



# INDIANOLA HIGH SCHOOL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

\*All new items will be in purple

**HOMECOMING COURT:** Congratulations to the following seniors for making the 2024 Homecoming court:  
Queen Candidates:  
Gabby Akin, Zoey Belt, Dana Blake, Isabella O'Meara and Aspen Nelsen. King Candidates: Adler Deike, Andrew DeWall, Nick Fehl, Brady Meyers and Jake Pontier. The Mister and Mistress of Ceremonies are Lauren Danielson and Brody Page.

**HOMECOMING T-SHIRTS:** Here is the link for Homecoming shirts. <https://embarkink5.square.site/>  
**ORDERS ACCEPTED UNTIL THURSDAY SEPT 12th AT NOON. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.**  
PICK UP SUNDAY SEPT 15th 4 to 7pm at EMBARK INK's NEW LOCATION 1007 S JEFFERSON WAY. (IN THE BACK)

**HOMECOMING DANCE:** The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, September 21 from 8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. at the Blake Fieldhouse. Admission is \$5. If you are bringing an outside guest, they must be under the age of 21 and have a school ID or driver's license. There will be no re-entry and no bags, only a small clutch, but it may be checked. Malinda Palmer will be there to take pictures.

**FALL PICTURES:** Fall pictures will be on Wednesday, September 11 during 1st period. A packet will be sent home with students on Wednesday, September 5. If a student does not have a 1st period class, they can stop at the main office for a packet (an email will be sent to those students.)

**HS BUS CARDS:** The Transportation Department will be handing out HS bus cards in the next couple of weeks. If they are routed, they are still able to ride. The drivers do not have the cards at this time.

**HOMECOMING PARADE:** For all interested in being apart of the homecoming parade this year on Thursday, September 19th @ 6:00 p.m. <https://forms.gle/4ta4h13iKdSgCbsBA> DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

**FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE:**

There are two ways to inform the school of a tardy/absence/early dismissal.

1) The preferred means of communication is to send an email to [ihsattendance@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:ihsattendance@indianola.k12.ia.us). Please provide the student's first and last name in the email heading. **In the email, please state the specific reason for the absence. We have new attendance codes this year because of the legislative changes, so it is important to say what type of appointment your student is attending or other specific reason for their absence, early dismissal, or arrival time.** This helps to provide us with an accurate record of all absences, which we keep on file for the year.

2) If you are unable to email, please call 515-961-9510, then press 1. Please be mindful that the morning hours prior to the start of the day are very hectic. If you leave a message, it will be handled in a timely manner.

**All students use the West entrance doors when arriving late and leaving during the school day. If your student is tardy/leaving early/arriving late, THEY MUST ALWAYS SIGN IN AND OUT to ensure their attendance is marked correctly. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence until it is rectified.**

## **SENIORS:**

**HOMEcomings COURT VOTING:** Seniors check your emails for the link for the homecoming court ballot. Deadline is Wednesday, September 11 at the end of the school day.

**SENIOR CLASS SELECTIONS:** Seniors stop in the main office and find the purple binder to put your selections for class color(s), flower, motto and song. Deadline will be Friday, September 20 with voting taking place the week of September 23rd.

**JOSTENS INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** Jostens will be here on Thursday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium to talk about cap/gown/announcements and hand out packets. They will return on Thursday, September 26 and Thursday, October 3 at 11:00-12:45 p.m. in the PD room to take your orders. If you have DMACC during that time, you will be able to pick up your packet in the main office the next morning.

## **STUDENTS:**

**PSAT: JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES:** Indianola High School will be giving the PSAT Test on Tuesday October 8th, 2024 from 7:45a.m to 11:15a.m. Juniors may take this test to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship competition. National Merit Scholarships are some of the most prestigious scholarships offered in the United States and the only way to be considered for one of these scholarships is to take the PSAT. The guidance office recommends that juniors, who rank in the upper twenty percent of their class, and sophomores who rank in the upper fifteen percent of the sophomore class, take the exam. Typically students who place at the upper part of the 98 percentile or at the 99 percentile are named as semifinalists.

Sophomores may take the test as practice, but their scores are not entered in the National Merit competition.

The cost to take this test is \$16.00. If you would like to take the test, please stop in the guidance office and see Halee for a registration form. You must return the registration form along with cash or a check made payable to Indianola High School in the amount of \$16.00.

