



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, April 7th at 7:00 pm** in the IVC Band Room. These meetings are quite important. Topics for discussion include our upcoming trip and future plans and goals of the organization.

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, 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 are hoping for closer 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 5:30 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. Hope to see you there!

SMALL TRIP TO THE INDIANPOLIS 500

I have been searching for locations that would be have experiences and memories of a lifetime for our students yet is sensitive to the economic state we are currently in. I want to ensure you that we are looking out for everyone here and do not want to have to cancel the trip due to financial strains or a lack of interest. With the limited instrumentation, we need as many as we can to participate if we do in fact end up going on this trip. I would really like to hear from you the parents to get a sense of the possibilities. The trip is three days over Memorial Day weekend in 2015 and does include watching the race as well as all that leads up to the race. I would allow graduating seniors to participate. It is attended by thousands of racing fans from all over the country and I believe it can be a trip we can all enjoy.

PORK CHOP SUPPER/SPRING CONCERT

On April 30th, we will be hosting a pork chop supper for the community and band family. We request that we have a strong representation of parents, family and friends attend this supper and concert. Please clear your calendar and if you have the time, please consider helping out before the concert with the supper so all of us can attend the concert. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm so we can clean up the kitchen and enjoy the music as well as allow those in spring sports to make it back for the concert. Students need to be in concert dress and on stage at 6:30 pm for warm ups and tuning.

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. If you would like more information regarding Kroger and Kohl's cards, please contact Kathy Crank at 309.696.9550.

BAND ROOM “ALL HANDS ON DECK” WORK DAY

If you have time and have a talent in painting, hanging pictures and plaques or even washing and organizing, we could use your help. We have several “jobs” that have been put on hold for almost two years and it is time to get them done. We just ask for an hour or two of your time on **Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 10 a.m.** so we can move on completing this project. Drills, ladders, buckets, sponges and hand tools will be required.

CHOIR MANIA 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 has joined our practices. 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!!! 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

STUDENT INFORMATION CORNER

2014 PEP BAND WRAP UP

The pep bands have sounded amazing this year!!! The opposing team parents commented on how rockin’ 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 were held this past week. Aaron has been working on the placements, but has not officially told me who is where due to his recent surgery. Congratulations and thank you to all who worked hard over the week. If you know of anyone that can play piano and would like to play on the keyboards, we could definitely use their talents!

2014 FALL COLOR GUARD CLINICS

If you are a dancer and would love to bring your talents to the marching band field, please feel free to contact Kristen Smith at 309.256.3546 so she can inform you on auditions.

WINTER BAND CONCERT WRAP UP

This concert was excellent. I hope you can see the value of what these kids do working together just as they would on the marching band field. The level of musicianship was raised and demanding. I would like to thank artist and senior Erika Greskoviak for her amazing work as she painted a visual picture of our music. She spent weeks preparing for this project. Another of Erika’s great pieces is on display at the Peoria Airport.

IHSA STATE ORGANIZATIONAL BAND AND CHOIR CONTEST

On the morning of Saturday, April 12, the bands, Jazz I and choirs will head to Olympia High School in Stafford, IL to compete in the IHSA State contest. We will be judged on our performance of three selections. Students will be wearing their concert dress and will need to bring money for concessions. The performances are open to the public, but there will most likely be an admission fee to listen. Students are asked to ride the bus to the event. We will let you know the schedule as soon as we receive one. Students do need to be academically eligible the week prior to our performance. It is a graded event. Make up assignments will be given.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Thanks to all those that had the courage to get up in front of the judges and perform their best. Those that participated did extremely well. Congratulations to the clarinet choir and duets for putting together so many pieces with so many notes! The flute choir made a strong premiere performance. Josh Lew and Zach Lew really demonstrated some incredible techniques on their horns while Ian Spadin really shined on an arrangement he spent countless hours on preparing and transcribing for Marimba. The brass quintet made my night by performing one of my favorite selections receiving a perfect score! Way to represent IVC High School! Here are the results:

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| Flute Choir | II | Carissa Rose, Moriah Graden, Mackenzie Chapman, Claire Weber, Ceciley Eckhoff and Mrs. Lisa Rogers |
| Clarinet Choir | II | Amanda Bowen, Cora Habeger, Nathaniel Reginald, Michael Fenelon, Nicole Crank, Eric Featherstone, Molly Prewitt, Elizabeth Landis |
| Clarinet Duets | II | Michael Fenelon/ Cheyenne Featherstone and Nicole Crank/Cora Habeger |
| Clarinet Duet | I | Amanda Bowen and Nathaniel Reginald |
| Ian Spadin | I | Marimba solo |
| Zach Lew | I | Trombone solo |
| Josh Lew | I | Trumpet solo |
| Brass Quintet | I | Alexis Hart, Josh Lew, Abe Ramseyer, Alexis Humphreys, Mitch Baron |

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY JAZZ FESTIVAL

Jazz One performed extremely well. It was slightly a letdown that we had only five people listening to us, however, one was Alumni Josh Rose. Thanks Josh! The band played really well and the clinic was a hoot.

IVC DISTRICT CHOCOLHOLICS JAZZ NIGHT

Can I say success!!! This was an amazing event for all. The concert featured all the jazz bands from IVC and featured big band, JC and the Redemption. They were all awesome. A big shout out to CEC and Mossville for performing some outstanding selections. We would like to thank the Altrusa club membership for donating some delicious desserts! We were blessed to have you help us out! Thanks to all the band moms and dads that worked behind the scenes. It was really a great night and hope we can do it all over again next year!

Mr. C's COMMENTS

What a winter!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Despite the cold, snowy weather, we are working hard inside to ensure that the quality continues. We still have several events to focus on before we start the process all over again. I would also ask that every parent consider attending the Spring Concert on April 30th. It is also our annual Pork Chop supper and it would be awesome to have a strong representation at the concert to highlight all that these kids have done over the semester. They will blow you away with their amazing commitment, dedication and passion for this music.

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, students and parents. If you have some time, please help lighten the load. This is such a unique program and we could sure use your help. So if you could find some time this summer and fall, we could use your talent. We look forward to meeting you!

Parents, we sure hope to see you at Trivia Night to support our kids. We have a blast at this event and we get crazy once in a while. All of the funds help kick start our fundraising efforts for next year's bands.

Please look for the fall schedule dates on the calendar as well as updated registration and health forms for band camp that can electronically be filled out and returned. We have several dates set including Memorial Day camp (June 2-5), pre-camp, band camp and several competitions.