



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 **Monday**, February 10th 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.

2014 BAND AND CHOIR TALENT SHOW

A huge thanks to Alanda Hunt and Amy Greer for all there efforts promoting, organizing and making sure the evening runs smoothly. The jazz bands, many vocal events, novelties and rock bands will jam on Friday, February 7th, 2014. The admission fee is \$5.

2014 BAND BOOSTER TRIVIA NIGHT

This year's date is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 12th 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 "Rock Bands past and present". 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 309.635.0174 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 concession stand during events in downtown Peoria. A handful of parents worked at the recent cheerleading event and were swamped! This is a moneymaker that can accumulate funds for you very quickly. Please contact Alanda Hunt @ 309.258.1648 if you would like to help. We also need several parents willing to help as managers so we can continue to raise monies for future band camp fees.

WOODWIND CHOIRS FIRING UP

Flute Choir – The 1st official flute choir practice will be held on Monday, January 27th in the band room from 6:00 – 7:00pm. The music is ready to go! We have a variety of styles and hope we see all those that can play a flute. It is open to junior high students, former high school alumni and anyone from the community that can toot their flute. (Feb 3rd and 10th)

Clarinet Choir – Cathy Mitchell has again fired up the talented clarinet choir!! It's so awesome. If you are interested, please contact one of the members of the clarinet section or show up. 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 7:15 pm to 8:15pm in the choir room. (Feb. 11th, 18th, 25th)

KROGER 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

PEP BAND

The pep bands have sounded amazing!!! The opposing team parents continue to comment on how awesome we are. The energy clearly comes off from the talents of the kids. It is fun to work with them on the pop charts we perform. Thanks to all the middle school kids that came by to jam with us. You guys and girls are always welcome! We have three more remaining games: January 31st, February 11th and 15th.

2014 FALL DRUM MAJOR TRYOUTS

Drum major auditions were held this past Tuesday. We had a small number of auditions, but the talent was overwhelming. Congratulations to all that tried out. I also wanted to thank the 2013 drum majors, April Pitts, Amanda Bowen, Alexis Hart and Kylie Fox for helping me with the auditions. The 2014 Drum Majors are Ms. Kylie Fox, Mr. Nathaniel Reginald and Ms. Ceciley Eckhoff.

STUDENT HELP FOR 2014

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. We also are asking members that have left the program to consider returning. We need your gifts and talents to succeed. If there was something that caused you to leave the program that Mr. Chapman could help modify, please let him know so he can work to change things for the future.

2014 FALL COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS

If you are interested in becoming a dance and color guard member of our marching band, clinics will be held on **February 4, 10, 13 and March 4, 6, 11 and 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 at Mossville Grade School gym**. Auditions will be held in April. Please wear attire and proper shoes for dancing. Please contact Kristen Smith if you have questions at 309.256.3546. Please make plans to attend as many clinic days as you can.

WINTER BAND CONCERT INFORMATION

The concert is held on Sunday, March 2nd at 2:00 pm in the HS Auditorium. Concert and Wind Ensemble members need to report at 12:15 pm to be ready for a formal picture for the yearbook. This concert will feature concert band classic hits of yesteryear. 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. This concert is graded and mandatory. Please spread the word to all your family members so we can fill the auditorium. Both bands are already sounding delightful! You will be impressed.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

For those interested in this event, the date has been set for Friday, March 7th at CEC Grade School. We will have judges for all the 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 clinics. Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather, they members returned home early missing the concert and master classes. Congratulations to both Jazz I, Jazz II members and soloists from both bands for their great work. Mitch Baron receives the “tough guy” award for what he did that morning. He played the string bass while his fingers split open. Blood was the evidence of his amazing sacrifice. He is quoted as saying it was well worth it.

DUNLAP JAZZ FESTIVAL

This festival is held on Saturday, February 8th. All members are to provide their own transportation since the times are different and the event is so close to IVC. All the performances are held at the Dunlap High School Auditorium and the admission fee is very low. Here are the times for each band:

Band	Call	Warm up	Performance	Clinic
IVC JAZZ II	8:30 am	9:00am	9:30am	10:00am
IVC JAZZ III	10:00 am	10:30 am	11:00 am	11:30 am
IVC JAZZ I	12:30 pm	1:00 pm	1:30 pm	2:00 pm

ROLLING MEADOWS JAZZ FESTIVAL

All jazz bands will depart for the RMJF on Friday, February 21, 2014. We will be there for the entire evening and return late on Saturday, February 22nd. Members will need to bring their suitcases that morning during homeroom. We will most likely be leaving around 2 pm. Members need to bring \$ for food. Our performance times are not yet available. 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 Saturday, February 15th. Itineraries will be located in the band room and on the website once we receive our performance times.

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY JAZZ FESTIVAL

Jazz One only will depart for Bradley University at 7 am Tuesday, February 25, 2014. The featured artist is trumpet legend Bobby Shew. We will be there for most of the day. Members need to bring \$ for lunch. We will arrive back at IVC around 1:00pm for the 5A.

IVC DISTRICT JAZZ NIGHT

This year’s date for this evening of jazz is set for Wednesday, February 26th. 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. Our featured guest is the JC and the Redemption Jazz Ensemble featuring the top big band members in the area. You do not want to miss these guys!

MR. C's COMMENTS

February and March are again packed with tons of events. Things are really firing up. Jazz bands, pep bands, concert bands, solo and ensemble, preparing for next year's marching season, talent night, trivia night, civic center, Rolling Meadows trip, Jazz 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 all the bands at the talent show and Jazz Night. You will blow you away with their amazing commitment, dedication and passion for this music.

Thanks to Chris Featherstone, Kathy Crank, Karyn Terpstra and Vivian Penticoff for all the help with the concert and marching band uniforms. You ladies have really stepped it up to insure our kids always look their best. I could not do this without your dedication, passion 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.