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Mission

The mission of Indian Creek Middle School is to provide educational excellence for all students.

Vision

At Indian Creek Middle School all students will be well-rounded and prepared for the future.

Message from the Administration

Dear Students & Parents,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Indian Creek Middle School, the administrative team would like to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. We are proud to present this edition of the student agenda. Please look over the agenda carefully and note the many features that we hope will support your students' organizational practices.

The agenda also explains the mission and vision, which guides our actions during the school year. It is also designed to answer your questions about our school and the general policies related to the school system. If the information you need is not provided, please do not hesitate to call the school office.

Lastly, we extend an invitation for you to become involved in our school and ask that you read our mission and vision statements on the first page of this book to learn of our commitment to the students of Indian Creek Middle School. In addition, notice that we firmly believe in the cooperative effort of teachers, parents, and community in leading our students. Plan now to become involved; be assured that we are open to your suggestions and comments. Have a great year!

Indian Creek Middle School's Administrative Team



Administration & Staff

Mr. Michael Chapple, Principal

Ms. Jacquelyn Trotter, Assistant Principal

Ms. Gina Jones, Assistant Principal

Constance Rogers, Counselor

Jessica Rios-Jones, Counselor

Tara Menninger, Enrollment Specialist

Marcie Sigman, Front Office Receptionist

Valerie Presley, Parent Involvement Liaison

My name: _____

My Homeroom teacher: _____

My Literature/Language Arts teacher: _____

My Math teacher: _____

My Science teacher: _____

My Social Studies teacher: _____

Period	Time	Subject	Teacher's Name	Room #
ACADEX				
2nd				
3rd				
4th				
5th				
6th				
7th				

INDIAN CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPACT

STUDENT AGREEMENT – I believe that I can be successful. I will:

- Show respect for myself, my school, and other people
- Believe that I can and will learn
- Obey school rules
- Always do my best in my work and in my behavior

PARENT /GUARDIAN AGREEMENT – I believe that my child can be successful. I will:

- See that my child is punctual and attends school regularly and on time
- Communicate with my child’s teacher on a regular basis
- Support the school in developing positive behaviors
- Provide a home environment that encourages my child to learn
- Attend parent/teacher conferences

Our handbook reflects the policies and procedures of Newton County Schools, as well as the processes and environment we promote here at ICMS. Please read our handbook in its entirety.

CAR RIDERS

Students who are dropped off in the morning **should not be dropped off prior to 8:15am and will not be allowed in the building prior to this time.** Safety is of our utmost concern, so it should be understood there is no adult supervision prior to this time.

When picking up students in the afternoon, the procedure is as follows:

- Parents should form two lines when entering the parking lot.
- The line closest to the school is for 6th grade car riders.
- The line on the parking lot side is for 7th and 8th grade car riders.
- Parents will travel around the loop to collect students in front of the school.
- Parents will exit at the top of the parking lot, through the exit closest to the stop light at the intersection of Hwy 36 and the Bypass.
- Students **WILL NOT** be picked up in the parking lot.
- From 3:30-4:30pm the loop is a one-way.

NOTE: Extra members of the school staff will assist with car rider procedures until such time that a smooth transition can be established.

Car riders should be picked up no later than 4:30 p.m.

CLUBS - SCHOOL SPONSORED

Our school has clubs (excluding clubs involved in competitive interscholastic activities) under the direction and control of the school, which are organized, and meet based on common goals, objectives, and activities. The school-sponsored clubs that are or have been in operation at our school are listed below, and pertinent club information is provided. State law requires that the parent/guardian has the right to withhold permission for their student to join or participate in any school sponsored club or organization with which they object. For your convenience, a form is available in the ICMS front office for this purpose. If, in the future, a club is added, you will be sent information on the club and will be required to complete a form giving your permission for your student's participation in the new club.

ACADEMIC BOWL CLUB

Purpose: To provide students the opportunity to compete against students from other schools in an academic arena.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: Weekly practices and monthly competitions

****ART CLUB**

Purpose: Art club is designed for students who wish to spend additional time on art by pursuing independent studies.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: Work on team projects with other students, try out new art projects not pursued in art class or have increased time to complete class work.

**** BASEBALL CLUB**

Purpose: To prepare students for high school baseball by teaching all the offensive, defensive, pitching, base running, and team defensive concepts so that the transition to high school will be seamless.

The program/club is 100% developmental. Baseball provides character-building skills such as leadership, teamwork, respect, and communication to the physical benefits of staying healthy and active, here are some of the things you can expect to gain by playing baseball.

CAMPUS LIFE

Purpose: To help students find purpose and meaning in life through a faithful, spiritual relationship in a student-led setting.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: Meeting/devotional each Friday morning from 8:30-9:00.

CROCHET CLUB

Purpose: To provide middle school students with an opportunity to provide service to our community.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: To make lap throws then donate to cancer patients at local hospitals.

