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PARENTS — **PLEASE** read and know the following information regarding your child's responsibilities with the IVC Band Program. Everything you need to know about this program and its activities will be in these newsletters.

NEXT MEETING will be on **Tuesday, October 14th**. The Board will meet at 6:30 with the General Meeting at 7:15. Items for discussion include How bands are judged, Fundraising to date and information on future travel.

Know the Schedule

We take a great deal of time planning and writing this newsletter in order to keep you informed as to when and where your child needs to be at rehearsals and performances. The dates for most of the year are included in the back of this newsletter. You can also go to our webpage at www.ivcband.com or check the band calendar on the edline.net site.

Two Websites

You can now access IVC Band information on two websites. Our website is www.ivcband.com and there is also a school site called www.edline.net. Both will have the latest newsletter and information about band activities.

Please take note.....

PLEASE DO NOT JUST DROP OFF YOUR KIDS FOR MARCHING EVENTS BEFORE CHECKING THE STATUS OF THE EVENTS.

Weather in other parts of the state has cancelled events in the past and we want you to know that before you leave.

Also, when waiting to pick up your child, please park in the parking lot.

DO NOT PARK IN THE STREET !!

That is where the buses and equipment vehicles have to unload. If you park in the street, you are in the way!!

Membership Dues

If you do not have a 09 on your mailing label, you have not paid your memberships dues. These dues cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. All the information about band activities is in these newsletters. If the dues are not paid by Sept. 30th, you will not receive a newsletter. Dues are \$10 per family and they cover the 2008-09 school year.

Please detach, fill in the information on the other side of this form and send to the band room.

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Band Grades

BAND GRADES – Grades can also be checked on edline.net. Band grades are affected by attendance so if your child’s grade is anything less than an A, they have an unexcused absence. Your child needs to make Mr D aware of the reason for the absence, with the possibility of a requested note from the parents. Other school performances are excused, but only if the student makes sure we know they were at another school event. The key word – **Communicate!!!!**

Uniform News

Mama Quinn wants to thank all that have helped with fitting and distribution of uniforms and cutting and sewing of the flags.

She reminds everyone to bring --- **BLACK SOCKS !!!!**

Students needing black socks to perform will be charged !!

San Diego - Holiday Bowl Info

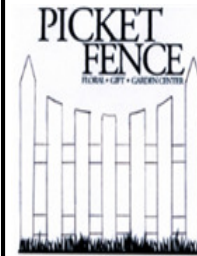
Please find the itinerary and current flight plans on the band web page, www.ivcbands.com. As to payments, refer to a separate student account sheet which we have to mail First class. Please get your payments in on time as we have to send payments to the travel agent or pay a penalty.

MORE FLIGHT INFO - We **MUST** have the full names of the attending students as they appear on their photo ID’s by Oct. 3rd. All students flying must have photo ID’s .

Kohl’s Fundraiser

Here’s another way to raise money 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. Call Scott Lawson if interested - 274-4624

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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In less than 2 years, members of our Band Booster Group have spent **over 1 Million Dollars** through the Kroger fundraising program. That's means over \$50,000 has been credited to students accounts.

Kroger Chairperson is Tina Jones (274-8105) and they are also available at Mediacom and High Five Sports

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.

Fall Pizza/Pie Sale

Pizza forms were due on Mon, Sept. 8th, with delivery on Tues, Sept. 30th (3:00 – 5:30). Money will be due on or before Oct. 7th in order to receive credit. Remember that 50% of your child's profit on this event goes back into their account.



Spaghetti Supper

THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED!!!

Due to the earlier start time of skits we lose an hour of serving time. We have decided to move this dinner into November on the Friday night of the Fall Play. Our Spaghetti Dinner date is now set for Nov. 21st. See more on this next month.



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Flower Power Bulb Sales



Orders for flower bulbs were due by Mon, Sept. 15th. Delivery is set for early October. Remember 50% of the sales goes into your child's account.

Commemorative Shirts

See the enclosed form to order this year's Commemorative Shirt

Fruit Sales

Packets will go out in October with the raffle tickets. Orders will be due in Nov with delivery in early Dec. Money earned by the students from this fundraiser will be available to them to use as spending money on the trip.



Steak N Shake Fundraiser



Do you like steakburgers, sippable sundaes, and chili mac? Steak and Shake has set up a fundraiser that allows us to receive 20% of all meal costs on a set day!!! Here is how it works--- We have locked in four Mondays (10/27, 11/3,

11/17, 11/24) and whenever anyone presents a IVC voucher with their ticket between 5:00 and 9:00pm on those days, S&S will donate 20% of the total back to us!!! The plan is to allow each class to have their night (i.e., Freshman on Oct. 27th and Senior on Nov. 24) and the class that generates the most money will get a pizza party at school. As soon as we get the vouchers we will get several to each family. More in coming months!!!

