



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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WEEK OF
November 8, 2021...

Thank You to Our 1st Quarter Office Runners!

The main office runs smoothly thanks to the help of our student office runners. They deliver passes, pick up materials from classrooms, and assist with other tasks as needed during their guided study.

We appreciate you, 1st quarter helpers: Ethan Kanne, Bo Woodruff, Jordan Brewer, Jade McCarthy, Abbie Kluver, Hadley Vetter, Kate Halgren, Tessa Gripp, Averie Rogers, Adryanna Abreo, Hadley Erickson, Sofia McCarthy, Andi Capps, Peyton Rinard, Wes Nailor, Grady Nelsen, Nora Weinman, Averie Vaughn, Gracie Ritchie, Maya Whalen, Cara Baker, Ava Koch, Gabe Williams, and Mason Reuter.

PRIDE Plus Award Recipients

Congratulations to our 1st quarter PRIDE Plus recipients. These students were nominated by teachers for demonstrating Personal Responsibility in Daily Effort (strong work ethic, good school citizen, etc.).

The Indianola Independent Advocate sponsored a reception for the recipients where they each received an award and refreshments.

Good job, students!

Lucas Allison, Anthony Aviles, Kiefer Barnes, Bo Blake, Bria Boell, Devon Bruck, Hannah Casey, Kemper Clatt, Jensen Dyer, Mia Fleury, Fernando Garcia, Koda Graves, Alexander Gribbins, Kaitlyn Harmison, Sage Hawkins, Morgan Jenkins, Van Kauffman, Bailey Llewellyn, Sawyer Massey, Zaybrea Neal, Gianna Nelms, Grady Nelsen, Haley New, Nora Ohnemus, Lauren Olson, Gracie Ritchie, Dru Spurgeon, Amaya Tieszen, Owen Welling, Peyton Wilbur, Oscar Woell, and Alena Woosley

Like a Flexible Schedule? Want to Make a Difference in Kids' Lives? Substitute Teaching May be for You!

Click on this Heartland AEA link to see just how easy it is to obtain your Substitute Authorization:
<https://www.heartlandaea.org/professional-learning/licensure-info/sub-auth/>

6th - 8th Grade Fall Orchestra Concert
Free and Open to the Public

Date: Tuesday, November 9

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: High School Auditorium

Students should arrive at the high school at 6:15. The 8th graders will go to the hs orchestra room, and 6th/7th graders will go to the hs band room.

Concert Dress:

Dressy black and white or all-black clothing (e.g., dress shirts/blouses, slacks, skirts, dresses)

Black shoes

Please do not wear jeans or tennis shoes, if possible.

Reminder: Students must remember to take their instruments home on Tuesday, November 9. The middle school will not be open for you to pick up your instrument before the concert. Bass players, make sure you have arranged transportation to get your bass home.

If You Enjoy 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 competition will be held in Ankeny in February. Until then, weekly practices will be held at 7:00 am starting the week of November 29; 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 412 by Friday, November 19. Students should see Mrs. Asell if they want to participate but are involved in music activities every morning.

Contacting Students/Parents During the School Day
Cell Phone Use

Students: If you need to contact your parents during the day, you should come to the office to call them instead of texting them. Phones are to be put away from 7:50 until the end of the day.

Parents: If you need to get in touch with your student during the day, please call the office at 515.961.9530 and we will get a message to them. Please do not email or text their cell phone; students are not to be using cell phones beginning at 7:50 until the end of the day.

Phones can cause disruptions in classrooms during teachers' instruction time, so your cooperation is very much appreciated.



The IMS school dance is this Friday, November 12, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the fieldhouse. It is for IMS students only.

The theme is NEON GLOW.

Admission is \$1 or one canned food item.

Pick-up is 9:00 p.m. sharp.



Veterans Day Assembly



The Veterans Day Assembly will be held this year on Wednesday, November 10, in the Fieldhouse at 9:30 a.m. Two versions of invitations are available in the Communication Center outside the health office ([version 1](#) and [version 2](#)). Students are encouraged to take one to give to each veteran in their lives so that we can honor their service. The assembly will be streamed into classrooms, and that's how most students will view it this year. However, if a veteran invited by a student attends the assembly, that student will be excused from class at 9:15 to meet that veteran and any guests in room 303. Students just need to let their teacher know that they're leaving class to join their veteran at the assembly.

