

**Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter**  
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**AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER**

This newsletter will be divided into two main sections, a parent information corner and student information corner. Please take a moment to read this important information so we can become an amazing family.

**PARENT INFORMATION CORNER: OUR NEXT MEETING**

Our next booster meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 7:15 pm** in the IVC Band Room. These meetings are quite important. Topics for discussion include our up coming trip and future plans and goals of the organization as well as our fall season. During marching band season, meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 7:15pm.

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND PARADE INFORMATION : Itineraries for both parades are listed at the end of this document**

The Labor Day weekend is quite busy for us. We perform in two parades throughout the region. The constituents of Kewanee and Toluca are always excited to hear Ghostriders in the Sky. For over twenty five years, we have marched down their streets and received arousing applause. Not only do we receive warm greetings, but we also receive monetary donations from each Chamber of Commerce which helps us considerably.

We ask that all members ride the bus to these events. If you would like your member to ride home other than taking the bus, that is fine. Please just make sure your member signs out with the bus driver. In the past, one or two have failed to do that delaying our departure. Parents, you are more than welcome to wear your maroon and grey garb, wave IVC flags and cheer us on along the parade routes. Once we finish the parade, we could really use some help to load our equipment, so please just step in and help out those that are loading or putting uniforms away. If you would like to help spray water while our kids perform, please contact one of the booster members so we can get you in the line up. Lastly, if the parade temperature is over 90 degrees, we will determine if we will wear uniforms or parade t-shirts and shorts. It is important to wear the parade shirts and shorts to the school on the day of each parade.

**FOOTBALL GAMES**

Football games are a great way for us to practice our competative show. We perform at pregame in full uniform, unless there is the threat for inclument weather. We really could use help making sure the uniforms are taken care of before and after halftime. We could also us a ton of help to move equipment to and from the band room/tower to the field. Students are expected to be ready to go at the disignated times given out prior to the weekend's game. Students are not allowed to drink anything while in uniform with the exception of water. Our first football game is Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will need to be at the band room dressing by 6:00 pm. Game time is 7:30 pm. Students are free to leave once their uniform and instrument is packed for the following day's field show performance at Washington HS.

**COMPETITIONS**

Competitions are exciting and a lot of fun! Don't miss out on your child's performances!!! In fact, IVC band parents have the reputation for being there to support their band. Many alumni parents and students also come back to support the band. Please sit with other parents. The competition dates are set. Check out the web site ([www.ivcbands.com](http://www.ivcbands.com)) for dates, maps and itineraries(once I receive our performance time) regarding each competition. It is mandatory for the students to ride the bus to all competitions. If they are in a sporting activity related to the school, they are asked to meet us at the location as soon as they can. Arrangements need to be made and cleared with Mr. Chapman. It is vital that all students in that situation make the best effort to make the performance since the entire band is counting on their participation. If a performance is unexcused, an extra assignment will be given. If the student wants to ride home with V it is very important to sign out on their bus before they leave. We must know before we leave a contest site of their where a bouts so we do not wait unnecessarily to get word of their location.

## **REHEARSALS**

I can't express to you enough on how important our rehearsal are throughout the school year. We put so much into each rehearsal and we all need to understand that there is little time to continually work parts due to absences. I completely understand that homework and sporting events are a challenge to work around, however these challenges are developing your child's ability to manage their time and focus on getting the job done. It isn't easy by any means. I know, I have a daughter in the band also and we have those late nights too. If there is an issue with academic struggles, please shot me an e-mail and we can work something out or get your child the extra assitance they need. We have many students that understand subject matter and can help give advice when needed.

On a side note, please be aware that there may be a rehearsal scheduled on the day of a competition. I understand there may be conflicts with sporting activities, but it is a way for the majority of the members to sharpen their skills prior to their evening performances. These rehearsal times will be scheduled and listed on each itinerary for that event.

## **PLEASE DON'T BE SHY**

As you can see, we could really use your talents in any capacity and for any length of time. All you just have to say "I can help" or "Where do you need me to step in?" Flags need to be fixed, uniforms checked, equipment moved, props to be placed on the field, front ensemble equipment staged, water sprayers to be manned, not to mention improvements to our room. You are also more than welcome to come out to Taylor Field and spread some encouragement as you watch us practice on Wednesday evenings!

## **BAND BASH 2014 – PLEASE GET THE WORD OUT!!!**

Simply put, we need your help! This is our largest fundraiser. Within this one day, we can raise the necessary funds so we do not have to sell products consistently throughout the year. This fundraiser is held before school starts, so we can get it out of the way and not interfere with sporting events and the craziness of the school year. Any help is valued! Please contact Deb Stoecker at 309.635.0174 or Shari Johnson at 309.472.4221 for details. There will be so much to see, hear, participate, purchase and eat at the Band Bash. Thank you to all those that have gone the extra mile to make this a unique and fun festival for our community.

## **2014 FIRST DAY BACK TEACHER INSTITUTE BAND PERFORMANCE**

On August 13, 2014, we have been asked to perform for all the teachers at the opening celebration. That requires our students (Winds/Brass/Drum line-battery only) to be at the school by 7:30am. We will perform our drum cadence and Fight song. Breakfast is provided.

## **SMALL BAND TRIP TO THE INDIANAPOLIS 500 SPEEDWAY AND RACE**

With the limited instrumentation, we need as many members to participate on this trip. I would consider allowing graduating seniors to participate if numbers are needed. It is attended by thousands of racing fans from all over the country and I believe it can be a trip with great experiences. The trip is four days over Memorial Day weekend in 2015 and does include watching the race as well as all that leads up to the race. The school board has given us approval to proceed with developing plans which we are already doing at this time. We will begin paperwork and a payment plan so the impact of the financial package isn't overwhelming. We want it to be manageable with fundraising opportunities that could allow your member to have an experience of a lifetime. We need everyone!