DEBATE CLUB

Purpose: To provide students the opportunity to compete against students from other schools in an academic arena.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: Weekly practices and monthly competitions

ELITE LADIES CLUB

The mission of the Elite Ladies Club is to provide developmental, social and cultural education to teenage girls.

Purpose: To enable girls to develop and maintain healthy bodies and mind; to enable girls to become positive and effective advocates for themselves, their community and the world; to encourage girls to prepare themselves intellectually and socially for the future; to enable girls to appreciate diverse cultures, creative forms of expression and contributions of various women.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: Monthly club meetings, speakers, fundraisers, end of year celebration.

NOTE: The club may partner with the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta to offer the girls a four-week program entitled "Uniquely Me". This program helps girls to combat negative feelings and foster a sense of beauty while improving self-esteem and leadership.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA)

Purpose: To provide middle school students with a stepping-stone to participate in FBLA at the high school. The FBLA mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. We bring our mission to life through the application of our motto: Service, Education, and Progress.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: Students will participate in a variety of activities that will promote competent leadership skills while strengthening their confidence in themselves and their work. Students can participate in competitions in Business Concepts, Business Computations, Business Enterprises, Career Exploration, Community Service Projects, Desktop Publishing, Employability Skills, Keyboarding, Proofreading and Editing, Public Speaking, Spreadsheet and Web Design. Many of the projects are completed at the school and submitted to the regional level for the competitions.

FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA)

Purpose: To provide opportunities for leadership development useful for success in the workplace and in the home.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: Students will have the opportunity to participate in a chapter of FCCLA which builds leaders for healthy families, successful careers, and strong communities. It is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

GREENPOWER USA Electric Race Car (<https://www.greenpowerusa.net/>)

Purpose: The highly successful Greenpower Electric Car Challenge uses the excitement of motorsport to inspire students from primary school through to university to excel in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) studies.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: This club was launched during the 2019-2020 school year with a grant from DART Foundation.

READ ACROSS NEWTON – STUDENT LITERACY SOCIETY

Purpose: Read a carefully curated selection of books selected by the TOME Student Literacy Society for the current year so as to foster a love of reading, strengthen literacy skills and compete in the Read Across Newton and TOME Student Literacy Society quiz bowl and arts competitions.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: Team has traditionally met weekly during the season (September through March) to discuss books and practice for the tournaments. More information will be forthcoming on the books for this year and how to join.

JUNIOR BETA CLUB

Purpose: To promote the ideas of character, service, and leadership among students, to reward meritorious achievement, and to encourage and assist students in continuing their education after high school.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: March of Dimes fundraiser, clothing drive, canned food drive, Red Cross fundraiser, collect school supplies for DFCS, collect items for homeless shelters, and collect pet food for animal shelters. Members will suggest and vote on service projects.

KALEIDOSCOPE LITERARY MAGAZINE

Purpose: To promote the literary and artistic talents of our Indian Creek students

Description of Past/Planned Activities: Students submit originally written pieces for publication in the magazine. Various contests throughout the year allow students to create additional pieces for prizes, both written and drawn. The magazine accepts submissions from August to April.

PANTHER FAVORITES BOOK CLUB

Purpose: To promote and expand the reading interests of Indian Creek students.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: Students will read, share, discuss, and promote books from all genres. Literature circles and book talks will also be a component, as well as exploring different book lists and book award recipients.

TASK CLUB Sponsors: TBD

Purpose: The mission of TASK Club is to provide students with a safe, accepting community where they can be themselves and support others. It is a student-led club that promotes well-being, self-confidence, understanding, and support for students with different challenges. Members of TASK Club focus on spreading Tolerance, Acceptance, Sensitivity, and Kindness in and around Indian Creek Middle School. Description of Past/Planned Activities: Members will suggest and vote on service projects.

TSA/TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Purpose: It's an experience! Students participate in community service projects, technology projects, trips and leadership skills development activities. Our Motto is Learning to Lead in a Technical World.

VEX ROBOTICS

Purpose: Robotics is a STEM based club in which students work collaboratively to design, build, and program robots to complete a different task. We compete in different competitions every year and work hard to win a spot in the running for WORLDS in Louisville, Ky.

VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Purpose: To refine fundamental movement and volleyball sport specific skills while continuing to introduce and develop more advanced fundamentals and competitive skills of the game.

The program/club is 100% developmental. Volleyball provides character-building skills such as leadership, teamwork, respect, and communication to the physical benefits of staying healthy and active, here are some of the things you can expect to gain by playing volleyball.

YEARBOOK STAFF

Purpose: To provide an entertaining yearbook that promotes all school activities and showcases as many individual students as possible.

Description of Past/Planned Activities: Students develop the theme, take pictures, choose layouts, write captions, and edit the yearbook. In addition, they write the receipts and distribute the yearbooks to their classmates.

CELLPHONE USE – (REVISED 2023-2024)

If students need to use the phone, we have student phones available in the front office. If parents need to communicate with their students, they can contact the front office for assistance. If cell phones are out and visible, they will receive a referral by and parents will be notified.

