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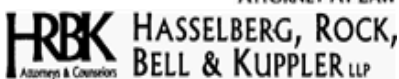
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### Next Booster Meeting....

The next General Booster meeting will be **Tuesday, August 25, 2009**, just after the start of school. It will be our annual potluck kick off night with a preview of the show. Watch for summer newsletters for a date and time.

**Board Meetings:** The Board will meet Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm in the Band Room. There will also be a Board Meeting in June - - the date will be set at the May Board meeting.

### Remaining Events

**May 09**      Spring Band Concert and Pork chop dinner – Wed., May 6  
Awards night – Mon., May 11

### **Pork Chop Dinner / Spring Concert**

This annual event is set for, Wednesday, May 6th. We will serve dinner from 4:30 – 7:00. Please support this event and bring friends and family. All your food donations and ticket money should be in by the day before, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks in advance for the hard work of all involved with this event.

Special thanks to Jane Velazquez for once again chairing this event.

**WE URGENTLY NEED FOOD DONATIONS AND WORKERS.**

**Call Jane Velazquez at 243-1742 or Janet Johnson at 472-4981.**

**CONCERT TO FOLLOW DINNER** – Our Spring Band Concert will follow the dinner at 7:30 in the AUDITORIUM. The concert will feature all three bands performing Music from Other Places.

There are several highlights to this program including some multi-media presentations, an amazing trombone solo by our All State Senior Christina Frank and a world renown guest conductor, Robert Sheldon. Symphonic Band students need to be ready to warm up at 7:00. Attendance for the other groups will be taken at 7:20.

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**Awards Night**

**Monday, May 11 at 7:00** - High School Commons..... Wow, what a year we have had!! Come and celebrate with us as we acknowledge the great accomplishment of your children. It is Dessert night, so bring a sweet to share and your own table service. The Boosters will supply the drinks.

**Award Policy** -- I want to remind parents and students of our award policy. All first year band members will receive the First Year Certificate. Band students with 4 semesters or Guard members with three seasons earn the Band letter. Band members with 6 semesters or Guard members with two seasons earn their special pins and Band members with 8 semesters and guard members with 4 seasons receive a senior plaque unless they were also previously in the band and decided to not perform second semester. We will acknowledge all Seniors in attendance at the banquet and I will do my usual chitchat about each one, but only those that qualify will receive a plaque.

**Graduation Band**

All Non-Senior Band members need to report by 1:15 on Sunday, May 17th and they will be done shortly after 3:00 pm. They need to dress comfortably but appropriately for this service — **NO SHORTS** —

**Jazz Night a Hit !!**

The crowd was huge, the desserts and food plentiful and the jazz smokin' at our annual Foundation Jazz Night. Thanks to all that attended and helped and special thanks to Karen Griffith for handling the food.

Also a big **THANK YOU** to the IVC Educational Foundation for hosting the event. Each year the Foundation uses the proceeds from the admission to pay the guest artist. Remaining funds are donated to the music program. This year the proceeds were split among the Junior High Schools and the Choir Program, with the High School band getting the concession proceeds.

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## Summer Camp— Music Festival

The festival starts on Thursday, May 21, 2009 and ends at midnight on Sunday, May 24, 2009. This is a greatest fundraising opportunity — 4 days of work and we make over \$7500.00. However, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

There are 4 shifts of 4 hours each per day starting on Thurs, May 21 at 8 AM. Sign up sheets are available in the IVC High School band room, Mossville band room, and CEC band room. We need adults and students to assist with parking cars, checking wrist bands and tickets at the front gate, assembly and distribution of programs/garbage/recycle bags, and aluminum can collection.

**Special Perk for Working** — work 8 hours and get a bracelet for yourself. That's right, YOU give 8 hours of YOUR time and YOU get a bracelet for the whole weekend.....go the whole weekend and see all the bands or just make it a special treat for yourself to see Willie Nelson and Los Lobos on Sunday!

Call Sue Hartley (370-2247) or Pam Orton (635-1522) or Gail Quinn (274-4082) and they will let you know what shifts are available and get you signed up. You will also receive a phone call within the next couple of weeks to confirm the times you have signed up. If any further information or changes are given to us, you can check the IVC Band website or Edline. We will do our best to keep everyone informed!

