



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

Next meeting will be November 12th in the HS Band room at 7:00 pm. Topics for discussion include fall fundraisers, wrap up of the marching season, jazz and pep band season, and the upcoming trip and future plans and goals of the organization.

NEW CHARMS COMMUNICATION TO YOU FROM US

Chris Hart, Amy Giffin and Paul Weber have done an incredible job over the course of a very short time (3 months) to figure out our annual budget, student accounts and tackling all that comes with the accounting, administration and educating of this program. We thank you for your patience and hope the software will allow us to clarify where your dollars go. You should be receiving statements that show you exactly what has been deposited and where it has been distributed. If you want to hear and learn more about how to access your student's account, you can stop by a booster meeting and we would be glad to explain or answer any questions you may have at that time

NORMAL WEST AND LIMESTONE COMMENTS

It was unfortunate that we are in the class we were in at IWU. If we would have been put in the class we should have been placed in, we would have been right behind Eureka and Pontiac. It was what it was and we just moved on focusing on the end of the year performances. It was so awesome to finally hear our name read at Limestone for Best winds in the class and overall, as well as class winners and Grand Champions. It gave us the boost that we all needed for the final shows of our season. The judges love our show and just want us to do our best. We now have to execute moves, music and add tons of cool stuff to make this a show and season one to remember!

PARENTAL HELP FOR YOUR KIDS SHOW

THANK YOU to all the parents that stepped up and came out to support our program by moving and building all our props. Many of you didn't wait to be asked and just helped wherever we needed it! Your child definitely benefits from your volunteerism and sacrifice. These folks sacrificed seeing their kids perform from the stands. You gave up your opportunity to sit in the stands and watch your child perform. Thank you again for that amazing sacrifice.

LIA SOPHIA NEW FUNDRAISER YEAR ROUND

If you love jewelry or know someone who does, this is a great opportunity to purchase some very fine pieces and have a lifetime guarantee. Chris Featherstone has offered to chair this event and is very excited to get this fundraiser up and running. We have catalogs out and if you would like to peruse the merchandise, you can go to the website or contact Chris at 309.360.6206 if you have any questions. These products can be offered to anyone in the country.

KROGER GIFT CARDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Kroger cards are a great way to raise money for your child's account. They can be used all over the country by anyone for your student, reloaded and they make great stocking stuffers!

CIVIC CENTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

As we begin our discussions regarding possible fundraising opportunities for the future, this is a moneymaker that can accumulate funds for you quickly. If we want to keep this as a fundraiser, we need a chairperson to step up and make it work. As Alanda mentioned at the past booster meeting, all of her daughter's trips were paid for through her experiences at the Peoria civic center. For upcoming events at the Peoria Civic Center, please contact Alanda Hunt at 309.258.1648.

23rd ANNUAL IVC BAND HOLIDAY FRUIT SALE

Leigh Bowen and Lisa Mack have distributed all the order forms and are working behind the scenes to make this annual fundraiser for your child's band account a huge success. They were able to contact the company and keep the prices for the fruit boxes as low as possible. If you have any questions, please contact one of these two ladies. You have a month to get the orders out.

For every box you sell, \$5 dollars will be put into your child's band account. This is a great way to raise funds quickly!!! The money is due back one week after delivery. We will order a few extra boxes for those that don't get their orders in. If you do take extra boxes, be sure to sign it out so you can get the credit.

PLEASE think outside the box! Consider asking restaurants in the area that would like to purchase fruit for their employees (x-mas baskets) or for garnishes for drinks/ingredients for their homemade pies. Find the senior citizens in town and ask them if they are interested in some holiday fruit to again bake into their amazing pies. Ask teachers from every school in the Chillicothe area or even purchase a box yourself and donate it to the food pantry in town. Consider purchasing a box for the fireman, police officers, rescue 33 crews, Schwan man, garbage men or mail carrier or even town officials for all they do for our town throughout the year. \$5 dollars a box can certainly put a ton of funds into your band member's account quickly and generate funds for band camp as well as our future trip to sunny somewhere.

23rd ANNUAL IVC BAND RAFFLE

We are continuing to find ways to generate more energy for this fundraiser by distributing the prize money even further. We are no longer just giving away one prize. So, we have split the \$10,000 dollar prize into 8 levels of winners. The biggest prize is \$5000, followed by a \$3000 winner and four \$500 winners. We hope to generate more sales as well as giving back to Chillicothe. This is a big fundraiser of the year and pays for our three-year lease of new instruments. You should have your tickets by now and we are counting on each band family to sell five books of tickets. It is also important to get stubs and money into your captain weekly as we have regular turn in nights, which allow us to track sales. If you have any questions please call.

A side note, if you do not wish to participate in this fundraiser that generates funds for the entire band, (i.e. funds for columns, guard outfits, drum line heads and sticks, front ensemble mallets, music, drill, etc) we would ask you seriously consider purchasing the tickets yourself or give a donation to the band. If we do not make budget on this fundraiser, we will again be considering raising band camp fees for next year.

