



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

I apologize for the delay of this newsletter. Due to my surgery, I was unable to finish it before I went into the hospital. I hope you can understand. Next meeting will be December 10th 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 up coming trip and future plans and goals of the organization.

ISU AND BOA COMMENTS

What an end to the year!!! We saved the best for last and planned it that way. The kids believed in what we were saying and trusted us to get there. After IWU, it was hard to believe it, but we as a staff knew it was going to be a great show. I must admit it was nice to hear our name announced five consecutive times at ISU. We are very proud of our accomplishments and I hope the kids are too. At BOA, we were 57th out of 64 bands. I know that can seem like we didn't do well, but we did play early and it was noted in the judging comments. I felt we had a good show in the dome and it gave our freshman a chance to hear the echo and get acquainted with their surroundings. We want to stress to the members we want to improve and this is a venue where we can be pushed as a staff and band. Congratulations to the members for a very fine end to the season. We are very proud!

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.

23rd ANNUAL IVC BAND HOLIDAY FRUIT SALE

Thanks to Leigh Bowen and Lisa for working behind the scenes to make this annual fundraiser for our members a success once again. They were able to contact the company and keep the prices for the fruit boxes as low as possible. Pick up is December 3rd after school.

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.

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 be 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 at 12:30. The band will meet at the usual corner of Beech St. 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.

BAND CELEBRATION BANQUET

We hope you can come out and join us as a band family to just celebrate and enjoy what we all did over the past six months. The banquet is in the IVC commons and will begin at 6pm. We look forward to enjoying a tasty meal provided by our very own master chef John Gleason.

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 7:00 pm in the HS Auditorium. Concert and Wind Ensemble members need to report at 5:30 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

Congratulations to the 2013 Class1A State of Illinois Champion Marching Grey Ghosts and band family!!!! What a journey it has been for all of us. I can remember the first days of rehearsal in May and watching these kids push each other do be their best. We knew they didn't want to settle for average. It was very refreshing to witness them striving to be at the best all the time. I can't say enough about the kids that really practiced to become better at what they do. Thank you for your sacrifice and work effort. It is an honor to have been your leader!

The volunteers of this program are also gave all they could for this program. It is wonderful to see the selflessness by many. Parents provided and cooking food, uniforms (fixing/adjusting), moving equipment, fixing equipment, moved props, building, designing and altering props, fixing ripped flags, prepping the hair of the guard and even making something special for our seniors.

I hope you saw and felt that dedication and desire our kids had to be number one in our state. They understand it was more than what I just mentioned. It is about passion, desire and pure grit. They understood that marching band pushed them all to their limits to excel, not just be good. It was more than them individually. It was you parents, the teachers (staff), the alumni and students moving into an area of excellence that built the character to not just be average and once again be one of the best bands in our state.

Hopefully this activity strengthened and molded 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!”

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. I want to also say thank you for understanding my absence at the ILMEA concert band festival.

Lastly, thank you for the outpouring of love and kindness to me the Sunday before my surgery. I was simply blown away by the kindhearted gesture to just play for me. I couldn't believe it and am still overjoyed by it. It is one moment in my career I will never ever forget. Thanks to all those that came up with the plan and made sure it went without a hitch.

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! I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with your families!