

# ISD Insider

Your Source for Independence School District News

November 2021

## ISD Mask Policy Update

The Independence School District made the following changes to our [COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols](#):

- Students age 2 - 5th grade must continue to wear masks through December 21, 2021
- 6th - 12th grade students and all staff are mask optional
- All students and staff within the Independence School District will be mask optional upon returning from Winter Break in January.



### Reminders:

- Masks must still be worn on school buses, per [federal order](#)
- The ISD will continue to offer both in-person and virtual learning options. Please contact your child's school if you would like to change their enrollment status
- The ISD also implemented a [Test-to-Stay](#) model

## Van Horn High School Soccer Team Advancing to State Final Four

Congratulations to the Van Horn High School soccer team. The Falcons are headed to the state final four in St. Louis following their 2-0 win over Guadalupe Centers. They will take on Fort Zumwalt South in the state semifinal game on Friday, November 19th at 1:30 p.m. You can read more about Van Horn's successful season in a story featured in The Examiner [here](#).



## Fairmount Elementary Celebrates Cancer-Free Classmate

Students at Fairmount Elementary celebrated second grade student Emilio with a hallway parade complete with signs and special cheers. After four years of battling Leukemia, Emilio is

officially cancer-free! Watch moments from the celebration [here](#).



## Three ISD High School Students Named to Missouri State Choir

Three Truman High School choir members earned spots in the Missouri All State Choir. Congratulations to seniors Kyleigh and Paige and junior Sarah on this incredible achievement. Students train several years for this rigorous audition process. Kyleigh, Paige and Sarah will perform with the Missouri All State Choir at the Lake of the Ozarks in January. Listen as they share their feelings on this immense honor here:

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## William Southern Elementary Hosts Veterans Day Parade

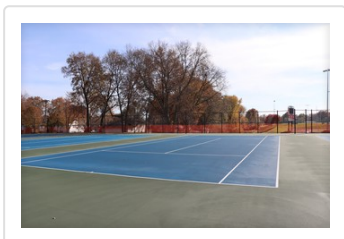
Students at William Southern Elementary School honored veterans with a drive-through parade. Students lined the parking lot, waving flags and holding signs to show appreciation. Thank you to all of our veterans for your service! Watch moments from the parade [here](#).



## Bond Progress in the Independence School District

The \$43 million no tax increase bond passed with the support of 84.75% of voters in the Independence School District, which is one of the highest margins in District history. The bond projects include safety and security improvements, fine arts and auditorium renovations and playground upgrades. The bond also includes facility maintenance and improvement projects throughout the District.

Exciting bond progress is happening throughout the Independence School District. The Truman softball complex and tennis courts are taking shape while some of the final touches are underway at the William Chrisman auditorium. You can find a project completion timeline [here](#).



## ISD Partners with Hazel Health

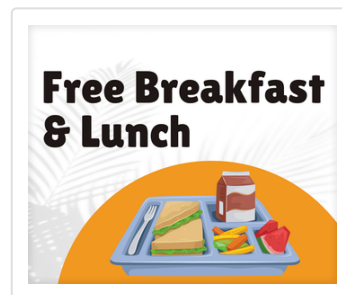
The Independence School District is partnering with Hazel Health to expand our student health services. Hazel offers virtual doctor visits accessible from the school nurse's office for PreK – 12th grade. By gaining access to this tele-health service, many minor visits can be initiated by an ISD nurse in order to obtain a diagnosis without missing a day of learning. Parents will be notified prior to any virtual visit. ISD families can opt-in to Hazel [here](#).



## Free and Reduced Meals Application

Please submit a Free and Reduced Meals application to ensure continued funding to support all students in our district. The completion of this application is one way funding is determined

for the school district through the state. You can fill out an application [online here](#) or call 816-521-5371 with any questions. Although free breakfast and lunch is available for all ISD students through the end of the 2021-2022 school year, submitting an application can increase funding to support all ISD students for things like district-provided dental, vision and mental health services, discounts on fees for ACT, SAT and AP courses and discounts on college application fees. Thank you for supporting your student and our district!



## Looking Ahead in the ISD

**November 2 - No School (Staff Professional Development)**

**November 24-26 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)**

**December 22 - January 3 - No School (Winter Break)**

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