



# INDIANOLA HIGH SCHOOL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

\*All new items will be in purple

**PARKING:** Now that we are about three fourths of the way through the first semester, here are some reminders on the parking assignments and guidelines.

- 1) Your car must be registered in order to park on school grounds. If you change your vehicle at any time, please update the Google form, send any email to one of the secretaries or stop in the main office.
- 2) You must have your parking tag visible. This means on the rearview mirror or dashboard with the number facing outside.
- 3) Freshman and sophomores are to be parking in the stadium parking lot. Juniors and Seniors are to park in the lot west of the high school.
- 4) Your parking tag is associated with your vehicle(s) that you have registered.
- 5) If you are an underclassman and have early morning practices, you may park in the west lot BUT you must have your vehicle before the start of the school day.

Please review [THIS](#) video regarding our High School Parking Lot changes for staff and students due to the high school construction project.

You can also review the [24-25 Parking Communication Letter](#) that was sent out at the beginning of the school year.

**If students are found parking in the incorrect lot, selling their parking tag, or using a parking tag not issued to them, they will be given a warning first with an email sent to parents and you will be asked to move your vehicle. A second violation results in a \$5 fine and email. A third violation will result in a \$10 fine and email. A fourth violation may result in parking privileges being suspended.**

**IHS Doors Open at 7:30 A.M.** Plan Accordingly Parents/Guardians/Students: Just a reminder that IHS doors do not open until 7:30 each morning. With weather changing, students should dress appropriately if they arrive at school before that time; jackets, long pants, umbrellas, etc.

**2025 YEARBOOK ORDER:** Order your yearbook today! 2025 yearbooks are on sale now and can be purchased at <https://yearbookordercenter.com/job/25500> Yearbooks are \$70 through the end of October, then the price increases to \$75.

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance email: [ihattendance@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:ihattendance@indianola.k12.ia.us)

## SENIORS:

**Senior Parents and Guardians - Want help filling out FAFSA?** Check out the link for information on our FAFSA Completion Event. Sign up soon if interested - first come first serve! [SIGN UP SHEET](#)

**SENIORS and SENIOR GUARDIANS - Financial Aid Night** hosted by the counseling office and Simpson College will be held on Monday, December 2nd at 6 PM in the high school library. Tracie Pavon, Simpson College Vice President of Financial Aid and Admissions, will be here to discuss FAFSA and what you need to know to apply.

## STUDENTS:

**SNOWCOMING WILL BE THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16-20.** Here are the dress up days to plan ahead



***Snowcoming***  
***Dress up days***

 **MONDAY, 12/19 PAJAMA DAY**

**TUESDAY, 12/17  
RED & GREEN DAY** 

 **WEDNESDAY, 12/18 SUMMER DAY**

**THURSDAY, 12/19  
SANTA'S WORKSHOP DAY** 

 **FRIDAY, 12/20 UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER**

**BEAT NORWALK!** Get your shirts before the big game and support IHS DECA. Orders due on December 3rd!  
<https://indydeca24.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

**SEAL OF BILITERACY:** Any student interested in testing for the Seal of Biliteracy please see the information below. You can sign up with the principal by emailing him at [jeff.siebersma@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:jeff.siebersma@indianola.k12.ia.us). When emailing please let him know which language you will be testing on and he will verify it is an option. The cost for taking the test which is due at the time of testing (February) is \$39.90. **All students interested need to be signed up before we leave for winter break on 12/20/24.** Note that once the tests are ordered (by January 15th) students will be charged for the test. If you have any questions you can email the principal or speak with one of our World Language instructors.

[Letter to Parents for Seal of Biliteracy](#)

## **PARENTS:**

**POST PROM FUNDRAISER:** Are you READY for some basketball? 🏀 💰 🏆

We have another opportunity to support the Iowa State Cyclones AND make some \$\$\$ for the Indianola 2025 Post Prom. Sign-up today!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AAAF2BA6FEC43-52588194-iowa>

**POST PROM CAN REDEMPTION:** The Class of '26 and Post Prom Committee are collecting cans and bottles at J&J redemption center, 1905 W. 2nd. Look for the purple bin and post prom sign!

**SENIOR PARENTS/FAMILIES:** Do you want to have a personalized message for your senior in the yearbook? Senior Ads may be purchased and designed through our yearbook order center page!

<https://yearbookordercenter.com/job/25500>

\*This feature will be available later this week as we upload our student list into the system.

