

Indiantown Middle School



Home of the Thunderbirds

Principal's Bulletin August 31, 2021

Greetings Thunderbirds!

I hope that this message finds all of our students, staff, and families doing very well! I wanted to take a few moments to share some timely updates for your review:

Non-School Days on the Horizon 📅

Please note that all MCSD schools will be closed next week, on Monday (9/6) and Tuesday (9/7)! Schools will reopen on Wednesday, September 8th. In addition, please note that September 16th (Thursday) is also a non-school day.

School Advisory Council (aka SAC) Tonight (8/31)

Tonight, August 31st, we will host our first SAC meeting of the year, starting at 5:30 PM in the Cafeteria. For those not familiar with this group, a School Advisory Council (SAC) serves in an advisory capacity to the Principal to assist in the preparation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan. In addition to our focus on School Improvement (via an academic lens), timely updates will be shared and parent input is always encouraged and welcomed!

Here is a link to our agenda:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YOfpnEDG4VPlaRG2kZbN6fRL0vgjcO7jxCTuE6pNnSU/edit?usp=sharing>

Parent Teacher Association (aka PTA) - POSTPONED

Earlier today, I was informed that tonight's "PTA Interest Meeting" needed to be postponed. I will share the reschedule date as soon as it becomes available. For those not familiar with this organization, A PTA strives to build strong working relationships among parents, teachers and schools, in support of students. This can include recruiting and coordinating volunteers, providing special recognition in awards ceremonies or through other activities, organizing parent education events, planning teacher appreciation activities and much more. Please note that the Principal does not govern the PTA, yet does have the authority to approve/deny the use of the IMS identity, as it relates to fundraising/publicized events that impact Indiantown Middle School.

Picture Day is Coming - September 15th 📷

Based upon parent feedback, we have changed photo companies this year. On September 15th, TSS Photography will be here to take photos, available for purchase and/or to be utilized in the IMS Yearbook. Students must adhere to the IMS dress code in order to have their photos taken. Each class will be scheduled to come to the Media Center to take their pictures. In the event that a student is absent on 9/15, there will be a make-up date offered on September 27th.

Please visit the links below for ordering information from TSS:

[TSS Photography Flyer \(English\)](#)

[TSS Photography Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

After School Snack/Supper Program is Back! 🍷🥗🥙🍪🍎

All students are eligible to receive a complimentary snack/supper (to-go) each afternoon! Interested students can come to the Cafeteria on the first set of dismissal bells and grab their meal to go! :)

End of Year Field Trip Criteria 🎈

While I can't guarantee end of the year field trips (due to COVID), it is our intent to plan them! In order to be eligible to participate, students must meet the following criteria:

Attendance – Must not be absent more than 10 days (prior to the trip). Students placed in quarantine, will be considered Present Student Home, as long as they engage on Classlink, thus this would not count against them..

Grades – Must be passing all classes (prior to the trip).

Behavior – May not have more than 4 referrals and/or more than 3 days OSS (prior to

the trip).

Obligations – Must have all fines/fees paid for (prior to signing up for a trip). For example, library fees or damaged computer fees.

Our traditional field trip line-up is as follows:

Grade 5 - Legoland (TBD)

Grade 6 - SeaWorld (TBD)

Grade 7 - Disney (TBD)

Grade 8 - Universal's Gradventure (2 PM - 2:30 AM May 13th/14th)

COVID Information 🧑‍🚰💉

On any given day or night, we may learn about a new COVID (positive) case. When this happens, our team is charged with Contact Tracing, where we identify any students and/or staff that were within 6 feet of a positive case, for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period. We gather this information by using seating charts and interviewing staff members. This information is then shared with the Martin County Department of Health and they inform us who needs to quarantine or isolate. In attempting to avoid late night communications, we are going to make every effort to reach out to impacted families/staff members prior to 7 PM each night. What we can not accomplish by 7PM will be communicated the following morning. Please note that while students are at home, they are expected to access assignments using their teachers Google Classroom or Schoology codes. As a parent myself, I understand that accessing assignments is not the same as learning from a highly qualified teacher. With that in mind, we encourage all students/parents to communicate with teachers, when they need additional support.

Please see the link below for the most up-to-date information that we have available:

<https://www.martinschools.org/page/information-for-quarantined-students>

In addition, to access the "COVID Dashboard" (the stat tracker of cases by school), please see the link below:

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiYWVlMmViYWYtODRmNi00MTE4LTg3NzUtZTg1NGZjZjVmYzEwIiwidCI6ImI2NDhhMwYwLTZiYWQtNDNmZi1iNzRiLWZlZTdmNGlxMWU5NSIsImMiOiJF9&pageName=ReportSection>

The Department of Health will be using Lot #1, here at IMS tonight, on 8/31 (1st dose) & 9/21 (2nd dose), to administer free COVID vaccinations (5PM - 8 PM) .

Please note that this event is not sponsored by IMS or the MCSD, yet is available to all residents in Martin County.

Note: Children ages 12 to 17 must have parent or legal guardian present

Students IDs

We are almost at the finish line for administering Student IDs. Our machine has stopped working on multiple occasions, thus contributing to the delay. As soon as all students have been issued an ID, we will enforce this expectation daily. In the meantime, we commend all of the students that already have an ID and are wearing them on a daily basis!

Connecting with IMS- Please remember that in addition to sending out text messages, we are on Facebook @IMSThunderbirds (Indiantown Middle School), have a school webpage at <https://www.martinschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=11> and have a general email inbox of imshelp@martinschools.org . Of course, the traditional method of giving us a call is always an option as well (772-597-2146).

On behalf of all of our teammates in the NEST, it remains an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to empower, inspire and educate your children! Wishing all in our NEST, the best ALWAYS!

~ Mr. Raimann

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