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## **Next Meeting....**

will be on **Tuesday, March 10, 2009** in the Band Room. The Board will meet at 6:30 pm with the General Meeting at 7:15 pm.

These meetings are quite important. Topics for discussion include our last couple of fund raising activities, future band events, and next year's schedule.

The Band Room is located on the south side of the high school, opposite side of the gym. Look for the pair of double doors with the stained glass window above, just to the left of the main sidewalk. The band room is the set of doors on the right.

## **Welcome Incoming Freshman Parents**

We now have all 8th grade band students included in our list of band members. It would be a great idea for you to come to a booster meeting and get started with those Fundraisers which generate money to use toward Band expenses.

## **Winter Concert**

Our winter concert will be held on **Sunday, March 8th** in the new gym. This concert will start at **2:00 pm** and feature our three fine bands. Students will need to report by 1:00 in order to help move equipment. Any parental help will be most appreciated.

Concert theme is the Music of America. Each band will be performing marches, folk tunes or patriotic selection of our nation. All groups are playing quite well so this concert should be exceptional!! Bring a friend or two!!!

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**All That JAZZ !!**

As of this writing the bands are getting ready for their first local performances at Crossword Café on Feb. 20 at 7:00pm and on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> for the Pearce Senior's Luncheon. Both groups will be heading to the very prestigious Jazz in the Meadows Festival on Feb.27/28. Friday night the bands will attend a concert at Elmhurst College where IVC's own Adam Frank is the lead tenor sax. On Sat., Jazz II performs at 2:00 pm in the Second Bands Room and at 3:30 pm, Jazz I defends its title in the Class A room (Library).

Mark your calendars for our local festival on April 1<sup>st</sup> for the IVC Educational Foundation Chocaholic Jazz Festival. The music will start at 6:00 and continue until we are all done!!! Featured guest artist this year will be one of the Midwest's finest trombonists, Carl Anderson.

**2009 Marching Grey Ghosts  
GUARD Auditions**

A workshop will be the evenings of March 2 and 3, from 6:30 –8:30 pm . Actual auditions will be on March 4 – 6:30-8:00 Please report to the Band Room. Wear Clothing that will allow you to MOVE – **NO Jeans!!**

**DRUMLINE NEWS**

Doug Ford has started teaching lessons on Monday and Tuesdays beginning at 4:00 pm. Several students have signed up but many have not. The goal is to be better this year than last and we need to get drumline kids to these lessons. Lessons are \$8.

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Students will leave after eating an early lunch, rehearse in the afternoon and perform that night at 7:00. Students will be bussed over, but we would like the parents to attend the concert and bring their children home that night. If for some reason you cannot attend be sure to let Mr D know so he can be sure your child gets home.

**2009 NCIC All Conference Band Musicians** are: Joel Spadin, Sarah White, Kayla Siefferman, Caitlin Griffin, Rebekah Durig, Leah Ramseyer, Katie Stieghorst, Elisa Mall, Laura Waldschmidt, Amanda Orton, Danny Griffith, Stacy Buster, Ross Romane, Colin Ratcliff, Adam Rock, Abby Velazquez, Tyler Sutton, Corey Gondeck, Christina Frank, James Mitchell, Patrick Hart, Logan Vaughn

## National Headlines

An article about the IVC Band Program recently appeared in PAUSE magazine. This periodical is distributed nationwide to Mediacom customers and highlights cable programming and the various activities in Mediacom communities

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**Parent Involvement**

This group survives only as long as you, the parents, get involved in our events and activities. The school district cannot fund this program completely so if we are to continue to have a successful and nationally recognized band program, the Band Boosters have to make the commitment to pick up the extras.

Some examples – The Marching Grey Ghosts need new pants. Our old ones have already worn out. A set of pants is going to cost almost \$9,000. In a few years, the uniform coats will need to be replaced as well. This will cost even more than the pants. Instruments and equipment need to be replaced on an ongoing basis and occasionally special equipment needs like replacing the band truck must be met. Those are just some of the needs required over and above the daily costs of extra staff (drumline and guard), instrument and equipment repairs. Your help is needed and important to the continued success of this program.

