Indiantown Middle School

Home of the Thunderbirds

Principal's Bulletin
August 20, 2021

Greetings Thunderbirds!

As we get ready to wrap up the second week of school, I wanted to share just a few updates with everyone! As a parent myself, I will be very intentional with the amount of messages that I send out, as I understand the premise of "information overload". With that in mind, I will only send out bulletins when timely updates need to be shared and thus, here they are:

IMS Open House/Curriculum NIght (Tuesday - Aug. 24)

As I shared last week, on August 24th, from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM, we will host our Open House/Curriculum Night. In an attempt to offer a "flexible schedule for our families", each teacher will offer a presentation at 5:30, 5:50, 6:10, 6:30, 6:50, or 7:10 PM. The format allows each teacher to share a 15-minute "presentation (course overview), which will be repeated throughout the evening. By doing so, families can come at a time that works best for their schedule and get to see who they want, when they want. Please click on the link below to see which sessions will be translated into Spanish. (No Appointments are necessary.)

Open House Scheduled Spanish Translation

Annual Title One Meeting & After School Update
Starting at 5PM, 30-minutes before the Open House/Curriculum Night schedule begins, come join us in the Cafeteria to learn about what it means to attend a Title One School. Members of our team will be on-hand in the cafeteria to answer any questions that you may have related to our school. While we intended to have our After School Clubs present, we have yet to identify all of our sponsors just yet, thus students should be on the look-out for this information during future lunch periods. Mr. Smith will serve as your direct contact regarding any inquiries.

School Advisory Council (aka SAC) Meetings
On Tuesday, 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!

Parent Teacher Association (aka PTA)
History may be in the making at IMS, as one of our parents is attempting to organize our first ever PTA! 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. For those interested in learning more about the PTA, a meeting is being held on 8/31 at 6:30 PM at the Indiantown Civic Center. 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.

COVID Information 😷💉
Navigating the surge in COVID cases has prompted many questions, especially around quarantine information. 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=eyJrIjoiYWEyMmViYWYtODRmNi00MTE4LTg3NzUtZTg1NGZjZjVmYzEwIiwidCI6ImI2NDhhMWYwLTZiYWQtNDNmZi1iNzRiLWZlZTdmNGIxMWU5NSIsImMiOjF9&pageName=ReportSection

The Department of Health will be using Lot #1, here at IMS, 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 🆔
All new students will receive a new ID this year. Due to a supply shortage and our system going down, we had to pause the taking of ID photos. We are not back up and running and working on taking photos f We Once everyone receives their new ID, I will let you know and then share daily expectations.

Girls Volleyball Tryouts (Grades 6-8)🏐
Coach Palmer will lead tryouts on August 25, 26, 30, & 31 from 4:00 PM - 5:10 PM in the Gym. An activity bus will be available for students that live more than 2 miles from the school. Car riders should be picked up from Lot # 2 aka the car loop. AP Norman will serve as our Athletic Director and the primary contact for Athletics.

MCSD Back to School Page
One stop searching? Click on the link below to take you the Martin County School District's "Back to School" Page, which is filled with valuable information:
https://www.martinschools.org/page/reopening

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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