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PARENTS — YOU MUST READ THIS NEWSLETTER SO YOU CAN BE INFORMED AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON WITH YOUR CHILD’S PARTICIPATION WITH THE MARCHING GREY GHOSTS!! NEARLY EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW REGARDING BAND WILL BE IN THIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.

NEXT MEETING will be on **Tuesday, August 26th** in the Commons at the High School. It will be a special night for two reasons, one it's the Annual Potluck so the food is awesome and we plan on previewing the show to the parents out on the parking lot or maybe Taylor Field if the lines are up.

Please plan on bringing your own table service. Boosters will provide Baked ham, Iced Tea, Coffee, and Lemonade. As far as what to bring, we are **ASSIGNING** food items by class for you to bring:

Freshmen families need to bring a **MEAT** dish,
Sophomores bring a **VEGETABLE**,
Juniors please bring a **DESSERT**,
Seniors need to bring a **SALAD**.

The performance by the band will be at 6:00 and we will eat at 6:30. Students need to report by 5:45 to prepare for their performance.

Marching Season Support

During marching season, extra parental support is needed for uniform help, trailer and equipment loading and the pit crew. There will be sign ups for these positions at the Potluck Dinner.

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We will have the Band Shop open at this meeting. Get your commemorative shirts ordered for the Competition season.

Uniform News

Many students have not paid uniform deposits, turned in signed contracts or paid for parts. This may be done at the potluck. Show outfits for the Guard will be issued later. PARENTS!!! PLEASE!!! Help us to keep our seven year old uniforms looking new, please see to it that they are properly hung and cared for!! It is very important!!

Guard Flags

LIKE TO SEW!! Boy do we need you!! Don't worry about the creative process, that's already done. We need people to help sew several sets of new flags. We will do this in the AIR CONDITIONED IVC Band Room on a convenient date. If you are interested please call Gail at 274-4082.

San Diego - Holiday Bowl Info

The itinerary for the trip is now on the band website (www.ivcband.com)

Kohl's Fundraiser

Here's another chance to raise money to pay for your student's activities that doesn't cost money or require time working an event. You can purchase a Kohl's gift card (\$50 or \$100 denominations) from the band boosters and 4% will be credited to your students account. Gift cards will be available at the potluck dinner.

Note: The boosters have decided to offer this fundraiser on a trial basis. Depending on the participation, we may expand the number of locations where the cards can be purchased.



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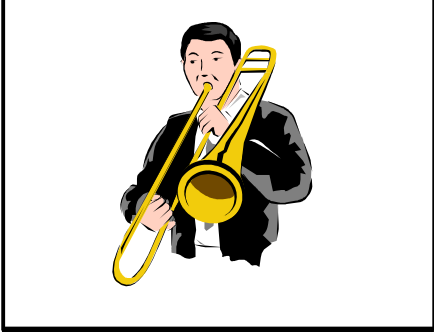
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Remember, you have to purchase a \$25 gift card FROM THE BOOSTERS in order to receive credits. After you purchase a card from the boosters, you can reload that same card at Kroger and still earn the band and your student credit for the sales. Reloading can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Each time you charge up the card, 5% goes back into your band account. The card can also be used to pay for gas and prescriptions. The Kroger store on Knoxville road in Peoria sells gas.

Fall Pizza/Pie Sale



Pizza forms will also be ready to pick up at the potluck. Remember that 50% of your child's profit on this event goes back into their account. Forms are due Sept. 8th, with delivery Sept. 30th from 3:00 to 5:30 pm and money will be due on or before Oct. 7th.

Homecoming Spaghetti Supper

At the Potluck, we will also be asking for workers and food donations for our Annual Homecoming Spaghetti Supper — Thursday, September 25, 2008. This is a big event for us and we will need all the help we can get.



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Band Camp

March Down Winners – This year’s annual Band Camp March Down contest was one of the best ever and the competition very intense. So intense that there was a three way tie for 2nd place. Finishing second were Ethan Hayward, Alyssa Mall and Kara Myers. This years winner was Joel Spadin !!!!!

THANKS to Band Camp Chaperones – Thanks go out to the following parents for giving up a week of their summer to supervise and care for your children at band camp. Thank you to Gail Quinn, Karen Griffith, Todd and Roanna Reginald, Tim Dixon, Pam Orton, Jeanette Bredeman, Avis Sutton, Tim and Mary Totten, Gary Spadin and Scott Lawson

AND SPECIAL THANKS TO GERMAN-BLISS EQUIPMENT AND ROB HULSIZER (CEDAR HOLLOW CONSTRUCTION) FOR LOANING US VEHICLES FOR CAMP !!

Check out the Band Camp Update at www.ivcband.com for more information and pictures from this years band camp.

Flower Power Returns

In preparation for our big trip to San Diego this winter Holiday, we have decided to bring back the very popular Flower Power Fundraising program this Fall! This is an excellent way for all students to make some easy money! Earn \$5 or more for EVERY single item you sell!!

At the August potluck each student will receive their selling brochure. All money earned will go directly to the student’s account!

Stay tuned for more details!.

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Mr. D's Notes



Grandma Dietrich always said that if you don't like the weather in Illinois, just what until tomorrow and that's what our camp was like. Comfortably cool and cloudy Sunday, HOT and VERY HUMID on Monday, still warm but rainy on Tuesday and Wednesday –Friday, typical comfortable, beautiful summer weather.

