



## Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter

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## February 2014

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, March 10<sup>th</sup> 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 her efforts promoting, organizing and making sure the evening ran smoothly. We had a great time and everyone involved really did well. The jazz bands performed, many vocal events and a rock band jammed numbering over 25 events. Also, thanks to Mr. Kosinski for stepping in as the MC and both Paul Ressler and “Tall Paul” Iverson for being so organized and moving things along. Congratulations to the “mom/daughter” dancers for raising the most funds as outstanding act of the night.

#### 2014 BAND BOOSTER TRIVIA NIGHT

This year's date is 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 “Bands”. Be Creative! 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 or Mark Cosner. Hope to see you there!

#### CHOIR MAMA FOR PARENTS TOO

**Flute Choir** – We are up and running. We have had about 8 members stop by and yes, a brave adult has dusted off her flute and begun practicing the music. If you played flute in the past and want to get back in the game, come on out. The rehearsals begin at 6pm on Monday evenings and go for about an hour or so.

**Clarinet Choir** – Cathy Mitchell has once again fired up our amazing clarinet choir!!!! That is so awesome. If you are interested, please contact one of the members of the clarinet section and come on out. 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.

### **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. This is a moneymaker that can accumulate funds to help pay for band camp, upcoming trips etc. IHSA March Madness is coming up and we have the opportunity to work in the exhibit hall for the Experience. To fill both weekends (March 14th & 15th, and 21st and 22nd) we need many volunteers! Please contact Alanda Hunt at 309-258-1648 if you want to volunteer. Also we need parents willing to step up and learn the Manager roles to replace senior parents.

### **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**

#### **2014 PEP BAND WRAP UP**

The pep bands have sounded amazing this year!!! The opposing team parents commented on how rocking a band we were. They were even dancing in the stands! The energy clearly came off from the talents of the kids and it was fun to work with them all on the pop charts we performed. Please remember that if you missed a pep band performance, you must make it up with the variety of options provided for you. They are on the syllabus in the band room. Grades were entered for each performance.

#### **2014 FALL DRUMLINE AUDITIONS/PLACEMENTS**

Drum line auditions will be held from Monday, March 3 through Friday, March 7th at the IVC band room from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. 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. Contact Aaron Mills for more information at Kidder Music.

#### **2014 FALL COLOR GUARD CLINICS**

Clinics at Mossville school are now set. If you are a dancer and would love to bring your talents to the marching band field, please attend the following clinics. They are held on the following dates: March 4, 6, 11, and 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristen Smith at 309.256.3546.

#### **WINTER BAND CONCERT INFORMATION**

The concert is on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm in the HS Auditorium. Concert and Wind Ensemble members need to report at 12:15 pm for a formal picture for the yearbook as well as setting up and warm up. The theme, *American Classics* will feature the music of American composers of the past including Sousa, Bilik, Holsinger and Smith. The students will be in concert dress. Also, please stay for the entire concert. It is very disheartening to see folk's just leave. We like to support all the students.

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

For those interested in this event, the date has been set for March 7<sup>th</sup> at CEC Grade School. We will have judges at the grade school for high school only events. Please let Mr. Chapman know if you are participating in this event. There is a signup sheet in the band room. If you are performing a solo, please contact a pianist for your accompanist. Information sheets are available in the band room.

**JAZZ BAND CORNER**  
**DUNLAP JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Congratulations to all the bands for sounding amazing. I was very proud of what you guys did and we can all be proud of what we have done despite the crazy weather. We had several musicians earn soloist awards. Congratulations to all that received those awards!

**ROLLING MEADOWS JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Jazz I, II and III will depart for the RMJF on Friday, February 21, 2013 and stay overnight returning on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. We will need to bring their luggage before school and store it in the band room. Members need to bring \$ for food (1 lunch and 2 dinners). A full itinerary is on the website and has been distributed. The cost for hotel, Illinois Charter and ticket to the Elmhurst Jazz fest concert included is \$100. Monies can be withdrawn from your account. Just let Mama Hart know what you want to do. Checks can be made out to the IVC band boosters. We are staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Rolling Meadows.

**BRADLEY UNIVERSITY JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Jazz One only will depart for Bradley University at 6:45 am Tuesday, February 25, 2013. Please wear your jazz attire. We will be there for most of the day. We perform at 8:30am in the Student Center. Members need to bring \$ for lunch/brunch. We will arrive back at IVC around 1:00 pm for the beginning of 5A classes. The blue itineraries that were placed in the band room were incorrect. Please pick up the "red/pink" one representing Bradley colors as the correct itinerary. Sorry for the confusion.

**IVC DISTRICT CHOCOLHOLICS JAZZ NIGHT**

We will begin music at 6pm. The concert will feature all the jazz bands from IVC and the featured big band, JC and the Redemption. The cost is \$5 to offset the cost of getting this amazing band to perform with all our students. We will offer food items for purchase and yes, the admission fee includes all the deserts one can digest! We would like to thank the Altrusa club membership for donating to this amazing event. We are blessed to have you help us out!

**Mr. C's COMMENTS**

What a winter!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Despite the cold, snowy weather, our jazz and pep band kids made quite an impression on everyone they performed for this season. I was so impressed with their ability to adapt due to the lack of rehearsal time and make sure we put on a great performance wherever we performed.

Thanks to our chaperones at Rolling Meadows! They had the dubious task of making sure everyone was safe on this trip. Special thanks to Chris Hart, Donna Daly and Karen Pitts for chairing this event. Also, thanks to Mike and Chris Featherstone, Deb Stoecker, Karen Terpstra, Paul Weber for being our chaperones. And I have to shout out a huge thank you to Rodney and Rhonda for taking care of all the equipment! It was a huge burden taken off our shoulders. Everyone did a marvelous job. I can't thank you enough for making this trip a successful one.

February and March are again packed with tons of events. The jazz bands have been working their tails off since December. The music is quite hard and they have again risen to the challenge. Please come out and support all the bands. The concert and jazz night is almost here. I hope you can all come out to preview what you kids can achieve. They will blow you away with their amazing commitment, dedication and passion for this music.

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Just to let you know, we still need help planning for the future. The fall competitive season is only a few months away. We cannot do it without you. If you have some time, please help lighten the load. This is such a huge program and we could sure use your help. So if you could find some time, we could use your talent. We look forward to meeting you!

Parents, we sure hope to see you at the trivia night to support our kids. We have a blast at this event and gets crazy once in a while. All of the funds help kick start our fundraising efforts for next year's bands. Please look soon for the fall schedule dates on the calendar. We have several dates set including band camp and several competitions.