



Bulldog Business

8/30/2021

The school year is off and running. Our students and staff have braved the heat and are looking forward to a cool down. I hope everyone has had an opportunity to read about our new staff members and the changes happening at Ionia Middle School. We will continue to update you on our changes through facebook and the IMS webpage. We are excited about our new staff members as they transition into our Middle School family.

Starting Monday, August 30, students will be going to lunch during their 4th hour instead of their 5th hour. This will free up the gym and balcony so students can be active after they eat lunch.

August is almost over and September will bring a flurry of activities for our Middle School students. Cross Country will start Monday, August 30th as well as Volleyball tryouts. Cross Country participants should get dressed and report to Mr. Gurnee's room by 2:45p.m. Lady Bulldogs trying out for Volleyball will follow this schedule:

8th grade from 4:00 to 6:00 in the IMS gym
7th grade from 2:45 to 4:30 in the IMS gym

All students must have an updated physical on file in the office before they can attend tryouts or practice.

We will have our first "Fun Night" in more than a year on September 10th at the High School. This is a great opportunity for kids to get out and have some fun with their peers. We will be posting more details and students expectations soon so keep a watch out on facebook and our website.

The Ionia Middle School **"OPEN HOUSE"** will be September 14th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Our open house is set up to allow you to visit your child's classroom and meet their teachers. We want parents to see what their child experiences everyday.



The open house is not a parent teacher conference, it is designed as a meet and greet. You will however be given information on the best time and way to contact your child's teachers. More information will be sent out soon.

NWEA testing will start in September. This assessment helps the teachers evaluate what needs to be emphasized in class and the strategies they might use to help students with the curriculum. Please encourage your child to do their best on the NWEA.

Things you might ask your child over the next week:

- 1) What are HERO points and how do you get them?
- 2) What are your classroom norms?
- 3) What does HERO stand for?

Focus on what you can do, right now, where you are!!!