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No General Meeting in December - Enjoy the Holidays

NEXT MEETING will be on **Tuesday, January 13, 2009** in the Band Room. The Board will meet at 6:30 with the General Meeting at 7:15. These meetings are quite important, so plan to attend.

Holiday Concert

Sunday, Dec. 14th at 2:00pm in the High School Auditorium. Students need to report at 1:30 pm to warm up and rehearse. This concert will feature wonderful music of the season and the announcement of the Raffle winner. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for this event. Dress clothes are the standard.

Special Thanks

Thanks to all the parents that helped through out the marching season with uniforms, loading equipment and helping with the pit. Special thanks to Matt Reny (alumni parent) who really helped a ton and Todd Reginald (alumni parent) for preparing the chilli after the Univ of IL performance.

IMEA Results

IVC once again placed several students into our Illinois Music Educator's District II Festival Bands. This district, which consists of almost all of the northwest corner of the state, has several hundred students auditioning for a few select spots. Christina Frank was selected for both the jazz and concert band, Ethan Hayward made the jazz band and mixed choir, Rebekah Durig was in the Concert band, Rob Wolter also sang in the choir and Stacey Buster, Danny Griffith and Patrick Hart played in the jazz band.

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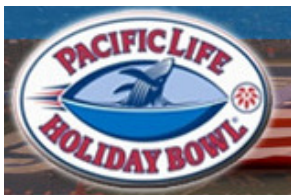
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**Holiday Bowl Info
San Diego, California
Dec. 27—Jan. 1, 2009**

Be sure to check the band website (www.ivcband.com) for the itinerary.

Watch for a separate mailing with forms and information about the trip.

Meet the Chaperones Night will be on Dec. 9th at 7:30 in the band room. (BB Game that night and the HB Bowl Band will perform). The purpose of this meeting is to pass on any last minute information and to allow parents to meet their child's chaperone and discuss any special needs. Flight numbers, Luggage, Housing, restrictions, and bus schedules will be posted in the band room in early December.

www.holidaybowl.com/events has info on parade and parade route

Student ID's – Airlines require photo ID's . Therefore to ensure that everyone has a proper ID, the chaperones will collect all student photo ID's (non Driver's License) .

Student Accounts – If you want to know your child's band account total you will have to call Gail at 274-4082 or email her at gquinn08@gmail.com.

The Post office will no longer allow us to put personal information in bulk mailed material.

Holiday Bowl Rehearsal Information

Great attendance at the first two and much was accomplished. We will have one more rehearsal on Nov. 25, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. This band will perform at the first three home boys varsity basketball games on Dec. 2, 9, and 12. Students need to report at 6:00 pm those night for warm up and rehearsal.



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Fund Raising Concerns

At this time the Band Boosters are very behind in the income side of our budget. Fundraisers to date have not met budget and we are very concerned about future events. This program needs these funds to keep our kids performing their best. If we are not able to raise these funds through our various activities then we will have to raise the fees that are charged for camp. PLEASE do you part and help out with these remaining events!!!



**Steak N Shake Fundraiser
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Only one night left!! Nov. 24th 5:00 - 9:00pm.

Do you like steakhburgers, shakes, and chili mac? Steak n 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--- present an IVC voucher when paying your bill and Steak n Shake will donate 20% of the total back to us!!! You can even purchase gift cards and the band will receive 20%.

Vouchers are available in this newsletter or you can print them from the website, www.ivcband.com. Print some out and get them to your friends and family. EVERYBODY LOVES STEAK AND SHAKE!!!!

NOTE: Steak N Shake has a special deal for a limited time: Purchase a \$20 gift card and receive a free \$5 gift certificate to be used in January and February. For each \$20 gift card, the band will receive \$4 and you will receive an extra \$5 FREE. What a deal !!



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\$10,000 Raffle

This is biggest fundraiser of the year and pays for most of the Booster's expenses such as camp, instruments, repairs, uniforms, and extra staff. You should have your tickets by now and we are counting on each band family to sell TEN books of tickets. It is important to get stubs and money into your captain weekly as we have regular turn in nights which allow us to track sales. Karen Griffith (274-2068) does have some sales times available for Kroger. It's a great place to sell your TEN BOOKS!!! Call Karen if you are interested or have any questions about the raffle.