## **KROGER GIFT CARDS**

Kroger cards are a great way to raise money for your child's account. With the new Kroger gas station opening, you can build up free money quickly while you spend it at the pump. They can be used all over the country and can be given to anyone; neighbors, family members or friends in honor of your student from anywhere in the USA! They can be reloaded and again, anyone can raise money fast for your student. If you would like more information regarding Kroger cards, please contact Kathy Crank at 309.696.9550.

## **PAYPAL OPTIONS**

We are now, for your convenience, offering the option to use PayPal as a way to use a credit card to deposit monies into your member's band account or if you know someone that would like to donate to the band that do not live in the area. Visit our website, [www.ivcbands.com](http://www.ivcbands.com) and look for the PayPal logo and follow the instructions.

## **CORN BOIL/BAND PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING WRAP UP**

Our first performance in our home town of Chillicothe was very strong and well attended. We were grateful for all those that came out to support our kids. Thanks to all that stopped by to take pictures, march, listen and eat some ice cream. We hope you had a wonderful time learning about the program and understand what we have to do to really become a band and the meeting was beneficial for all those in attendance.

## **STUDENT INFORMATION CORNER**

### **GET THAT MUSIC MEMORIZED!!**

Our success relies heavily on your attitude and time commitment to memorize this music. If we wait until camp, we are in trouble. Please begin to memorize small chunks of the music at a time. Carve out about half an hour a day and you will have the entire show memorized before camp, which will mean we can begin to march and play it with more confidence.

### **2014 LACON PARADE \*\*\***

We once again did not receive the funds necessary to participate in this parade. Please remove it from you events/band calendar and enjoy that Saturday with family and friends. I apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

### **“BIG, LOUD, AND LIVE 2014” DRUM CORPS AT THE MOVIES**

What a way to sit back, relax with a big bag of popcorn and your favorite soda and learn and grow from the best. You just have to get to the Peoria Willow Knolls theatre. This would be awesome to see so many of you from IVC at the movies watching the 2014 DCI quarterfinals from Indianapolis. The show will be shown on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 starting at 5:30 pm. Everyone, including guard, front ensemble and drum line won't want to miss this opportunity! Other band programs usually have their band show up like Limestone, Galesburg, Metamora and Morton. 2014 seniors, I challenge you to contact your sections and invite them to this great experience. Please head to [www.dci.org](http://www.dci.org) for early tickets for more information.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

Maroon and Grey Night will be held on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at Taylor Field. The band and drum line need to be in the band room by 5:30 pm. All of the band's activities will be completed by 6:05 pm. Those in fall sports can participate and then head to their respective teams/activities. You can wear your team uniform or parade shirt. Guard and Front Ensemble can take the night off.

### **BANDS OF AMERICA (BOA) SUPER REGIONAL IN ST. LOUIS**

On Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, (no school due to parent/teacher conferences) the band will be competing with some of the finest bands in the nation. We will have a full itinerary for you as this event approaches. We are working on free housing for Friday evening and coming up with creative ways to feed the kids. The financial burden on you the parents could be extremely low covering transportation. This issue will be discussed at the next booster meeting and we encourage you to attend. There are some hurdles to overcome, but just wanted to give you some clarity with this weekend.

## MR. C's COMMENTS

We would like to again welcome all the incoming freshman class as well as all you seasoned band parents and members. We are delighted to have you and your families become a part of our band family here at IVC. You are more than welcome to join in on all that we have to offer with our band program. We all make this program the best it can be and we would certainly enjoy and welcome all of you to join in and help this amazing program. To be successful, we need every helping hand so these students come away with the best experiences in their high school careers. Trust me, it will go by so fast and before you know it, they will be leaving for their future plans. As a parent of a sophomore, I can't believe how time has flown by. We are excited for the upcoming year and hope you are too.

Thank you to all the band parents and members that carved out time to ensure our success at band camp. Many of you rose to the occasion and made sure our kids were safe and were as comfortable as possible. You are amazing parents and kids. We learned 44 visual sets (pictures), marched 17 sets with music and practiced tons of music while at camp. I can't stress to you all how grateful we are to have you as band family. The pride in your performance shined through loud and clear and our students worked their tails off!

Our school rehearsal schedule is right around the corner and the students will have distractions. It is requested that students make every effort to participate in those rehearsals. They are vital to our success and it is extremely hard to work visual pictures and musical balances when members are absent.

Please look at the schedule on our web site, [www.ivcbands.com](http://www.ivcbands.com). This season is crammed with great experiences for all of us. We look forward to seeing you at these future events and thank you for your continued support. Let's make some great memories!

### Itinerary the Kewanee and Toluca Saturday, August 30, 2014/Monday, September 1, 2014 Kewanee (Sat) and Toluca (Mon) Illinois

Noon Arrive at IVC HS  
(Band dads/DM's – I need all equipment loaded by 12:20 pm)

Load equipment – You are responsible to load your equipment  
\*\*\*Need parents to help load.  
\*\*\*Need 2 Gatorade jugs filled before departure

12:30 pm Depart for Kewanee HS/Toluca Grade School

1:15 pm Arrive at Kewanee HS – Kewanee, IL/Toluca Grade School  
Change into uniform – Band parade shirt, black shorts and black socks under uniform)

1:30 pm Rehearse show and Ghostriders while we wait for our turn to line up

2:00 pm Parade begins

2:30 pm most likely step off for the parade

3:30 pm Change out of uniform and head home 20 minutes after we release you  
You must check out with your bus driver before you leave if you are not riding back with us.

4:30 pm Arrive at IVC HS.