**SENIOR PHOTO SUBMISSION: - Below are NEW instructions for submitting your senior photo.**

**CHECK TO SEE IF WE HAVE YOUR SENIOR PHOTO**

Here are NEW instructions for submitting your senior photo.

1. Visit this website: <https://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/home?code=25500>

2. Fill out your information

Must be the student's name and school email address. Double-check for correct spelling because this will be how it is printed in the book.

3. Select **"upload your portrait"**

***Do not select upload candid. Be sure to select "upload portrait".***

4. Verify that your photo meets the criteria listed and submit your photo.

5. All photos are due no later than Jan. 1, 2025. The submission will shut down at that time and you will no longer be able to submit.

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION:** If you have not filled out a parking tag application, please [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out the Google Form. Your student will receive an email when they can come pick up the parking tag in the HS main office. If at any time you need to update your student's vehicle information, you can go back into the form and make any changes.

**SCHOOL PERMIT FORM:** If you have a student who has completed driver's education and needs a DOT Affidavit form for a school permit [CLICK HERE](#)

**PAYING FEES/FINES:** *You should now be aware that all student fees/fines are documented in PowerSchool.* We encourage you to pay directly through PowerSchool. [SEE LINK FOR INSTRUCTIONS](#). You must be logged on through a computer in order to pay. This does not work through the app.

## **FINE ARTS:**

**BAND/ORCHESTRA CONCERT:** The Winter Band & Orchestra Concert is Monday, December 9 at 7 PM in the auditorium. The concert features the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Orchestra. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for K-12 students & seniors (65+).

**IHS Kid's Theatre Camp:** Do you have a budding drama king or queen who loves to be “on stage”? A TikTok clown? A tech-minded introvert who has always wanted to be a ninja? Just need them out of the house for a few hours after school for a few days before the holidays and Winter Break? Then send them our way!

The Indianola High School Theatre Department is offering its Kids' Theatre Camp just before Winter Break. Wednesday, December 11th through Friday, December 13th, the IHS Theatre Department will host a fun-filled kids' theatre camp. We arrange for students to ride the bus from their elementary school to the high school, where high schoolers will pick them up and bring them to our awesome theatre space. They'll get a snack and rotate through various theatrical stations before you pick them up at 5:30 p.m.

Students will rehearse fun, short scenes with high school student directors & coaches. They will also cycle through the various technical departments to learn about costuming, light/sound, run crew, & other theatrical duties.

Specifics:

- Who = all ICSD 3rd-5th graders
- What = an after-school theatre camp that introduces students to acting and technical theatre
- Where = Indianola High School - various spaces including the cafeteria, theatre lobby, classrooms, and stage
- When = Wednesday, 12/11-Friday, 12/13 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. (2:30-5:30 on Wednesday due to early out) with performance on Friday, 12/13 at 5:30 p.m.
- How = students will ride a bus from their elementary school to the high school, get a snack, and rotate through stations before being picked up by 5:30 p.m. Bus forms must be received by Dec 2nd for students to ride the bus.
- Cost = \$25 per student covers a t-shirt and snacks.

How to Sign up: [Fill out this form](#) by Monday, December 2nd.

## **SPORTS:**

### **BASEBALL:**

**HS Baseball Sign-Up:** <https://forms.gle/s81BDafPLkdBCxbw8>

**Pre-Offseason Player-Coach Meeting** on Wednesday, January 8th, at 2:15pm in the HS PD Room

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

**STUDENT CLUBS:** [click the link for complete list and explanation of all clubs](#))

### **ART CLUB:**


**Thursday, Dec. 12th - 5-7:30PM**

- Holiday Party
- Ornament activity
- White Elephant Gift exchange

**Thursday, January 9th**

Origami/Open Studio 3:30-4:30PM

**ROBOTICS CLUB:** Are you interested in robotics, programming, or engineering? Come join us every Tuesday after school to learn more about our Robotics Club!

 When: Tuesdays, right after school

 Where: 206A

All levels of experience are welcome!

Come see if robotics is the right fit for you. We hope to see you there!