**If you register for the PSAT, you must attend a mandatory informational meeting during advisory on Wednesday, October 3rd, in the media center. At that time you will be given information regarding the PSAT and also complete the test informational page.**

We only have 35 tests so registration is limited to the first students to return payment with their registration forms. Juniors will be given a priority status. **REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE TO HALEE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27th.**

**HOMECOMING WEEK:** Homecoming is around the corner. Monday, September 16-Friday, September 20. Class colors are: Seniors-Black; Juniors-Purple; Sophomores-Gold/Yellow; Freshmen-Gray

# HOCO WEEK DRESS UP DAYS

Monday **MINION** 

Tuesday **CLASS COLOR DAY**

Wednesday **USA** 

Thursday **JERSEY/FAVORITE SPORT  
TEAM DAY**

Friday **SPIRIT DAY - WEAR  
PURPLE & GOLD!**

# Happy Homecoming

<p>All Week: Can drive! Bring your cans to the appointed advisor, and the grade that collects the most cans wins!</p> <p><b>Sunday</b></p> <p>3-5 pm: Hallway Decorating</p>	<p><b>Monday: Minion Monday</b></p> <p><b>6:30am</b> : Freshman Sunrise</p> <p>7:00 pm: Kickball @ Simpson softball field</p>
<p><b>Tuesday: Class Color Day</b></p> <p><b>6:30 am</b>: Sophomore Sunrise</p> <p>6:30 pm: Muscle Volleyball @ the Fieldhouse</p> <p>8:00 pm: Powderpuff @ the Stadium</p>	<p><b>Wednesday: USA</b></p> <p>No activities Wednesday.</p>
<p><b>Thursday: Sport/ Jersey Day</b></p> <p><b>6:30 am</b>: Junior Sunrise</p> <p>6:00 pm: Homecoming Parade</p>	<p><b>Friday: Spirit Day</b></p> <p><b>6:30 am</b>: Senior Sunrise</p> <p>2:15: Homecoming Assembly</p> <p>7 pm: Football Game vs Carlisle</p>
<p><b>Saturday: Homecoming Dance</b></p> <p>8pm: Homecoming dance @ Blake Field House</p>	

**PARKING:** Students, you must park in a parking spot with lines. The curbs along the parking lots are not to be used for parking. We have open spots and overflow parking that is available.

**PARKING IN APARTMENTS SOUTH OF THE HS:** We were just informed that if you park in the apartments south of the HS and your vehicle is not registered with their complex, you will be towed. They will no longer be calling the high school to have the student move their vehicle.

**SOPHOMORE JOSTENS MEETING:** Jostens will be here on Thursday, September 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium to discuss class ring/jewelry. An information packet will also be available to take home to your parents. Order day will be on Thursday, October 3 from 11:00-12:45 in the PD room.

## PARENTS:

**SENIOR PHOTO SUBMISSION:** - 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"

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.

**SENIOR PARENTS:** On Wednesday, September 25th the high school counseling department is hosting a “Senior Parent Night” for current senior parents and guardians. This brief but informative meeting will review important dates and information pertaining to senior year, as well as touch on multiple topics about life after high school. Counselors will host this informal presentation in the high school library on Wednesday, September 25th at 6 PM.

If you are unable to attend, please reach out to your student’s counselor after the 25th for a copy of the presentation.

**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:**

**ART CLUB:** Thursday, October 3rd -Inktober Drawing Challenge! Prizes and lots of fun!

3:30-4:30PM in Mrs. Weinman's room!

\*We will do Art Club t-SHIRT and Hoodie orders in the month of October! More info to come.\*

**Theatre Club Meetings:** ITD meets every Wednesday from 2:10-2:45(ish) in the IHS auditorium. Come find out about various Theatre opportunities, learn new skills, and play fun theatre games! See BrandiAnn, or Pitt for more information.

### **ITD Start-of-the-Year Bonfire**

ITD's start-of-the-year bonfire will be Friday, Sept 13th. Meet at the circle drive AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL (a.k.a. south side, bus pick-up/drop-off area) due to construction at 5:45 p.m. We will carpool and convoy out to Mr. & Mrs. Collin's (a.k.a. BrandiAnn's parent's) house. If there is inclement weather, we will meet in the auditorium. Please bring a dish or drink to share. Hotdogs are provided. We will induct this year's newest Thespians, play fun games, and eat good food. The bonfire will last until approximately 9:30 with all students back to the high school no later than 10 p.m. See Mrs. Arch, BrandiAnn, or Pitt for more information.

### ***The Beverly Hillbillies Cast***

Congratulations to the cast of this year's fall play - *The Beverly Hillbillies!* It was especially hard this year to cut the 40 people who auditioned down to our cast of 17. **Performances will be Thursday, November 7th; Friday, November 8th; and Saturday, November 9th all at 7:00 p.m. in the IHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for students, seniors, and veterans and \$12 for adults.** Online ticket sales to follow.

## **SPORTS:**

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY:** The Indianola Boys Cross Country team placed 2nd Saturday at the **Urbandale Invitational behind #1 Dowling Catholic.** Leading the way for the Indians was junior Reed Robbins (4th), freshman Jake Robidoux (6th), junior Paxton Bloom (13th), and sophomores Isaiah Thomsen (14th) and Sam Appel (15th). Reed became the #7 All-Time Athlete for Indianola with his 16:06 performance and Jake set the All-Time Freshman best with his 16:25 performance! The Indians will next be at Marshalltown on Thursday - great work!

