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JANUARY 2024 ILLINI BLUFFS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



NEW YEAR! NEW BEGINNINGS!

Hello IBMS families! I hope everyone had a good winter break and got to spend time with their loved ones and are recharged and ready to go as we head into the second semester of the school year!

We will have our winter MAP benchmark testing and iReady Diagnostic this month. Students will take both tests between January 22nd and Feb. 2nd. These tests let us see how our students are developing and what support we need to give them to continue their success. If you have any questions regarding the MAP test, please contact Mr. Ball.

Though it has been a reasonably warm winter so far this year, January always has a history of being the coldest month. Please ensure your student is appropriately bundled up for the month, and please reach out if your student needs any help getting the proper clothing for this season. Do not hesitate to reach out if you need support.

- Mr. Jeremy Ball, IBMS Principal

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- January 4th - School Resumes
- Report cards are visible on Teacherease.
- January 15th - No School, MLK Day
- January 22nd - February 2nd - Winter MAP Testing and iReady Diagnostic.
- February 15th - 2:15 Dismissal and PT Conference
- February 16th & 19th - No School

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Please join me in congratulating our Students of the Month. Teachers nominate students for outstanding character, responsibility, respect, honesty, and hard work. The winners for January are

8th Grade - Carson Blanchard & Brayden Gillies

7th Grade - Leah Karl & Brielle Swardenski

6th Grade - Maxx Hersemann & Riley McMeen



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CHANGES TO DRINKWARE POLICY

Starting this month, all tumblers (with or without straws) will be prohibited for all IBMS students. Due to excessive spills from tumblers in the hallway and classrooms, students must use water bottles during the school day. A student who brings a tumbler with them to school must keep it in their locker until the end of the day.

They can use it for extra-curricular activities with coaches' permission.



EXTRA CURRICULARS

Girls basketball and cross country are currently going on at IBMS. 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 & and events. Please use this to stay up to date with your child!



REPORT CARD REMINDER

This is a reminder that IBMS students will receive a report card via Teacherease on January 12th. The reason is that IBMS hands out semester-long reports. Parents who wish to have a paper copy of the report card must contact the middle school office. Thank you!

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