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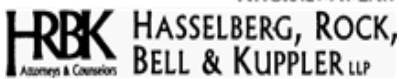
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Next Meeting....

will be on **Tuesday, April 14, 2009** in the Band Room. The Board will meet at 6:30 pm with the General Meeting at 7:15 pm.

We would love to see incoming freshman parents attend. It's a great time for you to become acquainted with the workings of our wonderful band program.

Also, nominations will be accepted for five positions on the Band Boosters Board of Directors.

IVC Educational Foundation Choca-holics Jazz Night

Wednesday, April 1st starting at 6:00 pm with the IVC Jazz II

The junior high groups should start at 6:30 pm, finish around 7:30 pm with IVC Jazz I and the HS Jazz Choir starting shortly after that.

Our guest artist this year is Carl Anderson. Carl is a VERY active musician in the area performing in the Central Illinois Jazz Orchestra, the Prairie Wind Ensemble, and the Peoria Municipal Band. Carl frequently performs with the Peoria Area Civic Chorale, is a member of the St. Mary's Cathedral Brass and works with the music ministry at St. Jude's Church in Dunlap. He also has his own Dixieland band that has performed throughout the Midwest.



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Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival

Our weekend in the “burbs” started with an amazing concert at Elmhurst College. Our kids got to hear a vocal jazz group from Boston College, the graduate Jazz Combo from NIU, the Kent State Big Band AND the Elmhurst College Jazz Ensemble.

As great as that sounds the highlight of the evening was the guest artists. Dennis DiBlasio (bari/flute), Wayne Bergeron (trumpet) and Steve Wiest (trombone) all at time but never together performed with the renowned Maynard Ferguson Band. They all soloed with the Elmhurst band and let me tell you the music was incredible. Add to that IVC’s own Adam Frank plays 1st tenor in the Elmhurst band and he stood toe to toe with these pro’s as he soloed along with them.

The next day our groups competed in the Jazz in the Meadows Festival. Jazz II moved up several spots from last years place finishing right in the middle of the Second Bands Division. Jazz I finished second in Class A to a very fine band from Wisconsin. Soloist awards were presented to Dusty Bredeman, Ross Romane, Ethan Hayward, Joel Spadin and Patrick Hart.

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. Call Scott Lawson if interested - 274-4624

Civic Center Dates

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Marching Band Items

Auditions—Some things for parents to be aware!!!

Any student, grades 10 – 12, wanting to be a member of the 2009 Marching Grey Ghost Wind section has to audition before **May 15**. The music has been available for a month and so far 5 students have made it in. Those not making the marching band or those that do not wish to be in the marching band will be placed into our new Fall Concert Band. **Incoming freshmen have until June 15 to audition.**

Band Camp Registration, Summer Music Lessons, Student Account Information – Look for forms coming to you in the mail in late April.

Speaking of Band Camp - Allerton has raised their rates which unfortunately we have to pass on. Camp will cost \$205 per student this year. We have broken that down into two payments. \$105 is due with the registration and the remainder due by mid July. Other band costs to remember ---- Shoes and parts – \$50, Uniform Deposit \$50

GUARD Auditions

Guard Auditions will be on Monday, March 30. This has been a struggle with the recent deaths in Dee's family. We will have only one opportunity to make these selections due to conflicts with other school activities.

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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The Boosters survive only as long as the parents get involved in our events and activities. The school district can't fund this program completely so the Band Boosters have to make the commitment to pick up the extras.

New Directors— each year, the Band Boosters look for parents willing to accept the responsibility of leading the Booster Organization. This year the Board is looking to fill five Director Positions that will become open in July.

The Band Boosters is a Corporation responsible for raising and administering a large amount of money. Being a Director means committing yourself to ensure that the Boosters achieve their goals.

Each Director will be directly responsible for an event or activity during the school year and they are also charged with getting all parents involved.

Nominations for Directors will be accepted at the April Booster meeting. The Booster Nominating committee will:

- ensure that each candidates meets the requirements to serve as Director
- review each candidates background and qualifications
- conduct interviews with the candidates
- present a recommended slate of candidates for election at the May Booster meeting

Talent Survey

Look For It — Fill it Out

The Boosters are fortunate to have a large number of parents, each with different talents. However, many times we hear - "I have experience with that, you should have called me." Why didn't that parent get a call? - Who knew to call?

The newly formed Nominating committee has developed a Talent Survey to help capture the talents and experience of each parent. This survey will soon be mailed to each parent. **Please** complete and return the survey. A little help from those with experience makes each job easier.



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Upcoming Fundraisers

Pork Chop Dinner / Concert - Wed. May 6th.

We will be asking for workers and donations at the April meeting. Dinner generally runs from 4:30 to 7:00 with the concert starting at 7:30. If you can't attend the meeting, but are willing to work, please contact Jane Velazquez 243-1742

Summer Camp – Thurs.-Sun, May 21 –24

Once again the IVC Band Boosters have a golden opportunity to make a large amount of money working at what has become a nationally recognized event.

Memorial Day weekend, starting on Thursday, we will be parking cars and assisting with entry. We also have secured some concessions for this year. Last year we made around \$7500. This year, who knows? Could we top that?

One issue to be aware, we ARE in school at that time due to the snow days, so **we will be needing more parents this year.** If you can help, please contact Sue Hartley 370-2247. It should be a great time with the addition of such headliners as Willy Nelson and Los Lobos!!!

Bands of America Camp

Students interested in going to the Bands of America Summer Symposium at Illinois State University need to get their information in before the end of March in order to receive the early bird discount. Applications are available on the BOA website, www.bands.org. This is the best summer music camp in the country and your kids will learn so much while having a great time. Also IVC students that attend this Camp get a discount on their IVC Band Camp fee. If you need an application, see Mr. Dietrich

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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**2009 Marching Grey Ghosts
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Summer and Fall Dates as of March 27th

Minicamp Preseason Dates – The first week of June (1,3,4) 6:30–8:30 pm

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. 2rd 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 23rd

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

Field Shows - Sept. 19th TBA
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Riddle Answers

1. Few
2. Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
3. Music
4. Samuel was bald.



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Remaining Yearly Events

- April 09** IVCEA Foundation Chocaholics Jazz Night - Wed., April 1
 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
 Summer Camp— Thurs, May 21—Sun. May 24
 Claude Ellen Parade — Sat, May 30 (tentative)

Riddles

1. I know a word of letters three. Add two, and fewer there will be.
2. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?
3. At the sound of me, men may dream, Or stamp their feet. At the sound of me, women may laugh, Or sometimes weep.
4. Samuel was out for a walk when it started to rain. He did not have an umbrella and he wasn't wearing a hat. His clothes were soaked, yet not a single hair on his head got wet. How could this happen?

Answers are on Page 6



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