We had an amazing staff, including an entirely new percussion staff and they did a wonderful job working with your children. I had laid out my goals for the week, the week before and we were able to stick with the plan, which is pretty unusual. We did finish learning the drill and were about to play and march through most of the show. We even incorporated some new activities to the camp week. Matt Chapman took the kids through some amazing goal setting and leadership training sessions. He had your children writing down their goals about school, band, and their future. Research has shown that people that actually write down their goals are more apt to achieve them. We started what we hope may be a new tradition, Wednesday Night at the Movies. We set up a DVD projector and showed "Sweeney Todd." The chaperones even rented a popcorn machine!!! Your kids were awesome, the spirit was great and the leadership tremendous.

Our show this year features selections from the Steven Sondheim musical, "Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street." This musical came out last Christmas as a movie starring Johnny Depp. The plot is too bizarre and complicated to discuss here, but needless to say, IT'S WEIRD!!! The music however is very cool and once again this year we are using music arranged for us by University of Michigan Director of Bands, Scott Boerma. The drill is much more involved than last year with 15 more pages of sets. This show reminds me of the "Divine Comedy" of years past and will be a treat to develop. We will be using a student actor playing the title role on the field and we even have a prop in mind. The best part is --- The kids LOVE the book!!!!

So what happens at camp? What is your child's schedule for the week? Why do we travel so far and stay so long?

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I issue two challenges each year to the band. 1. Can they develop into a better group than last year's band by working harder and raising the bar? 2. Can they become a group of people with a single purpose of mind and body, working together as a cohesive unit to achieve a common goal? We generally simplify this to "Can you become a BAND!" Well, as I am typing this at camp on Wednesday afternoon, it appears that they have accepted my challenges and are well on the way to meeting them. They have worked exceptionally hard as a team and the growth and improvement through the week has been amazing. We are working so hard while having SO much fun in the process!! I can't always say that has been the case in the past. I am very pleased with their efforts and look forward to another great season for the Marching Grey Ghosts.

Special thanks go out to the camp staff for helping your kids. Our staff included IVC alum Adam Frank, former student teacher, Dan Hiles and current student teachers Jeff Driscoll (Bradley) and Kayla Johnky (ISU). The Chaperones were awesome, thanks again. Finally, very special thanks to the best help I could ever hope to have, Matt Chapman, Dee Ely and our new Percussion instructor, Doug Ford.

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Summer Camp Band Festival

We would like to thank all the students and parents for all the help this past Summer Camp 2008. It was great to see every one pitch in and give their all for a great fund raiser. For those of you who couldn't help, we would like to say that although the money we earned does not directly affect each students band account, it does affect the prestige and quality of our band program from uniforms, equipment, transportation, etc. Needless to say, every dollar earned is a major credit for our band members!

Also, we as parents have an opportunity to do something that no other organization at IVC has ever done - earn over \$7,000.00 a year for 4 days of work and we are able to do this consistently for the next several years! We as a group need to do this, not only for the money, but the pride it brings to our band and organization! We should all be proud of our accomplishment!

Goldberg Productions has requested that the IVC band return for next year and couldn't say enough good things about our group!

We can't wait to see everyone this next "Summer Camp 2009"! We have many new ideas to increase our money making capabilities and to have fun doing it!

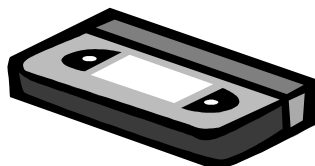
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Fall Rehearsals

Marching season starts on Mon. Aug 18th and ends at U of I on Oct. 25

Mon. Night Wind Rehearsals – Each Monday of Marching Season 6:30 - 8:00 pm,
(except Holidays)

Tues Night Drumline and Pit Rehearsals – Each Tuesday of the Marching Season 7–9 pm

Wed Night Rehearsals for all – Each Wed of Marching Season 7:00 – 9:00 pm

***** Wednesday Rehearsals will start on August 20th *****

Guard Rehearsal – Each Tuesday after School during the Marching Season

Marching Band Performances

Home Games – Every Friday in September (5, 12, 19, 26) – 4 in a row!!!

Parades – Kewanee (Aug. 30) and Toluca (Sept. 1),
Homecoming (Sept. 26th), Chillicothe Christmas (Nov. 22)

Field Shows - Pontiac (Sept. 20th, evening)
Washington (Oct. 4th, Parade –Mid Afternoon, Evening Show)
ISU State Championships (Oct. 11, Early morning show
with possible evening finals)

Mahomet (Oct. 18th) Afternoon performance

U of I (Oct. 25th) Early morning parade and late morning /
early afternoon show

Remaining Yearly Events

November 08 IMEA Jazz Festival @ Woodruff – Nov. 1
Jazz Camp @ IVC – Nov. 8th – Similar to what we did in January last year
IMEA Concert Festival @ Augustana College – Nov. 15

December 08 Pep Band – Dec. 2 (other dates Dec. 9 & 12, Jan. 16, Feb. 6, 13, 17, & 20)
Madrigal Dinners – Dec. 6/7
Holiday Concert – Dec. 14
Trip Departure – Dec. 27, Holiday Bowl Field Show Contest – Dec. 28,
Holiday Bowl Parade – Dec. 29, Holiday Bowl Game Performance—Dec. 30

January 09 Return from San Diego – Jan.1
Illinois Wesleyan Jazz Festival – Jan 24
IMEA State Music Convention – Jan . 29 – 31

February 09 Dunlap Jazz – Feb. 14???
Rolling Meadows Jazz – Feb. 28

March 09 Solo and Ensemble Contest – March 7 at ICC
Winter Band Concert – March 8
NCIC Conference Music Festival at Streator – March 24

April 09 IVCEA Foundation Chocaholics Jazz Night - April 1 (likely)
IHSA State Music Contest – April 24/25 No site yet

May 09 Spring Band Concert and Pork chop dinner – May 6
Awards night – May 11.