If you cannot make it but are still interested in joining, please email Mrs. Tracy [lexi.tracy@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:lexi.tracy@indianola.k12.ia.us)




## **GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS:**

**2nd SEMESTER SCHEDULE CHANGES:** Students wanting to make a schedule change for their second semester schedule should email/contact their counselor before winter break. Last names A-G (Horstman), H-N (Pribil), O-Z (Schwery)

**SILVER CORD:** The Silver Cord Program recognizes students for community service during their high school years. Students volunteering 150 hours by April 30 of their senior year will have the distinct honor of wearing a silver cord during their graduation ceremony. Details on the webpage. [Silver Cord Webpage](#)

**PARKS AND REC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** We have some silver cord hours available coming up at the start of the year for youth basketball.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48ADAB22A7FB6-53201496-youth>

**POST PROM LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:** Are you READY for some basketball?   

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**PARKS AND REC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Here are some wonderful volunteer opportunities for high schoolers needing silver cord hours at Indianola Parks and Recreation for upcoming events. Click on the link, check it out, and sign up if you're interested.

**George Washington Carver Day Scavenger Hunt Ambassadors:** Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 9:30am-12pm on the downtown Indianola square. Meet at Uncommon Grounds Coffee House no later than 9:30am, click on this link if you're interested in signing up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48ADAB22A7FB6-50970683-volunteers>

**Special Friends Let's Glow Crazy Dance:** Friday, April 4, 2025 from 5:30 pm – 8 pm at the Indianola Activity Center (2204 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. (Hwy 92 West) Indianola, Iowa)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48ADAB22A7FB6-50970713-volunteers>

### SILVER CORD OPPORTUNITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SIMPSON COLLEGE

- What: George Washington Carver community event in partnership with Simpson College. There is a scavenger hunt, and people may need directions. The organizers are seeking students to help answer questions and direct people.
- Where: Around the square and in participating businesses
- When: Saturday, February 1st from 10am-noon. Volunteers need to arrive at 9:30am for a quick orientation.
- Contacts:
  - Elodie Opstad [elodie.opstad@gmail.com](mailto:elodie.opstad@gmail.com)
  - Amy Duncan [akduncan@me.com](mailto:akduncan@me.com)

### **COLLEGE/MILITARY VISITS:**

See Halee in the Guidance Office for a pass to visit with any representatives (other than cafeteria visits)

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

<b>December 20</b>	1 hr early dismissal	
<b>December 23-January 1</b>	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
<b>January 20</b>	NO SCHOOL	PD Day for Staff
<b>February 18-20</b>		Spring Conferences
<b>February 21</b>	NO SCHOOL	
<b>March 17-21</b>		Spring Break
<b>April 7</b>	NO SCHOOL	PD Day for Staff
<b>May 25</b>	1:00 pm	Graduation, Blake Fieldhouse
<b>May 26</b>	NO SCHOOL	Memorial Day
<b>May 30</b>	1 hr early dismissal	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

Are you moving? Or have you recently moved? When a student has a change of address, residency must be verified. The parent/guardian needs to complete the Change of Address form and provide acceptable proof of residency prior to the district updating the information.

[Change of Address Form](#)

Please do so in a timely manner. All mail will be sent to the previous address and transportation will not be arranged until the Change of Address form and proper proof of residency are received by the District Enrollment Coordinator.

Additional information may be found here: [ICSD Change of Address](#) Please contact Denise Moss, ICSD Enrollment Coordinator, with any questions. [enrollment@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:enrollment@indianola.k12.ia.us)

## **NON SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS**

**RED CROSS LIFEGUARD CLASSES:** The Indianola Wellness Campus will be hosting the following Red Cross training classes over the holiday break. If you are interested in Lifeguarding, teaching swimming lessons in 2025 or need to recertify your current Red Cross Lifeguarding cert, these are the classes for you.

- Red Cross Lifeguarding Deep Water full certification- blended learning
  - Sat 12/7, Sun 12/8, Sat 12/14, Sun 12/15- 8:00am- 2:00pm- must attend all 4 days
- Red Cross Lifeguarding Deep Water recertification class- blended learning
  - Sat Dec 28<sup>th</sup>-Sun Dec 29<sup>th</sup>- 8:00am- 2:00pm- must attend both days
- Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (WSI) full certification- blended learning
  - Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup>-Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup>

For more information, please contact Casey Garcia at [cgarcia@indianolaiowa.gov](mailto:cgarcia@indianolaiowa.gov), or sign up on our website. If you are interested in guarding or teaching lessons at the Indianola Wellness Campus, please reach out to [cgarcia@indianolaiowa.gov](mailto:cgarcia@indianolaiowa.gov) about a staff discount.

<https://indianola.recliquecore.com/programs/109/red-cross-classes/?locations=13>

**DRIVERS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:** Street Smarts at <https://streetSMARTSDRIVERS.ed.com/> for the class schedules and registration OR [Parent Led Program](#) through the DOT. **[DRIVE RIGHT](#)** is another option.