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Mr. D's Notes



Kids are working hard and our show is coming along well but a bit slowly due to the weather we are having to deal with. We have been on Block scheduling for 13 years now and for the first time we have lost TWO adjacent rehearsal to bad weather!!! Rain also prevented us from rehearsing on the field the week of the first game so the game was our first shot on grass.

Thanks to all the parents that have helped sewing flags and uniforms, keeping the kids comfortable at parades and helping to load equipment.

Here are some things I feel I have to say every year about this wonderful activity. One of the saddest things about this event is that some parents never make it to a show. Please understand that this is a once in a lifetime event, high school will be over for your child before you know it and hopefully you will not have missed out. I know we are all busy and the price of travel is now high, but trust me, these shows are worth the time and expense. Come and see what your kid has been spending all this time getting prepared for, come and see why we fundraise, and come and see the tradition and pride.

Couple of reminders about contests – Please remember to **be supportive of all the bands.** All these kids are working so hard to do their best on that field. Not everyone has the advantage of such an amazing Booster group and directors with 80 combined years of competitive experience. Also understand that this is a very SUBJECTIVE evaluation. What one judge may love, another may consider inappropriate. The only thing that we may rely on is a GREAT SHOW, that is the bands primary goal. Winning trophies is secondary. Did we perform our best? Did we behave in an appropriate manner? Did we show up on time and get our equipment loaded? These are the really important life skills that we teach in band. These items and the reaction of the crowd are so much more important than a chunk of metal, wood, and plastic. So please, remember to support all the groups, but if you **cheer a little louder for the Grey Ghosts, THAT'S OK!!!!**

Mr D



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THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE ANYTHING.

Proofs are printed on an envelope listing the available packages. Envelopes will be sent home with the students for the parents to review and order photos.

Please encourage your child to have their picture taken. Sheets with sign up times will be in the band room starting Mon., Sept 15. Walk ins are welcome, but pictures will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Picture taking will not interfere with that evening's rehearsals and thus will stop at 6:30pm.

\$10,000 Raffle

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, this pays for a lot of the Booster's expenses such as camp, instrument repairs, uniforms, etc. Tickets are given to captains in October. Captains will contact you and bring you your tickets. In order to make budget, we need each family to sell at LEAST 10 books of tickets.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS BOOSTERS!!

If you haven't looked over the Ads in this newsletter, please check them out and see if you might be able to do some business with our GREAT BUSINESS BOOSTERS. They actually pay more per year than regular family members, which helps out the Band a ton!! Check it out and give them a call!!

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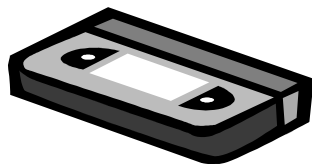
**Competition Times and Plans – This information is also on
www.ivcband.com and edline.**

Pontiac – Sept. 20 ... Students need to report to the High School by 1:45 for a 2:00pm rehearsal. The room will be opened by 1:00. We will rehearse until 4:00 when the students will be release to get some food. Don't count on food at Pontiac as the last two years they have run out by the time our kids were done with their show. We will leave for Pontiac at 4:45. The show starts at 5:15, we perform at 8:00, awards at 9:00 and the kids should be home by 11:00.

Washington—Oct. 4 ...Students need to report to the HS by 11:30 for a Noon departure. We have a parade competition first at Washington HS which starts at 12:30. IVC will come through around 1:55. The field show starts at 5:15. IVC is last on the field as well performing at 7:45, with awards following. Kids should be home by 9:30.

ISU – Oct. 11Our performance time is set for 9:30 (two hours later than last year!!!). Students will need to report to IVC by 6:15 am. Awards for our class will be presented 30 minutes after our performance. If we do not win the class, our day is over and buses will return home. If we do win our class we are in the Evening Finals. Last year we came home between performances in order to give the kids some rest. Since we do not have a home game the night before and don't have to report as early, the plan is to stay the day IF we make finals.

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Fall Rehearsals — Marching season ends at U of I on Oct. 25

- Mon Night Wind Rehearsals** – Each Mon of Marching Season 6:30 - 8 pm, (except Holidays)
- Mon Night Drumline/Pit Rehearsals** – Each Monday of the Marching Season 6:30-8:00 pm
- Wed Night Rehearsals for all** – Each Wed of Marching Season 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- Guard Rehearsal** – Each Tuesday after School during the Marching Season

Marching Band Performances

- Home Games** – Friday, Sept 19 - Senior Night , Friday, Sept. 26 - Homecoming
- Parades** – 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 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
IMEA Concert Festival @ Augustana College – Nov. 15
Spaghetti Dinner/Fall Play— Nov. 21
Trivia Night Fundraiser—Nov. 22
- 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** 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)
- May 09** Spring Band Concert and Pork chop dinner – May 6
Awards night – May 11.

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