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SEPTEMBER 2023 ILLINI BLUFFS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO SEPTEMBER!

Let me start by thanking all the students, staff, parents, and community members who have helped get us off to a strong start this year; all these groups working together have helped create a smooth start to the school year.

While your student begins receiving more assignments and having more expectations in the classroom, please continue to check in on them regularly at home. These early months of the school year are where students create the habits that will help their success. We love supportive families and are always eager to assist your student! Please continue to reach out to our staff if you have any questions.

- Mr. Jeremy Ball, IBMS Principal

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- September 1st - Teacher Institute: No School
- September 4th - Labor Day: No School
- After Labor Day - Open gym starts for girls' basketball (Exact date TBD)
- September 15th - 11:40 AM Student Dismissal
- October 4th & 5th - Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 6th & 9th - No School
- October 31st - 11:30 Dismissal
- November 10th - Veterans Day, 2:15 dismissal.



STANDARDS-BASED GRADING INFORMATION

As your student enters September they will Encounter more formatives and summatives then they had in August. To better support your student at home. Our teachers created a one-page SBG information sheet for families to look at. If you have any questions pleast don't hesitate to reach out to your students teacher. Please click the link below for more information.

[SBG Parent Info Sheet](#)



SEPTEMBER 2023 IBMS UPDATE

LUNCHES

Students have been doing a find job with lunch procedures. We have several students who get additional food items, so check their lunch account balance. Below are a few quick reminders about adding funds to your student's teacherease account.

A few reminders about lunch:

- Please utilize your parent teacherease account to monitor your child(ren)'s nutrition account balance.
- You may add funds to your child's nutrition account by using a credit/debit card via teacherease or by sending cash or check with your child to school. Cash and check must be in a sealed envelope labeled with your child(ren)'s name(s) and how much to allocate to each child's account. Checks need to be payable to Illini Bluffs CUSD #327.

Middle School Breakfast/Lunch Prices

- Breakfast - \$2.20
- Lunch - \$3:05



TAP

(TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

Starting Tuesday, September 6th, Middle School students are provided the opportunity to please participate in our TAP (Tutorial Assistance Program) after school from 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. The program's goal is to provide students with a quiet, structured time to complete any learning assignments they could not finish during the day. TAP is a voluntary program (not detention) where the Middle School teachers take turns supervising and supporting students as needed. If your student(s) participates in TAP, the student(s)'s family must provide transportation home at 4:00 PM.



EXTRA CURRICULARS

Cross Country, Softball, and Baseball are wrapping up, but boys and girls basketball is on the horizon! We plan to offer all our extracurricular opportunities to our students. We will communicate with families for sign-ups and tryouts once the seasons are close to starting. To access our IB athletics/activities page, click [HERE](#).

6TH GRADE QR CODE

Attention 6th-grade parents, below is the QR code to access daily assignments and upcoming summative assessments, retakes & events. Please use this to stay up to date with your child!



#IBTIGERPRIDE

#TIGERSRUNTOGETHER

SBG SPOTLIGHT

This month's theme: Explain why we don't score formative and how to use navigate in Teacherease.

Why we don't score formative assessments.

- At IBMS, we do not score formative assessments (homework) in class or at home.
- The reason is that we believe formative assessments aim to give feedback on the assignment and allow the students to grow.
- We want formative assessments to be assignments where students are comfortable with making mistakes and strive to understand the material for mastery.
- Scoring formative assessments often puts a timeline on learning that punishes a student for late/incorrect work and can cause anxiety about academic failure while they're still learning the material.
- For these reasons, we only score summative assessments (tests)
- This way, we score more of a summary of what a student has learned through hard work rather than the accumulation of scores from time-sensitive completed material.
- We understand that learning to complete tasks in a time-sensitive setting is a life skill; as a result, we have created the learning incentive program (L.I.P.) at IBMS, which aims to reward students for success in this area without punishing them academically.

How to use/navigate the parent portal in Teacherease

- Please click on the link to watch a video on navigating the parent portal to Teacherease.
- [Link](#)