ANY student use of cellphones within Indian Creek Middle School is strictly prohibited.

- **1st offense – 2 days ISS per to student code of conduct.**
- **2nd offense – 5 days ISS per student code of conduct**
- **3rd offense _OSS days will be assigned.**
- **The only exception to this rule will be if the classroom teacher gives explicit permission to the students for the instructional period.**

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

The Counseling Department at Indian Creek provides a large number of services which include classroom guidance, group, and individual counseling. Counselors are ready to assist students in any way that will make their school experience more rewarding. Counselors are available to consult with parents regarding special concerns they may have about their child. Teachers are also encouraged to use the services of counselors regarding the special needs of their students.

DANCES

Dances are scheduled regularly throughout the school year. Dances begin immediately after school and end at 6:30 p.m. Students are not permitted to leave campus and return to attend a dance. Only students who attend Indian Creek Middle School are permitted to attend dances. Pre-purchased tickets are nonrefundable. Only students without written discipline referrals between dance periods will be eligible to attend dances. Failure to follow school rules will cause loss of dance privileges. All students should be picked up in front of the school. Failure to pick up your child by 6:45 may result in them being denied the privilege to attend the next dance.

DRESS CODE

Students are required to follow the dress code outlined in the School System handbook. Clothing must be the appropriate length. Pants are to be worn at the waist. Students will be asked to tuck in their shirts if they cannot keep their pants at their waist. Athletic shorts are only to be worn during PE, not in the academic classroom. For safety reasons, slides or any other footwear that does not have a securing heel strap, are not permitted at Indian Creek.

LOCKERS/BACKPACKS

When possible, students are provided locker space in their homeroom classes for storing books and belongings. In some circumstances, it is necessary for two students to share a locker. Every effort is made, in those cases, to assign "locker buddies" who are friendly with one another and who do not mind sharing. Due to limited classroom space, and safety, **students are not permitted to carry backpacks from class to class during the school day.** This is also a preventative measure in regard to student safety. Small (draw string or similar) gym bags are permitted for carrying items. Bags must be stored in the students' lockers. Lockers are a privilege.

LUNCHROOM PROCEDURES

Breakfast and lunch are expected to be pleasant times for everyone. All students are expected to conduct themselves properly, practice good table manners, and take no food from the cafeteria.

Due to lunchroom regulations, non-standard meals such as fast-food sandwiches (i.e., Burger King, McDonald's, DoorDash, etc.), are not permitted in the building. Should you wish to send a drink to school, the drink must be in an unopened container.

Drinks contained in thermoses, travel mugs, plastic ware or any other previously opened container are not permitted. Soft drinks and water are permitted if the drinks are UNOPENED and only OPENED in the cafeteria during the scheduled lunchtime. *Do not send beverages larger than the standard 20-ounce size.* It is not permissible to bring fast food cups with straws into the building. Eating/drinking is NOT permitted in the classroom unless related to a special project or activity and teacher/administrator approved.

Please be mindful of the warning labels on energy drinks: "Not recommended for children, pregnant women, or people sensitive to caffeine". Please do not send these drinks to school with your children and understand that these drinks may be confiscated. Gum is prohibited. See additional information in the School System portion of the agenda.

MEDICATION

Parents are requested to contact the nurse/front office concerning special medical situations. If parents provide aspirin and/or Tylenol and complete required paperwork, the nurse will dispense those medications.

- Medications must be in the original labeled container (no baggies, foil, etc.)
- Parent/guardian must provide specific instructions, as well as the medication and related equipment to the principal or clinic personnel.
- It will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school of any changes. New medication or new doses will not be given unless a new form is completed.
- All medication will be taken directly to the office/clinic by the parent.
- Unused medication will be disposed of unless picked up within one week after medication is discontinued.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

We appreciate all that our partners have helped us to do in a joint effort to be a community of learners. We thank our partners at New Life Praise Center, Mayfield Ace Hardware, and Main Street Trolley Covington for their continued support.

If your business would like to become a Partner in Education please contact our principal, Michael Chapple, for more information.

PTO and PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We would welcome an active, and positive, Parent Teacher Organization, as well as parents who would participate in the Parent Advisory Committee as required by the State of Georgia. If you are interested in actively participating, please contact our principal Mr. Chapple for more information on The Parent Advisory Committee. For PTO information please contact you can also you can email Libbybratton@gmail.com for any questions.

VISITORS / CHECKOUT PROCEDURES

Safety is one of our primary concerns; therefore, we have specific visitor procedures that are designed to protect all students and staff members.

*All visitors upon entering the building **MUST***

- 1) *Buzz to come in*
- 2) *Show their photo ID to the camera*
- 3) *Come to the front office, sign-in as a Guest on the system and obtain a visitor pass.*
- 4) *If checking your child out, give front office personnel your child's name and show your ID once again. Then sign out on the computer.*

Failure to do so could result in losing campus privileges.

All checkouts must be done prior to 3:30PM.

This is to ensure a smooth flow on the car rider line after school.