

## December 18th, 2020

Video Holiday Message from Mr. Piercefield

We would like to wish Happy Holidays to each of your families and a safe and Happy New Year. The year 2020 will one day be taught to students around the world as the year of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the History books at IMS, there should be an \* stating that 2020 was the year that the IMS Family came together and overcame the obstacles that were put in front of them.

### **On January 4th IMS will be sending out detailed information to all families on the following:**

On January 4th all students will return to their classes through virtual instructions. Beginning January 18th students who have been enrolled in in-person instruction will be welcomed back in the building. Students who elected virtual instruction will maintain their virtual schedule. At the start of the second semester, February 1, 2021, ALL students will be enrolled for in-person instruction. Families wishing to enroll their students in virtual learning for the second semester will be required to meet with a member of our Administrative team to develop a Student Success Plan.

## **CHOIR COLD SNAP VIRTUAL CONCERT**


Attached is a collaborative video the 7th & 8th-grade choir students helped create in place of a [concert performance](#). The students recorded themselves singing the song and created "holiday greeting cards" in Google Slides. I used other software to mash it all together into this video! Enjoy!




## 6th Grade Band for 2nd Semester (In-Person only)

We will be offering 6th-grade band beginning send semester. Please review this [presentation](#) and watch the video that is linked inside of the presentation. Then join us on Monday, January 11th at 6 pm for a "Live", Q&A Session.

6th Grade Ionia Band Directors:

Mr. Brill-tbrill@ioniaschools.org 

Mr. Beyer-sbeyer@ioniaschools.org 



***Please congratulate the students listed below as they have been recognized by the staff for either their Academic Successes or their Citizenship during the 1st semester.***

**Pride**  
EliHedoff, VincentFlour, TabithaFrench, Emmalange, KaydenFrejerson, KaitlyLange, AlyssaTeaker, MichaelTaylor, MylanPanders, ChristianMartinez, RiloWeger, DanielGilbert

**Hardworking**  
MyaWillard, IsalahMcElhoney, BaketaClark, TylerTervo










**Leadership HERO**  
KayaClark, CadenceBemisGriffith, TheodoreSprank, Baeza, KennedyBatista, MylanPanders, MyaWillard, IsalahMcElhoney, BaketaClark, TylerTervo

**IMS Education**  
KassidyVanderkalk, HunterRoundtree, SamuelMontgomery, DawsonLeland, QuinnBrown, RileyYokom, WilliamWilson, KaylynnDoty, JonathanRico

**Positive**  
BrickeKraol, EilaYenchar, MadeleineLemke, StevieGross, TylerKellerBusenbery, NickRichey, JonathanRico, TristanAsher, DerrickSantana, BalliahTubergen, RoseCronk, BaileyBewett, AlyyahParrott, JohnZaragoza

# NWEA HEROES

**IONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL HEROES**  
**NWEA TOP SCORES**

	Math	Reading	Science
<b>6th Grade</b>			
<b>7th Grade</b>			
<b>8th Grade</b>			

**6th Grade Math Tyler Tervo**

**6th Grade Reading Emma Lang**

**7th Grade Math and Reading Kennedy Batista**

**8th Grade Math and Reading Kaitlyn Lang**

**\*We did not complete the Science NWEA assessment this year.**



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As 2020 comes to a close, "IMS Counseling Services" would like to reintroduce you to our program. We are Kelsey Ford and Kim Crawford, the counseling team at Ionia Middle School for the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Crawford joins us from The Right Door as a 'school based therapist' and you may have also heard about Truman, Mrs. Ford's therapy dog, who shares an office with us. We work together to address social, emotional or academic barriers your student may experience.

Counseling activities this year have been unique in our attempts to reach every student in need remotely. Twice weekly, we are emailing mental health check-ins to each student to determine need or desire for counseling services. Counseling connections can be made through google meetings, over the phone or email. Counseling sessions in a school setting are typically short-term in nature and focus on solutions to help your child succeed. This year, we have also implemented several lunchtime groups for students to connect with each other by grade level or interest, as well as, a virtual GSA and diversity book club as we are aware how important continued socialization is for middle schoolers at this time.

If you have concerns related to behavioral health, social or academic issues or would like a referral for counseling services outside of school, email us at [imscounseling@ioniaschools.org](mailto:imscounseling@ioniaschools.org). If you have concerns regarding basic needs, please contact us so we can help support you in finding local resources during this difficult time. Additionally, if you or someone you know is in crisis, the state of Michigan has implemented a service for those who may benefit from texting a counselor. Text **RESTORE to 741741** for confidential texting with a crisis counselor. We are honored to be supportive to the IMS students and families and look forward to connecting with you after the Holiday break. Happy Holidays from the IMS counseling team.



Kelsey Ford

[School Counselor](#)

Truman

[Therapy Dog](#)

Kim Crawford

[School-based Therapist](#)

**The Right Door 24 hour toll-free crisis line: 1-888-527-1790**

# Weekly Schedule:

Monday, Jan. 4th	Pack 1
Tuesday, Jan. 5th	Pack 4
Wednesday, Jan. 6th	Pack 1
Thursday, Jan. 7th	Pack 4
Friday, Jan. 8th	Pack 1

## **Food Distribution**