Ticket Selling Contest —The band will give the following cash prizes to those selling the most tickets: 1st prize—\$100, 2nd prize—\$75 and 3rd Prize—\$50

Why a Raffle? - Unlike most of our efforts, this particular fund raiser does not directly place money into your student's account. It does however cover the 50% of the Booster budget for the year and if for some unusual reason sales don't hold up, we will have to secure those funds another way.

Other schools don't bother with fundraising. Most of the ISU "Top Ten" simply charge each student a marching band tuition of anywhere from \$500 to \$1,500 each year to cover that activities expenses. Our district pays for the band's music, drill, director's salaries, entry fees and all transportation. In order to maintain the fine level of performance we have established with all the IVC bands (concert, jazz and marching), we have to equip our kids with the best equipment so they can perform their best. This raffle raises that money. We do not want to get into a situation where we have to charge "tuition" for marching band so it is important that we all support this raffle.

If for some reason you are opposed to this type of effort or just don't know how you could sell 10 books of tickets, the Booster's would gladly accept your check of \$200 to make up for your lost sales. And for those of you that won't back this because the profits don't go into your child's account, you need to understand that any excess amount over our budget for ANY fundraiser offsets the cost of the trip. Not supporting this event only puts added pressure on our other events which combined don't make as much money as the raffle.

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Mr. D's Notes



For those parents attending the Holiday Bowl Parade, I very strongly recommend you go to their website and purchase grand stand seating. This parade is pretty long and a seat would be nice. They are only \$15 and there is a link to the site on the band webpage.

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The band will be performing at the halftime of the game with the other bands PLUS the two college bands. Our performance is called "It's a Jungle Out There!!!" and features a medley of rock tunes about wild animals or the jungle. FUN!!!

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**For More Info: Contact
 Scott Lawson 274-4624**

Keep an ear open as to what teams will be selected for this event. In the past the Holiday Bowl has invited the top non BCS (Bowl Championship Series) football teams from the Pac10 and Big 12 Conferences and last year featured a GREAT game between Texas and Arizona State.

Several parents have asked how much money they should send with their child. Most of the meals are covered with only a few lunches needing to be purchased on site. Souvenirs, bowl game shirts, snacks, etc., as you know, could be limitless!!! We are really only in San Diego four full days so I would think \$125 – \$200 should be fine. Won't be long!!!!

Mr D

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Money due: Wednesday, December 10, 2008. Money is due one week after delivery to receive credit. Questions: Call Julie Rock, Chairperson at 243-7007

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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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I encourage everyone to come, enjoy some great music and support our IVC Band staff.
- *Scott E. Lawson, President*

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Remaining Yearly Events

- November 08** Steak N Shake Night—Mon. Nov. 24
HOLIDAY BOWL REHEARSAL— Tue. Nov 25 6:30 to 8:00 pm
- December 08** Pep Band – Tues. Dec. 2, Tues. Dec. 9 & Fri. Dec 12—Holiday Bowl Band Only
Madrigal Dinners – Sat. Dec. 6 and Sun. Dec. 7
Holiday Concert – Sun., Dec. 14
Trip Departure – Sat. Dec. 27,
Holiday Bowl Parade – Mon. Dec. 29 Holiday Bowl Game Performance—Tue. Dec. 30
- January 09** Return from San Diego – Thurs. Jan.1
BAND BOOSTER MEETING - Tues., Jan . 13
Pep Band – Fri., Jan 16.....Students will be assigned into a band 2nd semester
Illinois Wesleyan Jazz Festival – Sat. Jan 24
IMEA State Music Convention – Thurs. Jan . 29 – Sat. Jan. 31
- February 09** Pep band –Fri.. Feb. 6, Fri. Feb. 13, Tues. Feb. 17, & Fri. Feb 20
BAND BOOSTER MEETING - Tues., Feb . 10
Rolling Meadows Jazz – Sat. Feb. 28
- March 09** Solo and Ensemble Contest – Sat., March 7 at ICC
Winter Band Concert – Sun., March 8
BAND BOOSTER MEETING - Tues., March 10
NCIC Conference Music Festival at Streator – Tues., March 24
- April 09** IVCEA Foundation Chocaholics Jazz Night - Wed., April 1 (likely)
BAND BOOSTER MEETING - Tues., April 14
- May 09** Spring Band Concert and Pork chop dinner – Wed., May 6
Awards night – Mon., May 11
BAND BOOSTER MEETING - Tues., May 12

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