**Kohl's Fundraiser**

Here's another way to raise money for your student's activities. Purchase a Kohl's gift card (\$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations) from the band boosters and 4% will be credited to your students account.

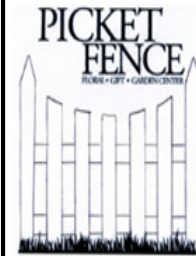
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Starting on Feb. 1, 4% will go into student accounts and 1% will go into the general fund and this will be PERMANENT. As this is our only MAJOR FUNDRAISER remaining for the year, we need all the Band Families (and Friends) to GET INVOLVED!!!!



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**.2009 Marching Grey Ghosts**

**Changes – Big Changes for the Marching band.**

We have to get better in order to stay competitive and YES, it is a competitive program and has been for the past 35 years. Any students wanting to be in the 2009 edition of the Marching Grey Ghosts will have to audition for a spot. This past year's band had too many kids not playing, some couldn't even play their parts and that really hurt our scores. We have to kick up the level of commitment and pride or we will repeat as the doormat in marching band.

Audition music is now available. Students not currently in second semester band will have to prove that they can perform at the level required. If they haven't touched a horn in six months, it's likely that they won't be in the marching band next fall. However, it's up to them to put in the time and commitment to show that they belong. **The bottom line is : We simply have to go with our best performers who are committed to the program.**

Will the band be smaller? Probably, but that's OK. IVC was never outscored by a larger group last year and in the marching band world, size is no longer an issue. The only issue is **QUALITY** and we will be looking for only those students that will give us 100%. If you want to hear the fall tunes there is a link on the band web page.

**Fall Concert Band**

For the first time we will be offering an alternative to Marching band. Those students that do not want to make the time commitment required for marching band or those who do not audition well enough will be put into a fall concert band. This group will allow students the chance to keep playing without the demands a competitive marching band requires.



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At this time an early summer schedule is still on hold as the chance of snow days still looms!! Here is what we know now!!!

**Summer and Fall Dates as of Feb 20th**

**Minicamp Preseason Dates** – Likely the first week of June (2,3,4) 6:30–8:30

**Tuesday Night Rehearsals** – 6:30 - 8:30 pm June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

**PreCamp Week** – July 27–30 Freshmen at 6:00 –Others at 7:00 Done at 9:00

**Band Camp** – Depart Sunday, Aug. 2<sup>rd</sup> and return Friday, Aug 7th  
Camp is held at Allerton Park, just west of Monticello, IL

**Fall Rehearsals** — Rehearsals will likely be the same as last year

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

**Guard Rehearsal** – Each Tuesday after School during the Marching Season

**Wind Rehearsals** – Each Monday of the Marching Season 6:30 to 8:00 pm,  
except for Holidays

**Drumline Rehearsals** – TBA

**Marching Band Performances**

**Home Games** – Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9 (Homecoming) and 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Parades** – Kewanee (Sept. 5) and Toluca (Sept. 7),  
Homecoming (Oct. 9), Chillicothe Christmas (Nov. 21)

**Field Shows** - Sept. 19th TBA  
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- (B) What is often returned but never borrowed?
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**Thanks go out to Jimmy Chronis at Grecian Gardens and his staff** who donated their time and to **Sue Hartley** for setting this up. Thanks to the community members and alums who carried the load on this. Look for future events as we hope to do one of these restaurant nights a month.

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**Other Camps???** There are other camps in the area that are also quite good. Scholarship money is available and the Boosters will discount IVC band camp 50% if your child attends another summer music camp. Contact Mr D if interested.

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**Remaining Yearly Events**

- February 09** 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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- (B) Thanks
- (C) Your photograph



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