



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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Tradition – Pride in Performance - Integrity



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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 are all 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 booster meeting will be on **Monday, May 12th at 7:00 pm** in the IVC Band Room. These meetings are quite important. Topics for discussion include our upcoming trip, future plans and goals of the organization including Band Bash 2014.

AWARDS NIGHT ON MAY 12TH CANCELLED

I understand that people are extremely busy around this time of year, so I plan to present the awards to the students during our concert on Wednesday, April 30th. This way, we can avoid another night that could have so many conflicts. I encourage you to attend the concert so we can support all the award winners and wrap up another great year and wish the Class of 2014 Seniors all the best in the future.

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 between 5 – 5:30 pm and the questions start around 6:00 pm. The evening should conclude 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 INDIANAPOLIS 500 RACE

I have been searching for locations that would not only give us a great experience, but would give the students memories for a lifetime. I am 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 would be the three days over Memorial Day Weekend in 2015. It does include watching the Indianapolis 500 Race as well as all the activities that lead up to the race. I would allow graduating Seniors to participate. The event attracts thousands of racing fans from all over the country. I believe it would be a trip we could all enjoy.

2014 PORK CHOP SUPPER/SPRING CONCERT

On Wednesday, 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 again and again. 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 II

Thank you to all the parents and students that showed up this past weekend to start on the huge projects to bring pride back into our band room. We began at 9am and finished around 3:30 pm, but what a difference the progress is already making. If you, both parents and students 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. It's time to get them done. We just ask for an hour or two of your time on **Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 9 a.m.** so we can move on completing this project. Drills, ladders, buckets, sponges and hand tools will be required.

CIVIC CENTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

STUDENT INFORMATION CORNER

2014 BRADLEY HONOR BAND

Congratulations to April Pitts, Taylor Vaughn, Josh Lew, Zach Cutler, and Ian Spadin for being selected as this year's members of the 2014 Senior High School Bradley Honor Band. It is their dedication to their gift in music through lessons and the ILMEA process that warranted their participation in this very high honor.

DRUMLINE REHEARSALS INCLUDING THE FRONT ENSEMBLE

Aaron Mills and his staff have been working on fundamentals and chemistry for the drum line and their next practice is on Saturday, May 10th from 3:00 pm to 8 pm. Make sure you are prepared for a vigorous day of hard work.

2014 FALL COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS

If you are a dancer and would love to bring your talents to the marching band field, please attend the mandatory audition dates April 22, 23, and 24 at the high school from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Wear appropriate shoes and outfits for the auditions. If you have questions, feel free to contact Kristen Smith at 309.256.3546.

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 need to be eligible academically the week prior to our performance. It is a graded event. Make up assignments will be given.

Wind Ensemble performance time - 10 am Concert Band performance time - 11 am Jazz I performance time - Noon

IVC GRADUATION BAND

This year, the 2014 graduation ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 18th at 6:30 pm. Students are asked to be here at 5:30 pm so we can be tuned and ready to perform the prelude music. It is important to note that students are expected to dress appropriately, no shorts! This is a ceremony honoring your fellow classmates and we want you to look professional. Also, I ask that those that have siblings graduate please participate with us because our lack of members in the concert bands without the graduating seniors are low. We need everyone to perform so we sound great. Thank you for understanding!

Mr. C's COMMENTS

What a winter – Spring, please show up already!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 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. It would be awesome to have a strong representation at the concert to highlight the work that these kids have done over the past 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. Contact Chris Featherstone 309.360.6206. 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 the Trivia Night to support our kids. We have a blast at this event. It does 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 be filled out electronically from our webpage www.ivcbands.com . We have several dates set including June 2 – 5, pre-camp in July, band camp in late July/early August and competitions.