GOTTA GHOST OUT TO EAT BAND FUNDRAISER

Castaways restaurant are offering 20% of all their food sales are being donated back to the band on October 22nd. We have both a carry out opportunity and dine in option. Pizza pick up will be on October 22nd, however, the pizzas have to be pre ordered by October 16th for carry out so they can make them and have them packaged for the 22nd. Pre order forms are available immediately and can be printed off the ivcbands.com website. Dine in and carry out times are from 5pm - 9 pm. If you have questions, contact John Gleason at 309.208.7608.

STUDENT INFORMATION CORNER

2013 ILMEA PARTICIPANTS

WOW! There were an incredible number of students participating at the 2013 IMEA jazz, concert and choir concerts. Congratulations to all the students, including the choir students for representing our district! Thanks to all those students that auditioned and for putting in all the effort and time! The following students were selected as members of the 2013 IMEA ensembles: Taylor Vaughn (jazz), Josh Lew (concert), Mitch Baron (concert), Ian Spadin (jazz), Ashton Batzak (jazz), Zach Cutler (concert), Nathaniel Reginald (concert), Alexis Hart (jazz), Zach Lew (jazz) and Jon Olivera (jazz).

PEP BAND 2013-2014

Expectations: EVERYONE is to be at the games. We count on you to be there and learn what is presented to you. We understand you have homework and other activities, but it is imperative you manage your time carefully. Seniors, you must lead the way on this as others are watching your decisions. Remember, we are all counting on each other to make this work.

There will one pep band this year. We are going for a more powerful sound to ROCK THE HOUSE for boy's varsity basketball. All band members that play wind instruments are expected to attend all the games (dates in the calendar). Participation will be recorded and graded. We will be using only a couple of interested drum set players from the percussion section. Our first game is on December 13th with a call time beginning at 6 pm. Each game will have a different report time and that information will be posted in the band room.

CHILLICOTHE CHRISTMAS PARADE

All members of the Marching Grey Ghosts, except a few Front Ensemble members, are expected to perform on November 23rd, 2013 in the **Chillicothe Christmas Parade**. Students can pick up their equipment and get their uniforms any time that day prior to 1:30. The band will meet at the usual corner of Hickory and Second St. at 1:30 pm with the parade starting at 2:00 pm. The parade should be done by 2:45 and the band room will remain open for equipment/uniform drop off for 30 minutes once we complete the parade.

JAZZ BAND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Jazz one will rehearse Tuesday evenings (6-9 pm) and Jazz Too will rehearse after school on Mondays (2:45 – 4 pm) and Tuesdays (2:45 – 4 pm). Jazz Three will rehearse during extended homeroom. They are required to be at these rehearsals. These are important and we need to have everyone at each rehearsal. If you have conflicts, try to schedule them on the days you are not responsible to at during the week. Thanks for your cooperation!

HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT INFORMATION

The concert is on Saturday, Dec. 7th at 2:00 pm in the HS Auditorium. Concert and Wind Ensemble members need to report at 12:30 to help set up. This concert is a unit text and will be graded! This concert will feature wonderful music of the season and the announcement of the Raffle winner. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for this event. Dress clothes

are the standard. Also, please stay for the entire concert. It is very disheartening to see folks just leave. We like to support all the students.

Mr. C's Comments

It is amazing to witness so much that goes into a show like our show and with such speed. These kids are asked to compromise and adjust their positions daily and they do. I wish you could see a rehearsal and see what I see. These kids are remarkable. They persevere through the pain, endless changes and exhausting moves of the show. The demands are incredible. They finally see what hard work, pride in performance and passion really get them. The volunteers of this program are also giving all they can. It is wonderful to see the selflessness by many. Parents are providing and cooking food, uniforms (fixing/adjusting), moving equipment, fixing equipment, moving props, building, designing and altering props, fixing ripped flags, prepping the hair of the guard and even making something special for our seniors. These kids are getting the right step style, adding more musical general effect, more visual general effect and all in an 8-minute show.

Our students are working extremely hard to become better than the last time you saw them. I hope you see that improvement. Many of these students are getting it. They understand it's more than what I just mentioned. It is about passion, desire and pure grit. They understand that marching band pushes them all to the limits to excel, not just be good. It is more than them individually. It is you parents, the teachers (staff), the alumni and students moving into an area of excellence that builds the character to not just be average.

Hopefully this activity will strengthen and mold these kids into the leaders of amazing communities and businesses around the world. We hope all our efforts of positive movement effect generations in a positive way too. I hope you all can see what we are trying to do here. I am extremely proud of our entire band family (parents/alumni/staff and students). We are determined, passionate and extremely proud to say "WE ARE IVC!"

Congratulations to the senior class for all their efforts to make this year different. It is changing how we think around here. These seniors feel the difference and I thank them for making the changes to adapt. I would also like to congratulate all the ILMEA participants. We had so many make it this year again representing IVC. Those students made it due to the hard work in the summer months. Way to go! Thanks for representing IVC at our state music levels.

Remember, once marching band is over, our journey continues. Concert band, pep band and madrigal dinner music are approaching quickly. We still need so many hands to make our future become successful. Please do not leave our program for 8 months. We still need you! Lastly, I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with your families!