



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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This newsletter will be divided into two main sections, a parent information corner and student information corner. Hopefully, this will allow you to focus on what you need to since we all are busy. Please take a moment to read this important information so we can become an amazing team.

PARENT INFORMATION CORNER

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on March 12th at 7:00 in the IVC Band Room. These meetings are quite important. Topics for discussion include our jazz and concert season, up coming trip and future plans and goals of the organization.

2013 BAND AND CHOIR TALENT SHOW

A huge thanks to Alanda Hunt and Amy Greer for all her efforts promoting, organizing and making sure the evening ran smoothly. We had a great time and everyone involved really did well. The jazz bands, many vocal events, novelties and rock bands jammed numbering over 30 events. A special thanks goes out to Connor Bogner and Mr. Kosinski for stepping in as the Masters of Ceremonies.

2012 BAND BOOSTER TRIVIA NIGHT

This year's date is scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd at the Pearce Community Center in Chillicothe. It is a load of fun and it can be a great way to hang out and just have a blast. We would love to see the place packed. Last year we had 14 tables and this year; we would love to see close to 20. The cost is \$10 per participant or \$80 per table. The theme this year is "Around the World". Colleagues/coworkers from your business could set up a team and really get to know each other outside the work environment. Please be encouraged to participate and set up a team for this event. Set up will begin at 5 pm and the questions start around 6:00 pm. The evening should be done around 10:30 pm. To register, just show up at the door or if you have questions, please contact Deb Stoecker at 309. or Mark Cosner at 309.253.3585. Hope to see you there!

CIVIC CENTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

IVC band parents have the opportunity to earn money for their band student's account by working at a concessions stand during events in downtown Peoria. A handful of parents worked at the recent Michigan-Bradley game and they were swamped! This is a moneymaker that can accumulate funds for you very quickly. Please contact either Tanya Beason at 309.868.9529 or Alanda Hunt at 309.258.1648 if you would like to help. We have several parents willing to help as managers so we can continue to raise monies for future band camp fees.

MATRESS SALE FOR THE BAND

That's right, we are going to sell mattresses in the commons area on Saturday, March 2nd from 8 am to 5 pm. If you are in the market for a twin, double, queen or king size quality mattress or know someone who is interested, please have him or her stop by the high school for more information. This is a great way for our band program to replenish for the upcoming marching season.

LESSONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Cathy Mitchell and Brian have started lessons with our kids!!!! Cathy is an expert clarinetist (coached Michael German and Haley White- fine clarinetists) and Brian Russell (coached several students at Mossville) is a professor of trombone at Knox College. They are both willing to provide training for a very, very small fee of \$7 per lesson. Please have your student take full advantage of this opportunity. As a musician, they can grow exponentially and develop the skills in just four months. Again, it's during the school day and it will cost them the equivalent of an extra skinny mocha latté. I beg you to encourage your band students to take advantage of these opportunities from these talented musicians.

Clarinet Choir – Cathy Mitchell has begun a clarinet choir!!!! That is so awesome. If you are interested, please contact one of the members of the clarinet section and come on out. It is open to anyone (talent is optional), even junior high students, former high school alumni and anyone from the community. Even band parents that think they can muster up the guts to dust off their clarinet are more than welcome to join. Bass Clarinetist can use the school instruments. They usually rehearse every Tuesday evening at 7 pm.

KROGER AND KOHLS GIFT CARDS

Kroger cards are a great way to raise money for your child's account. They can be used all over the country and can be given to anyone, neighbors, family members or friends in honor of your student! They can be reloaded and anyone can raise money fast for your student. If you would like more information regarding Kroger and Kohl's cards, please contact Cathy Crank at 309. 696.9550.

STUDENT INFORMATION CORNER

2013 ILMEA PARTICIPANTS

Way to Go Keaton, Kaitlyn, Michael and Josh!!!! All of these amazing IVC students participated in the 2013 IMEA All State conference Honors and All-State groups. They were magnificent! What an honor as a teacher to witness their efforts. I was extremely proud of them and they represented our school with amazing solos and a quality of musicianship that was out of this world.

Congratulations to Keaton Judy (2nd year in a row-All-State Jazz), Josh Rose (2nd year in a row – Honors All-State), Michael German (All-State concert), and Kaitlyn Farris for making the honors jazz combo – 2nd year). This is indeed a tremendous honor and achievement. It is very rare to have four students from such a small school achieve the highest of accolades. Congratulations!!!

JAZZ ONE AND SPECTRUM ILMEA PERFORMANCE

This was indeed again a highlight in my career. To be selected and then participate at this prestigious event was just priceless. The journey with the Jazz One students was one that I will never forget. These students worked as hard as they could for each other and became a band of one. I could go on and on about their sacrifices as they became only the third band in IVC history to participate at this event. I want to publicly thank them for making a dream of mine come true.

PEP BAND

The pep bands have sounded amazing!!! The opposing team parents continue to comment on how rocking we are. The energy clearly came off from the talents of the kids. It was fun to work with them on the pop charts we performed. Thanks to all the middle school kids that came by to jam with us. You guys and girls are always welcome!

2013 FALL DRUM MAJOR TRYOUTS

Drum major audition dates will most likely be around the early part of the month of March. We want to make sure we have the drum majors selected before spring break so that summer workshops and clinic paperwork can be completed before the deadlines.