### Notes for Students and Parents

Summer Camp is a BIG Event that brings a large economic benefit to our community. During the Memorial Day weekend, over 15,000 people will be at Three Sisters Park — that's over twice the population of Chillicothe.

Events like this also bring with them various challenges and concerns. Yes, the Band Boosters can use the funds raised from this event. **However the safety and security of our students and parents is our primary concern.** Thus, we have established Rules for those working the event. These rules are listed on the next page.



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**Summer Camp— Music Festival (continued)**

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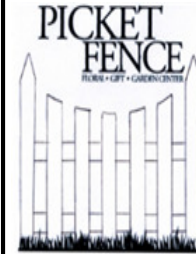
1. Adults and parents will work together as a group.
2. NO student will be allowed within the gates of the park UNLESS they have a written permission slip signed by the parent.
3. NO student will be given a bracelet UNLESS they have a written permission slip signed by the parent.
4. NO student will be allowed within the gates of the park to purchase food, beverages, etc. Water will be provided by the Band Boosters and fast-food is available in town.
5. A Port-a-Potty will be provided for our use and will be located by the Summer Camp Check-in Tent.
6. ALL volunteers MUST sign in at IVC tent (by Summer Camp Check-in Tent) AND sign out at the end of their shifts. We will have a timekeeper for each shift for you to report to. We cannot give YOU a bracelet unless you have reported your time correctly!!!!
7. Adults will chaperone students in the parking lot area and while collecting aluminum cans.
8. Students will not be allowed to leave any of our work areas without checking out at the IVC tent.

**Concert / Jazz CD Orders**

Forms will be available at the awards night. The sooner we get these in the sooner we will get the CDs. Cost is \$10 per CD.

**Bradley University Honor Band**

Four members of the IVC Band were selected for this year's edition of the Bradley Honor Band. They are Rebekah Durig, Christina Frank, Patrick Hart and Ethan Hayward. This very select group of 75 high school musicians represents over 50 area high schools. Congrats KIDS!!!



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The date is Saturday, May 30th. The parade starts at 2:00 and goes North to South through downtown. The band room will be open at Noon for kids to get equipment and we will meet at Pearce (unless we hear differently) at 1:30.

**WE WILL NOT BE IN UNIFORM, BAND T-SHIRTS AND JEANS!!!**

Once the parade is over, kids need to quickly return their equipment to the band room as it will remain open 30 minutes after the end of the parade. The only students that need to attend this event are current Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors. Graduated Seniors are certainly welcome!!!

**Marching Band T-Shirts**

New students need to order one of these t-shirts to wear under their uniforms. We also use these as our uniform if its too hot at parades or other impromptu events. If you need one of these t-shirts, contact Gail Quinn (274-4082).

**Summer Rehearsals**

Make sure you check out the summer rehearsal schedule under the calendar.

**Uniform News**

Please keep an eye out for the final camp letter and times and dates of uniform fittings this summer and uniform charges. All Students will be fitted or refitted for uniforms. Shoe fittings will be on the last two Tuesday summer rehearsals and these uniform shoes are a requirement.

**HELP!!!** If anyone can help with uniform fittings and the paper work that is involved on any or all of the nights listed please call Gail at 274-4082 . Several parents are needed for this!!



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**Auditions—2009 Marching Grey Ghosts**

Auditions for next year's band are to be completed by May 15th. Those not auditioning or those that do not successfully pass the audition will be placed in the Fall concert band. To date less than 25% of the students enrolled for the fall have auditioned. Music has been available since late February.

**SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMY  
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These have been sent to you directly in the mail. The dates and costs have been adjusted due to the change in our calendar. Summer lessons help your children play better, learn their show tunes faster and help with memorization. The price has been dropped to \$40.

Please send your form into Mr. Dietrich, ASAP, so he can create a schedule. Band Camp Registration – These were mailed to you with your account statement. Please return the form as soon as possible. There will be more info about camp coming out in the summer.

**Auditions—Wind Ensemble and Jazz I**

Graduation has created some openings in our top ensembles. Needs have been posted and audition materials made available. We are just waiting for kids to show up!!!!

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## 2009 – 2010 Band Calendar

### Marching Grey Ghosts

#### Summer and Fall Dates

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

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

**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)

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| <b>Field Shows</b> - Sept. 19th | Morton                  |
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| Oct. 3rd                        | Olympia                 |
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