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

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

**CAREER & TECH CLUB PULL TAB COMPETITION:** Winner will be announced at Homecoming Assembly!



**Career & Tech Club that collects the most tabs wins!**



Winner will be announced at the Homecoming Assembly, September 20th!



**ART CLUB:** Interested in joining the Art Club? See Mrs. Weinman in the 2D Art Room (behind the East Gym) \$5 Fee for the entire year!

Mtgs/Events will be the 1st Thursday of each Month from 3:30-4:30PM in Mrs. Weinman's room. Join us on Thursday, September 5th for our meet and greet!

**GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS:**



**ACT Testing:** The ACT is a standardized test used for college admissions in the US. It is administered by ACT and offered at several testing locations in the area. To learn more ACT, when to take it, deadlines and how to register, students should see their school counselor and or reference [ACT link](#).

**Golden Circle and Career Fair:** Students of all ages are encouraged to participate in the annual Golden Circle College and Career Fair.

<https://www.icansucceed.org/golden-circle-college-and-career-fair>

Sunday, September 22nd, 1 - 3 PM

Prairie Meadows Casino in Altoona

**Christian College Fair:** Meet admissions personnel, gather important financial aid information, and explore Christian colleges and universities available to you. Seventeen colleges from across the country have already signed up to be in attendance, and more are still registering for the event.

Join us at Pella Christian High School on September 23rd, 6:30-8:30 pm. All area high schoolers, college students looking to make a change, and their families and/or teachers are welcome. Admission is free.

Registration in advance is highly recommended. Visit the website for fair details and registration or use the QR code.

<https://www.findyourchristiancollege.com/college-fairs/pella-area-ia-christian-college-fair>

Contract Trixanna Wang at [wangt@pcealges.org](mailto:wangt@pcealges.org) with questions.

**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](#)

**The COC Run Walk Roll**, scheduled for October 5, 2024, at Banner Lakes At Summerset State Park, at 9 am and we need enthusiastic volunteers! We are looking for volunteers to assist with various tasks, including set-up, registration, water stations, guiding participants, and more.

Volunteering at the COC Run Walk Roll is not just about contributing to a worthy cause; it's also a fun way for students to connect with people of all abilities in the community.

Interested students can register to volunteer by contacting [Amy Zuck](#) at 515-961-3656.

**SUMMER SILVER CORD HOURS:** All summer silver cord hours must be turned into the Guidance Office by September 15.

**WHITTIER ELEMENTARY:** Whittier Elementary is looking for students to help with elementary science. The ideal person(s) will be able to pick up materials at Whittier, prepare materials at home, and return them by the designated due date. This will involve cutting, gluing, folding, hole punching, etc. to ensure materials are ready for the students. If interested, please contact [dionne.ackelson@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:dionne.ackelson@indianola.k12.ia.us)

#### **INDIANOLA PARK AND REC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Annual Childrens Costume Party:** Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:15am-12:15pm, Indianola Square.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48ADAB22A7FB6-50973064-2024>

**Special Friend's Hoe Down Dance:** Friday, October 11, 2024 from 5:45pm-8pm, Indianola Activity Center.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48ADAB22A7FB6-50970679-volunteers>

**Special Friend's Holiday Dance:** Friday, December 13, 2024 from 5:45-8pm, Indianola Activity Center.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48ADAB22A7FB6-50970676-volunteers>

**Special Friend's Winter Formal Dance:** Friday, February 21, 2025 from 5:45-8pm, Indianola Activity Center.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48ADAB22A7FB6-50972651-volunteers>

## **COLLEGE/MILITARY VISITS:**

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

Tuesday, September 17 at 10:30 Northwestern College  
Friday, September 20 at 12:30 p.m. University of Northern Iowa  
Monday, September 23 at 1:20 p.m. Augustana College (Illinois)  
Wednesday, September 25 at 8:30 a.m. Cornell College  
Thursday, October 3 at 9:30 a.m. The University of Iowa  
Monday, October 21 at 11:00 a.m. Iowa State University  
Wednesday, October 23 at 9:30 a.m. Luther College

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

<b>September 19</b>	1:00-1:30	Jostens Cap/Gown/Announcement Presentation
<b>September 21</b>	TBD	Homecoming Dance
<b>September 26</b>	11:00-12:45 1:00-1:30 pm	Jostens Order Day (PD rooms) Jostens Class ring presentation (sophomores)
<b>October 3</b>	11:00-12:45	Jostens Order Day (PD rooms)
<b>October 14 &amp; 15</b>	NO SCHOOL	Professional Development Days
<b>October 29-31</b>	TBD	Fall Conferences
<b>November 1</b>	NO SCHOOL	
<b>November 28 &amp; 29</b>	NO SCHOOL	Thanksgiving Break
<b>December 20</b>	1 hr early dismissal	
<b>December 23-January 1</b>	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break

## **NON SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS**

**DRIVERS EDUCATION:** If your student is interested in Driver's Education, please visit Street Smarts at <https://streetsmartsdriversed.com/> for the class schedules and registration OR [Parent Led Program](#) through the DOT.

### **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

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)