2013 FALL DRUMLINE AUDITIONS/PLACEMENTS

Drum line auditions will be held from Monday, February 11 through Friday, February 15th at the IVC band room from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. We are in need of anyone that can read piano music for the front ensemble as well as a student that can run and understand the elements of a soundboard. The sound board member does not need to audition, but must contact Mr. Chapman if interested.

2013 FALL COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS

If you are interested in becoming a dance and color guard member of our marching band, auditions will be held on February 18 – 21st from 6:00 to 8:00. Please wear attire and proper shoes for dancing. Please contact Kristen Smith if you have questions at 309.256.3546. You must make plans to attend all the audition days.

WINTER BAND CONCERT INFORMATION

The concert is on Sunday, March 3rd at 2:00 pm in the HS Auditorium. Concert and Wind Ensemble members need to report at 12:30 pm to help set up. This concert will feature contemporary music that is based off of the theme, *Catch Me If You Can* soundtrack. The students will be in concert dress. Also, please stay for the entire concert. It is very disheartening to see the guests leave. We like to support all the students.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

For those interested in this event, the date has been set for Friday, March 1st at Mossville Grade School. We will have judges at the grade school for high school events. Please let Mr. Chapman know if you are participating in this event. There is a sign up sheet in the band room. If you are performing a solo, please contact a pianist for your accompanist. Information sheets will be available in the band room soon.

JAZZ BAND CORNER

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY JAZZ FESTIVAL

Jazz One headed over to Illinois Wesleyan University experiencing great workshops, clinics and a concert. They performed four selections and one of those selections is on our website.

DUNLAP JAZZ FESTIVAL

Congratulations to both bands for two outstanding performances. All three judges were very impressed with the number of participants as well as the quality of literature and musicianship. Solo awards were given to Jerry Noar, Ashton Baczak, Alexis Hart, Ben Ransom, Josh Rose and Keaton Judy. Congratulations to all the district bands, including the CEC and Mossville bands. It was nice to be well represented.

ROLLING MEADOWS JAZZ FESTIVAL

Both jazz bands will depart for the RMJF on Saturday, February 23, 2013. We will be there for the entire day/evening and return on Sunday, February 24th. Members need to bring \$ for food. Our performance times are as follows: Jazz Too – 3:00 pm/ Jazz One 1:00 pm. We are staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Rolling Meadows. If you have not paid for the entire trip, the remaining balance is due by Friday, February 15th. Itineraries are located in the band room or on the website.

IVC FOUNDATION CHOCOHOLICS JAZZ NIGHT

This year's date for this evening of jazz is set for Wednesday, March 6th. We will again be in the commons and each district band will perform about 20 minutes of music. We hope you can come out and support our bands. Food will be available and there is a small admission cost to help fund the event. The first band will begin at 6 pm.

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY JAZZ FESTIVAL

Jazz One only will depart for Bradley University at 10 am Tuesday, February 26, 2013. We will be there for most of the day. Members need to bring \$ for lunch. We will arrive back at IVC around 2:45.

Mr. C's COMMENTS

What a performance!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ILMEA was incredible. The entire package was perfect. Thanks to all the members for their commitment and dedication for this experience. It is one I will never forget and I hope they can say the same. Thanks to Mark Cosner for designing a picture perfect program. Thanks to the administration for allowing us to even do something like this. Thanks to the parents for handling all the trips to the band room on very cold days. Thanks to Leigh Bowen for making the jazz camp a huge success coordinating all the lunch items. Thanks to Rodney Davis for hauling all the equipment down and back to the Civic Center safely. Thanks to Toby Thomas, Dan Dietrich, Doug Smith and Tim Higus for coming out night after night to critique and make us better. Thanks to the boosters for providing the funds needed to bring in two guest artists, one from NY City and commissioning the premier of Full Circle. Thanks also to the boosters for funding the audition tape and recording of the event. Congratulations to the chorale for their talents in song. Lastly, thank you the students for an amazing performance. As a team, we all pulled together and made it what everyone expected, a truly memorable performance from our IVC music department.

February and March are again packed with tons of events. Things are really firing up. Jazz bands, pep bands, concert band, solo and ensemble, preparing for next year's marching season, talent night, trivia night, civic center, Rolling Meadows trip, Chocoholics night and preparing for next year's season can be daunting to say the least. I thank all of you that are behind the scenes making sure our kids get the best. We appreciate your time and efforts.

The jazz bands have been working their tails off since November. The music is quite hard and they have again risen to the challenge. Please come out and support both bands at the talent show and Foundation Jazz Night. You will blow you away with their amazing commitment, dedication and passion for this music.

Thanks to Donna Daly, Chris Hart, Chris Featherstone, Karen Pitts, Rhonda Davis, Cathy Mitchell, Kathy Crank, Gina White, Jane Harrison, Lisa Mack, Deb Reginald and Marlene Zagrossi for all the help with the concert and marching band uniforms. You ladies have really stepped up to insure our kids always look their best. I could not do this without your dedication and pride. Thanks for all your hard work and we appreciate your commitment to this program.

Hope to see you at the trivia night to support our kids. We have a blast at this event and it really is fun to just get crazy once in a while. Please look for the fall schedule dates on the calendar. We have several dates set including band camp and several competitions.