



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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New the Week of
October 23, 2023

Veterans Day Assembly News

Good news! All IMS students and staff will now be attending the Veterans Day Assembly in-person! The assembly will be held at 9:30 am on Thursday, November 9, in the IMS Fieldhouse. Copies of the [invitation](#) are available in the Communication Center outside the office. Students are encouraged to take one to give to each veteran in their lives so that we can honor their service. If a veteran invited by a student attends the assembly, then that student will be excused from class at 9:20 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.



The first IMS dance of the year will be held Friday, November 10, from 7-9 p.m. in the fieldhouse. Admission is \$1.

Student Council will also be collecting canned goods to donate to Helping Hand.

The theme is the totally rad 80's.

Lost & Found

We have many unclaimed items in our Lost & Found – jackets, shoes, books, water bottles, etc. If you are missing something, check out the closet by the recess doors by November 2nd.

On November 3rd, all unclaimed items will be donated to Helping Hand.

Only take what is yours!

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

6th Graders, Check this Out!

Are you interested in building relationships with other kids in 6th grade? Think about joining "R" Afterschool Club. We will be meeting for the first time this Tuesday, October 24, after school until 4:30 in Ms. Davis' room (607). A parent or guardian must complete the registration form before you can start attending.

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.

We hope to see you Tuesday!

INDIANOLA MUSIC BOOSTERS ANNUAL CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

All proceeds used to support Middle School Music!

October 28, 2023
Blake Fieldhouse
9 am - 2 pm

Admission \$3

Concessions available all day!

* Shop 100+ vendors with handcrafted
items & name brand products
all while helping us to fulfill our music wish list!



The Music Boosters Annual Craft/Vendor Show is on Saturday, Oct. 28th in the Blake Fieldhouse. Shopping is open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. All proceeds from the show (admissions/concessions) will be used to support the Middle School Music programs. We will have over 120 vendors again this year- it will be the biggest show yet! Like and share our Facebook Event: [IMB Craft & Vendor Show](#). Follow for vendor updates and pictures of merchandise. Hope to see you there!

From the Counselors

DID YOU KNOW? Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't; yet, only a quarter of teens report having these conversations. **Red Ribbon Week® (October 23-31), the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation, is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started.** This year's theme is Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free.™

Visit www.redribbon.org to learn more about Red Ribbon Week® and get tips for talking to your kids about drugs. The life you save may be that of your own child or a dear friend.

School Info

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.

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

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

Grades and Eligibility to Participate

Your 1st quarter final grades determine your eligibility for 1st/2nd quarter activities (basketball-both boys and girls, wrestling, show choir, jazz band, and any other extracurricular activity).

Please make sure you stay current on your work, and make every effort to improve low grades. Grades will be final at the end of 1st quarter. We want to see all kids be able to participate in activities, but your grades and effort determine that involvement.

IMS offers tutoring if you are struggling. See the School Info section for more information.

Food Service

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

[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. 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)

Dates to Remember:

Friday, October 27: End of 1st Quarter
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

[District Website Link](#)

[Information Technology Link](#)

[IMS Link](#)

[Food Service Link](#)

[Transportation Link](#)

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](#).

Girls 7th & 8th Grade Basketball

The Indianola Activities Office emailed parents information about 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball last week. Practice will start after school this Thursday, October 19th. Parent meetings will take place right after practice.

*7th: 4:45 in room 303 (room next to fieldhouse concession stand)

*8th: 5:00 in the Blake Fieldhouse

Please refer to that October 10th email for more details. If you have questions, contact the following:

Ben Lange – IMS Activities Director – Ben.lange@indianola.k12.ia.us

Coach Evans – 7th Grade Head Coach – Stacy.evans@indianola.k12.ia.us

Coach Percy – 8th Grad Head Coach – Melinda.percy@indianola.k12.ia.us

7th & 8th Grade Boys & Girls Wrestling

Wrestling practices will begin this Thursday, October 19th right after school. Athletes will practice Mondays thru Fridays from 3:30-5:15.

The parent meeting for wrestling athletes will take place Monday, October 23, at 5:30 in the MS cafeteria.

If you have questions, please check the email sent by the Indianola Activities office last week, or contact the following:

Ben Lange – IMS Activities Director – Ben.lange@indianola.k12.ia.us

Coach Aldridge – Boys Wrestling Coach – casey.aldridge@indianola.k12.ia.us

Coach Gomez – Girls Wrestling Coach – Vinny.gomez@indianola.k12.ia.us

7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball

Boys Basketball does not begin until after Winter break. Sign-ups will be released sometime in November.

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/>

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...

Warren County Shotgun Sports Youth Team

Warren County Shotgun Sports is excited to bring the youth of Warren County a new opportunity in the growing sport of clay target shooting. Registration for our Spring 2023 season is open November 1-26th.

Informational Meeting Dates:

Sunday, November 5th- Downing Construction in Indianola 3pm-4pm

Sunday, November 12th- Carlisle High School 3pm-4pm

Monday, November 13th- Open House at the Warren County Izaak Walton. Come learn about our program and experience a WCSS practice.

The youth team of Warren County Shotgun Sports is open to all students who live within Warren County. The students most likely to participate will be in 5th-12th grades, but younger students may join as long as they meet certain criteria. We participate in the Scholastic Clay Target Program with the Iowa DNR, and provide opportunities to shoot competitively singles trap, with doubles and handicap trap, skeet, sporting clays and five stand events available.

Please check out our Facebook Page for more information!

Any questions please reach out to Coach Joe Kissner at info@warrencountyss.org or call/text WCSS at 515-497-4050.

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.

Washington D.C. Trip

Hello, Middle School Families,

It is time to start planning for our Washington, D.C. trip! To ensure that all students interested in visiting our country's capitol can attend, we will be traveling the summer of 2025. This allows us to avoid any overlap with the Florida trip planned for even years. It also means that we are opening this up to current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. We will continue to work with WorldStrides as we've done in previous years.

Stay tuned for a meeting in spring of 2024 to get more information!

Miss Lloyd & Mr. Klocke

(This is not a school-sponsored event.)