



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW THE WEEK OF October 10, 2022...

Conference Week!

Parents/Guardians...A reminder email was sent on 10-4 with information about fall conferences. Please refer to that email (*titled IMS Fall Conference Reminder and Zoom Links*) for all the instructions and the SignUp.Com link. **Sign-ups will close at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.**

Conference Dates and Times:

Tuesday, Oct 11: 4-8pm

Wednesday, Oct 12: 2:40-4:00pm

Thursday, Oct 13: 4-8pm

The links you'll need to get into the Zoom meetings with each teacher were attached to that 10-4 email as well.

No School on Friday, 10-14 or Monday, 10-17.

7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball

Parents were emailed a link to sign their daughters up for Girls Basketball last week. Practice will start next Tuesday.

If you have questions, please contact ben.lange@indianola.k12.ia.us.

7th and 8th Grade Wrestling

Parents were emailed a reminder and the link to sign their child up for Wrestling on Friday, 10-7.

Practice will start next Tuesday.

If you have questions, please contact ben.lange@indianola.k12.ia.us.

Study Table

There will be **NO** Study Table this Wednesday, 10-12, because fall sports will be done. Study Table will resume next Wednesday, 10-19, for Wrestling and Girls Basketball.

**No Tutoring
Tuesday or Thursday
This Week**

Are you interested in joining the Indianola Youth Trap Team?

Informational meetings will take place at the Warren County Isaac Walton clubhouse on October 19, October 21, and October 26 at 6:30 pm. Parents are required to attend, and the registration link will be provided following the meeting.

If you have any questions, please email: indianolatrapteam@gmail.com.

The Zone will **not** be in session

Thursday, October 13th or Monday, October 17th.

Attention 6th Grade Parents Conference Dinners

Parents of 6th graders, if you would like to help the Class of 2029 Parent Facebook group provide Potato Bar items for the teachers' dinner this Thursday during conferences, they would love to hear from you!

Please contact them through the FB group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/509461217003504/>

Or email: halligan.jenn@gmail.com



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News from the YMCA

FREE community youth strength forum with guest speakers, former Hawkeye and NFL players Tavian Banks and Rodney Flier. Monday, Oct 10th 6pm – 7 pm at the Indianola YMCA

Youth Strength Fall Sessions begin Oct 31st.

Registration is open for kids looking to improve strength or gain more confidence as they progress to the weight room and enhance athletic performance. This is for athletes and non-athletes alike! For more information contact: Rebecca Verwers, 515.777.7746 or at Rebecca.verwers@dmyymca.org

If you are an 8th grade girl interested in playing Rugby, there are practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Emerson Elementary School from 5pm-7pm.

If you have any questions, contact greg.rodrique@indianola.k12.ia.us.

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](#)

Picking Your Student Up Early

Parents: If you are going to pick up your child early, please call or email the attendance line by 8:00 a.m. You can also have your student bring a note to the office before school that day.

Why? With early notice we can write the student a pass so they can leave their classroom and be waiting in the office for you. Without early notice, we have to disrupt instructional time in class with a call and there could be a wait before the child gets to the office. Thank you.

Yearbook Orders

You can now order your 22-23 IMS yearbook through [Jostens](#). The cost is \$25. 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.

6th Grade Girls, this is for You! Make New Friends and Improve Skills!

The Chrysalis Foundation and WeLift Job Search Center is sponsoring the 6th Grade Girls Circle this year. The purpose of this program is to encourage the development of strength, courage, confidence, honesty, and communication skills in girls.

This small group will meet after school on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:45 in the cafeteria starting October 18th. More details can be found in the [Digital Backpack](#). Sign-up forms are in the office.



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.

DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Students, we are looking for your creative ideas and help to make this a successful event!

The Indianola Downtown Merchants are in the planning stages of our Home for the Holidays event taking place on Saturday, December 10th from 5-9 p.m. We would love to see participation from our younger community, and hope that groups from IHS and IMS are willing to take part. We are looking for carolers, maybe a little Christmas skit from the theatre group, volunteers to help with Toy/Food drive, etc. – We are open to your great ideas!

Here is the signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADAF2BABF4C43-home>

Any questions can be directed to Brandy Werner at 515-205-4369 or brandy@willowmoondsm.com.

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.

Picture Retake Day - Tuesday, November 1st

If you have an order form to turn in, please bring it to the main office before school this week.

Art Club

If any 6th grader is interested in signing up for Art Club, the information and sign-up links are below. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Smith at lisa.smith@indianola.k12.ia.us.

[Art Club Sign Up Link](#)
[Art Club Information](#)

After School Tutoring

Parent Permission Slip Linked Below

Once again, IMS is offering free after school tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It begins tomorrow, September 13th, in the library. Parents must sign their child up before they can attend. Please click on the link for the registration form and details.

[Tutoring Registration Form](#)

6th Grade Students and Parents

The 6th graders have spent the first weeks going over school-wide expectations and team expectations during each of their classes. The “Level Up” system is a grade-level behavior management system tied with building-wide CHAMPS classroom expectations.

Click on the links below to learn more:

[Level Up Management System](#)
[Parent Letter](#)

Popular Apps that Parents Should Know About

Click [Smart Social](#) for details.

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

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

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

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

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books (BOB) 2022-23 competition will be online this spring. 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 competition guest author has yet to be announced, but an extra book will be 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 six 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!

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 Activities section of the IMS webpage:

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

Volleyball Advantage Indianola

Training for All Indianola Girls in Grades 3rd thru 12th!

What: Indianola Volleyball Coaching Staff to host practices on the dates below for girls in grades 3rd thru 8th, North gym of high school

Grades 3-6: Thursday, Oct. 27th 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Grades 7-8: Thursday, Oct. 27th 7:00 to 8:15 pm

Dates to Remember:

October 11-13: Conferences

Friday, October 14: No School

Monday, October 17: No School

Tuesday, November 22: One Hour Early Dismissal (2:20 for IMS)

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

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
- Tiffany Cochran (7th Grade): tiffany.cochran@indianola.k12.ia.us
- Lacey Cherniss (8th Grade): 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>