% of drivers distracted.

Woodward-Granger HS with 86.24% of drivers and passengers belted and 0.67% of drivers distracted.

Bishop Garrigan HS with 93.31% of drivers and passengers belted and 2.69% of drivers distracted.

Xavier HS with 93.97% of drivers and passengers belted and 7.23% of drivers distracted.

Lynnville-Sully HS with 67.19% of drivers and passengers belted and 5.15% of drivers distracted.

South Hamilton HS with 93.98% of drivers and passengers belted and 1.63% of drivers distracted.

Crestwood HS with 84.14% of drivers and passengers belted and 2.3% of drivers distracted.

Winterset HS with 87.31% of drivers and passengers belted and 5.87% of drivers distracted.

Postville HS with 71.15% of drivers and passengers belted and 13.19% of drivers distracted.

Liberty HS with 94.99% of drivers and passengers belted and 3.22% of drivers distracted.

Crestwood HS with 84.14% of drivers and passengers belted and 2.3% of drivers distracted.

Waukee Northwest HS with 93.9% of drivers and passengers belted and 6.79% of drivers distracted.

Waukee HS with 94.38% of drivers and passengers belted and 6.02% of drivers distracted.

Hinton HS with 83.74% of drivers and passengers belted and 13.89% of drivers distracted.

## Calling All Current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

Are you interested in snorkeling, swimming with manatees, and learning about marine life in Florida? If so, this Science trip is for you. Come to the meeting to see how you can join Mrs. Strable and Mrs. Fitzpatrick in June of 2024!

**The informational meeting for the 2024 Science trip to Florida will be held Monday, November 28, at 7:00 PM in the Middle School Library.**

Check out this [link](#) to learn more. You can see the flyer in the [Digital Backpack](#).

Contact Mrs. Fitzpatrick with questions. [chris.fitzpatrick@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:chris.fitzpatrick@indianola.k12.ia.us)



## POSTED PREVIOUSLY...

### Do You Love Math? MathCounts is for You!

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 <http://mathcounts.org/programs/competition-series>.

The regional competition will be held in Ankeny on February 15. Until then, weekly practices will be held at 7:00 am starting the week of November 28; 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 sheet. Students can sign up on Mrs. Asell's door at room 601 by Tuesday, November 22. Students should see Mrs. Asell if they want to participate but are involved in music activities every morning.

### Battle of the Books

If you are participating in Battle of the Books (BOB), this is just a reminder to keep reading books from [this list](#). Testing to determine our team of six students will occur in late January or early February, and the online competition will be held on April 14. This year's guest author at the competition will be Kelly Baptist. Her book *The Swag Is in the Socks* is the extra book that all BOB participants should read for the competition.

### After School Tutoring Parent Permission Slip Linked Below

Once again, IMS is offering free after school tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Parents must sign their child up before they can attend. Please click on the link for the registration form and details.

[Tutoring Registration Form](#)

### Order Your Yearbook Before the Price Goes Up!

You can now order your 22-23 IMS yearbook through [Jostens](#). The cost right now is \$25. It will increase during winter break!

You may also bring a check (made payable to IMS) or exact cash to Mr. Damman at school (room 507).

Parents, if you thought you ordered an IMS yearbook at the time you paid for school curriculum fees at the beginning of the year, you did not. The option is not available through our website or Revtrak for IMS yearbooks. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Damman @ [William.damman@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:William.damman@indianola.k12.ia.us).

## Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

7th and 8th Grade girls basketball and wrestling.

You are invited to join us in room 303 in the Blake Fieldhouse from 2:30 to 3:30 each Wednesday for a new Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddle!

You do not need to sign in at Study Table, come directly to room 303 at 2:30 and sign in there.

Please contact [janamcgraw@hotmail.com](mailto:janamcgraw@hotmail.com) with any questions.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Dungeon and Dragons Club

Any 8th graders that would like to sign up for Dungeons and Dragons club should fill out the google form below. The club started November 1. If you are not sure if you want to join or not yet, you may absolutely come down and watch for a session or two, and then decide if you want to join. If you are nervous because you have never played before, or don't know how to play, DON'T WORRY!! Mr. Weepie has created very simple, easy to follow rules and cheat sheets for any level of player. If there are any questions regarding the club, please email Mr. Weepie. Mr. Weepie and Mr. Rodrigue hope to see many smiling faces ready to go on a Mystical Adventure next Tuesday in room 806. Below is a link to sign up.

Google Form: [D&D Club Sign Up](#)

## Dates to Remember:

November 23-25: No School, Thanksgiving Break

December 22: One Hour Early Dismissal (2:20 for IMS)

December 23 – January 3: No School, Winter Break

Wednesday, January 4: Classes resume

Friday, January 13: No School

Monday, January 16: No School

## CHROMEBOOK NEWS

**Students**, if your Chromebook is in for repair, please be on the lookout for emails notifying you when the repair is complete. You will need to then exchange the loaner computer for your assigned one.

**FAILURE TO EXCHANGE DEVICES WITHIN 3 SCHOOL DAYS OF BEING EMAILED WILL RESULT IN THE LOANER CHROMEBOOK BEING DISABLED.**

## **Has Your Address Changed Recently?** **Will it Be Changing?**

Are you moving? Or have you recently moved? The parent/guardian needs to complete the Change of Address form and provide acceptable proof of residency to the District Enrollment Coordinator. Please do so in a timely manner, as changes can take 2-3 business days to update.

[Change of Address Form](#)

More information may be found here: [ICSD Change of Address](#)

Please refer to the [22-23 IMS Handbook](#) for all procedures, policies, and guidelines.

## **Popular Apps that Parents Should Know About**

Click [Smart Social](#) for details.

## **Purchasing Tickets to Middle School Athletic Events**

Cash Only is accepted to purchase tickets at the gate. There is not an option to buy tickets online, and we do not accept credit/debit cards. Admission is \$3 for everyone.

## **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.

2027 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/308102234349293/>

2028 (7<sup>th</sup> Grade): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1386800961472755/>

2029 (6<sup>th</sup> Grade): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/509461217003504/>

## **Backpacks 4 Hunger** **No Child Goes Hungry Over the Weekend**

Backpacks are filled Friday and sent home with meals and snacks for the weekend. Backpacks and contents are provided by donations in the community of Indianola.

**ALL students are eligible.**

TO SIGN UP: Contact 961-5755 Or  
Your school counselor at 515-961-9530

Counselor Emails:

- Tina Chaplin (6th Grade): [tina.chaplin@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:tina.chaplin@indianola.k12.ia.us)
- Tiffany Cochran (7th Grade): [tiffany.cochran@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:tiffany.cochran@indianola.k12.ia.us)
- Lacey Cherniss (8th Grade): [lacey.cherniss@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:lacey.cherniss@indianola.k12.ia.us)

### **Associates Needed at IMS**

Do you want to earn extra cash? Do you want to be off in the summers? Do you want to make a difference in children's lives? Do you want to work with a fun, supportive team?

If so, become a Special Education Associate at Indianola Middle School! We have openings for the upcoming 22-23 school year, and we'd love to have you join us.

Click [Apply](#) for more information.

### **Thinking of Substitute Teaching?**

Schools everywhere are in need of substitute teachers. Here is a way to get authorized through AEA Learning Online. Indianola's current sub pay is \$140 per day. Please share this with anyone you know who might be interested.

<https://training.aealearningonline.org/course/2204419999/catalog>