Live Online Homework Help

The community libraries in Iowa are providing access to a live online homework help site called Brainfuse HelpNow. Through the website, students can access live tutors for help, upload writing assignments to be analyzed and to obtain helpful comments, ask a quick question, and more. Live help is available from 2pm-11pm every day. Brainfuse also offers a "skills surfer" to reinforce concepts, as well as targeted lessons, quizzes, and online tutoring for ACT, SAT, and GED tests. Go to the public library website at https://www.brainfuse.com/highed/helpNow.asp?a_id=DAE9AC12&ss=&r=. Click Brainfuse HelpNow, Login, then Sign up.

For more information, see <https://www.brainfuse.com/jsp/company/faq.jsp>, or ask your local or school librarian.



SCHOOL NEWS...

Dates to Remember:

Thursday-Friday, November 25 & 26: No School, Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, December 21: 1 Hour Early Dismissal (2:20 for IMS)

Wednesday, December 22 thru Tuesday, January 4: No School, Winter Break

Yearbooks on Sale Now!

Yearbooks are now on sale at [Jostens Yearbooks](#).

Buying online thru Jostens is the only option for buying a book!!

Books will be \$25 thru December 31st. On January 1st thru February 28th, they will be \$30.

Books will arrive in May.

BE AWARE: YEARBOOK SALES WERE NOT OFFERED WITH REGISTRATION FEES. Ordering through the Jostens website or paying in person during conferences are the only ways to order.

District Website:

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/>

Information Technology Department:

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/information-technology/>

Middle School Website Page

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/school/indianola-middle-school/>

Free Tutoring Available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Parents, if your middle school child is in need of some extra help, you can sign them up for tutoring. IMS teachers are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40-4:30 in the library.

Please email or call your child's teacher in the subject where assistance is needed. Let them know that you would like your child to attend tutoring. Include the day(s) that your child will attend, and the date that they'll be starting. Also, include a phone number where you can be reached.

Our teachers are ready to help!

From the ICSD Food Service Department:

As schools across the country work diligently to finish last minute preparations for the new school year, we are being faced with unprecedented supply chain challenges. These issues are forcing us to alter our posted menus, at times with little to no notice. While our intention is to serve the posted menu each day at every building throughout the district, supply concerns will not make this possible throughout the year. We will attempt to substitute the original menu item with an item that is similar in nature, and still meets State and Federal requirements. We appreciate your patience and understanding!

Please continue to check our online menus often at: <https://indianola.nutrislice.com/menu/>

And, Reminder: Meals are free to all students again this year!

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/food-service/>

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. Tiffany Cochran

7th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Lacey Cherniss

8th Grade Counselor: Ms. Tina Chaplin

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



**ACTIVITY
INFO...**



All IMS students are invited to join the fun after school on Mondays and Thursdays during the school year.

For details, click [here](#).

Activity Pass

If you purchased an activity pass for your child, there should be a “21” sticker attached to his/her student ID. If you purchased one but there is not a sticker, remind your child to stop in to the main office to get it. It is their responsibility to make sure their ID has the sticker.

If you haven't purchased an activity pass, there is still time. The cost is \$50 and it allows your student entry into home high school and middle school athletic events and some music events. You may purchase this pass in the front office (check or exact cash only) or click [here](#) and select Activity Tickets.

Indianola Trap Team 2022 Informational Meetings

New Shooters: Wednesday, November 3rd, 6:30-7:30 at Warren County Ikes

Friday, November 5th, 6:30-7:30 at Warren County Ikes

Returning Shooters: Wednesday, November 10th, 6:30-7:30 at Warren County Ikes

Friday, November 12th, 6:30-7:30 at Warren County Ikes

These meetings are being held to determine how many student athletes are considering participating this spring. The meetings will introduce changes and additions to the program, including online registration. You will also be able to observe a team practice during this meeting. One parent/guardian needs to attend a meeting with their student athlete.

Registration will close Wednesday, November 24th. **No late registrations will be accepted.**

If you are not able to attend one of these meetings, but are interested in participating or you have questions, please reach out to IndianolaTrapTeam@gmail.com.

This is not a school-sponsored sport.

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books (BOB) 2021-22 competition will be online this spring rather than in-person. All interested IMS students are encouraged to read as many BOB books as possible from [this list](#). The books on this list are the Iowa Teen Awards books. This year's guest author has yet to be announced, but there will be an extra book added to the BOB reading list once this is determined. Further announcements will be made when the guest author's book title is released. A test will be held this winter to determine which students will be chosen to represent IMS at the regional Battle of the Books online competition. Feel free to visit the [BOB website](#). Contact Mrs. Asell with any questions at stacy.asell@indianola.k12.ia.us. Happy Reading!



GENERAL INFORMATION...

Job Openings

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 open positions, and we'd love to have you join us.

Click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/careers/>

Advance Child Tax Credit Payments in 2021

For details, click [here](#).