



**Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter**  
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## **March 2013**

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 April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the IVC Band Room. These meetings are quite important. Topics for discussion include our future plans and goals of the organization. Our 2013 fall marching band season is coming fast. If you would like to volunteer for any component of our program to ensure our kids have success, please don't hesitate to jump in. We definitely need your help.

#### **2013 BAND BOOSTER TRIVIA NIGHT WRAP UP**

Thanks to Deb Stoecker and Scott & Michelle Lawson for putting on again another successful trivia night. We were able to bring in a large chunk of change for our kids and we really appreciate all those that came out for the event. We would also like to thank Pearce CC for taking care of us again and we hope to again have another great trivia night next year. The theme for next year's trivia night is "*Rock Bands Through the Ages.*" We hope you can start thinking of the band your table wants to represent.

#### **2013 BAND BASH**

This event is scheduled for Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. If you are interested in helping us out for our biggest fund-raiser of the year, please contact Lisa Rogers at 309.472.4472. Much of the behind the scenes work has begun to insure another successful Band Bash.

#### **CIVIC CENTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES**

IVC band parents have the opportunity to earn money for their band student's account by working at a concession stand during events in downtown Peoria. A handful of parents worked at the recent March Madness Experience. This is a moneymaker that can accumulate funds for you very quickly. These parents made around \$500, which was split between those that worked. That is huge for the Peoria Civic Center! Please contact either Tanya Beason or Alanda Hunt @ 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.

#### **2013 ST. LOUIS MLB PERFORMANCE**

We have been asked to participate at one of the regular season professional MLB games for the St. Louis Cardinals. The Cardinals are hosting the LA Dodgers on August 6-8. We plan to attend one of those games and perform the National Anthem before the 7:05 pm start. We are working out all the details and will produce an itinerary and other much needed information for all those attending, including our students and the fans as soon as possible. Even if you are not a Cardinals fan, it will truly be another exciting experience for our students! Alumni of this year's ensemble will also be invited to perform (optional) before they head off to college.

### **MATRESS SALE FOR THE BAND**

That's right, we were able to sell 22 mattresses in the commons area. Thanks to the members of Northwoods Community Church for helping unload 20 some mattresses for the sale, which saved us tons of time! Thanks to Dan Terpstra and Mark Cosner for helping tear everything down. Several students received cash rewards for promoting the event. Congratulations and thank you to all those that received their reward.

### **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 Kathy Crank at 309. 696.9550.

### **STUDENT INFORMATION CORNER**

#### **WINTER BAND CONCERT RECAP**

Thanks to all the kids for putting on a great concert. The music was enjoyable for the audience. Thanks to Joe Gleason for putting together the video montage. Congratulations to Keaton and Meri for an amazing job on the *Catch Me If You Can* soundtrack selection. **Our next event is our Spring Pork Chop supper concert on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 starting at 7:30 pm.**

#### **SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST**

Congratulations to all the participants (listed below) of the 2013 Solo and Ensemble contest held at Mossville JH. There were many firsts given out and it was nice to hear so much talent. Everyone gave their best and the entire evening was very enjoyable for all those in attendance. We were very proud of your achievements: Michael German, Zach Lew, Josh Rose, Keaton Judy, Holly Johnson, Moriah Graden, Rachel Hale, Lauren Gardiner, Olivia Parott, Ria Greer and both Clarinet Choirs.

#### **2013 FALL DRUM MAJOR TRYOUTS**

Drum major audition dates are set for Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. We want to make sure we have the drum majors selected before Spring break so summer workshop and clinic paperwork can be completed before the deadlines. Requirements and an information sheet are now located in the band room.

#### **2013 FALL DRUMLINE REHEARSALS**

Drum line are set for every Thursday evening from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Those in the line are required to clear their schedule and be at every rehearsal so things are moving along quickly.

#### **2013 FALL COLOR GUARD REHEARSALS**

Color Guard rehearsals are set for every other Thursday evening from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Those in the guard are required to clear their schedule and be at every rehearsal so things are moving along quickly. The following dates for rehearsals are as follows: March 12<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and May 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **ROLLING MEADOWS JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Congratulations to the Jazz One band. They received third place in their class and were only one point out of second place. It was nice to back in the mix. Jazz Too also played well and we hope for great things from those students next year.

**IVC FOUNDATION CHOCOLHOLICS JAZZ NIGHT**

A huge and special thanks to Marlene Zagrossi for all she did for this event. Not just for this year, but also for all the years she has been committed to this event. All the bands performed well and we were all impressed with the level of talent. Adam Larson's quintet came to each school for a master class and made the day spectacular. Our kids experienced a live band from NYC! They were incredible musicians and I hope our students came away with the knowledge that they could be just like those guys. Thanks to the Foundation for all the support to get Adam's quintet here as well as provide all those amazing desserts!

**MR. C's COMMENTS**

Well, we are sure into the Spring semester! Jazz bands, pep bands, concert band, solo and ensemble, talent night, trivia night, civic center, Rolling Meadows trip, Chocoholics night and preparing for next year's season has all been rolling along nicely. I thank all of you that are behind the scenes making sure our kids get the best support possible. We appreciate your time and efforts. The two concert bands are in high gear working really hard. Keep your eyes posted as we prepare for the 2013 season. The dates are posted on our website. Our staff is currently being hired and we are beginning to design next year's show. We look forward to seeing you at these future events and thank you for your continued support.