



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter

1300 W. Sycamore St Chillicothe, IL 61523 309/274-5481

Matt Chapman, IVC Director Kim Tegg, CEC Director Tim Higus, Mossville Director

Tradition – Pride in Performance - Integrity



May 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 May 14th 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 rapidly approaching and we have a very busy summer preparing for the near future. 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 BASH

This event is scheduled for Sunday, August 11th, 2013. If you are interested in helping us out for our biggest fundraiser 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. Monthly meetings have been scheduled for May and the upcoming summer months leading up to the event. The first meeting will be held at Tim and Shelly's Restaurant on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

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 Michigan-Bradley game and they were swamped! 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 Alanda Hunt @ 309.258.1648 if you would like to help. We have several events approaching that will make money for your child's band account.

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 6th. We plan to attend that game 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 Cardinal 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.

2013 PEORIA CHIEFS PERFORMANCE

We have also been asked to perform at one of the regular season semi-professional baseball games for our own local Peoria Chiefs. Dates and logistics are still being decided. All current members and new members will have the opportunity to perform the National Anthem and watch the game.

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

SPRING CONCERT 2013

Our next concert is our Spring Pork Chop supper concert on Wednesday, May 1st, 2013 starting at 7:30 pm. Please make an effort to come and enjoy some amazing music. There will be two student soloists, Michael German and Josh Rose. We will also have a guest conductor/composer on the concert. It should really be a great one. Please invite all family members as well as incoming freshman. Also, you will be receiving four tickets to the Pork Chop supper. The meal, served from 4:30 –7:00 pm, is of excellent quality and I hope you can come up with ways we can make this a great fundraiser where we do not have to sell other products. There will be carryout available and a kid's hot dog meal.

2013 BRADLEY HONOR BAND MEMBERS SELECTED

It is very typical of the Bradley Director of Bands to annually select one or two members from IVC to participate in the Junior/Senior Honor Bands. To my delightful surprise, all six nominations were asked to participate. That is so cool! Thirty-five area schools will also be represented in a band of approximately 75 members. Congratulations to Meri Terpstra, Ian Spadin, Zach Cutler, Michael German, Josh Rose and Keaton Judy for representing IVC. You deserve the recognition and honor for all you have done for our program!

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT 2013

On Monday, May 13th at 6:00 pm, we will be honoring all the accomplishments from the band year and we hope you can come out and honor those that deserve recognition, especially the fine senior class. We will ask everyone to bring a delectable desert to share. We will have beverages available. It is really incredible to reflect on the year's accomplishments and set the goals for the following year. Please carve out some time to come out and celebrate as the 2012-13 band family one more time.

2013 FALL DRUM MAJOR ANNOUNCED

It is an honor to announce Amanda Bowen, Kylie Fox and April Pitts as our full time drum majors for the 2013 IVC Marching Grey Ghosts. The alternate drum major/marching member will be Alexis Hart. Congratulations to those girls as well as all those that had the courage to try out. All those that participated in the audition were excellent candidates and leaders.

2013 FALL DRUMLINE REHEARSALS

Drum line are set for every Thursday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 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 7:00 – 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: April 23rd, May 7th, and May 21st.

MR. C's COMMENTS

As this year comes to a conclusion, I can't help but think of all the accomplishments we had along the way. Also, I am dreading the day these seniors walk out the door for the last time. They have been an amazing class of talented musicians/people and our success was all driven by their desire to give all they had. They were dedicated, motivated and selfless. They had a passion to be different and act with compassion and motivation. They worked extremely hard at all they did and I thank them from the bottom of my heart for again teaching me what band is all about. We became a family all because these kids made it their goal to do just that. I truly believe the junior class has a lot to live up to and can learn from these seniors. Parents, we need your participation, large or small. To be successful, we need every helping hand so these students come away with the best experiences in their high school careers. Trust me, it will go by so fast and before you know it, they will be leaving for their future plans. As an incoming parent of a freshman, I can't believe how time has flown by. We are excited for the upcoming year and hope you are too. Please look at the schedule on our web site, www.ivcbands.com. Next season is crammed with great experiences for all of us. We look forward to seeing you at these future events and thank you for your continued support.