

IVC BAND BOOSTER NEWSLETTER



MARCHING GREY GHOST SHOW KEWANEE & TOLUCA OUR GREY GHOST PRIDE!

WHAT AN AWESOME BUSY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IT WAS. THE MARCHING GREY GHOSTS SHOWED TRUE DEDICATION AND PERSEVERANCE MARCHING THROUGH THE STREETS OF KEWANEE AND TOLUCA PLAYING GHOSTRIDERS IN THE HEAT. THE PEOPLE OF BOTH OF THE TOWNS WERE QUITE IMPRESSED WITH OUR KIDS AND SAID THEY WERE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PARADE. THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKING THIS DAY A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL INVOLVED! IT WAS QUITE AN EVENT FOR EVERYONE THERE!

PARADES



UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS

- 9/13 PONTIAC COMPETITION
- MONDAY NIGHT REHEARSALS 6:30PM
- WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS 7PM
- 9/20 GENESEO COMPETITION
- 9/27 LIMESTONE COMPETITION
- 10/4 DUNLAP COMPETITION
- 10/7 BOOSTER MEETING

THE MARCHING GREY GHOSTS SHOW EVERYONE AT THE WASHINGTON COMPETITION LOVE IS LOUDER!!



ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2014 THE MARCHING GREY GHOST PERFORMED FOR THE FIRST COMPLETION THEIR LOVE IS LOUDER SHOW. COLOR GUARD WON FOR BEST CAPTION! THE BAND DIRECTOR OF WASHINGTON, JIM TALLMAN, WANTED TO THANK ALL OF US FOR THINKING OF THEM THROUGH THEIR ROUGH TIME THIS PAST YEAR. OUR BAND KIDS ONCE AGAIN SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT BY WRITING EACH OF THE 188 WASHINGTON BAND MEMBERS AN ENCOURAGING CARD. WAY TO SHOW LOVE IS LOUDER....



SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW STUDENT TEACHER, MR. PATRICK MCGEHEE! HE IS DOING AN AMAZING JOB WITH OUR KIDS!



THE UPDATED UNIFORM CARTS

THANKS TO ALL THE PARENTS, BAND MEMBERS, AND MR. CHAPMAN WHO HELPED GIVE THE CARTS A NEW LOOK FOR THE 2014 MARCHING SEASON. THEY WERE TAKEN APART, SANDED, REPAIRED AND PAINTED. EACH CART HAS A WORD THAT DESCRIBES THE IVC MARCHING BAND TAKEN FROM THE BAND ROOM WALLS! WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE A LOOK.



ALS COLD WATER CHALLENGE

THE MARCHING BAND AND COLOR GUARD SHOWED JUST HOW MUCH LOVE IS LOUDER BY DOING THE COLD WATER CHALLENGE! IT WAS A FUN EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE THERE AND THE KIDS MADE SURE THEIR DIRECTOR COMPLETED THE CHALLENGE TOO!



OUR NEW PAINTED TRAILER!

LOOKS COOL BUT WILL LOOK EVEN MORE INCREDIBLE WITH THE NEW LETTERING AND GRAPHICS. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PUT IN THE ELBOW GREASE TO GET THIS ACCOMPLISHED AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO BLANKENSHIP AND BOB GOODWIN FOR DONATING THEIR TIME AND LABOR!



EVERYONE CONGRATULATE MR. CHAPMAN. HE WROTE AN ARTICLE ABOUT STUDENT TEACHING FOR INSTRUMENTALIST MAGAZINE! WE ARE SO PROUD TO HAVE YOU DIRECTING AND ENCOURAGING OUR KIDS TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE! WAY TO GO MR. CHAPMAN!



ON SEPTEMBER 9 STORMS RIPPED THROUGH CHILLICOTHE CAUSING LOTS OF DEBRIS! THANKS FOR SHOWING CHILLICOTHE THAT THE IVC MARCHING BAND CARES!



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SEPTEMBER 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, October 7, 2014 at 7:15 pm** in the IVC Band Room because we would like to make sure we are ready for ISU and St. Louis. These meetings are quite important. Topics for discussion include our upcoming trip, fundraisers and future plans and goals of the organization as well as our fall season.

2nd FOOTBALL GAME

Football games are a great way for us to practice our competitive show. We perform at pregame in full uniform, unless there is the threat for inclement weather. We really could use help making sure the uniforms are taken care of before and after halftime. We could also use 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 designated* 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 second football game is Friday, September 26th. Students will need to be at the band room dressing by 5:45 pm. Game time is 7:00 pm. Students are free to leave once their uniform and instrument is packed for the following day's field show performance at Limestone HS.

GENESEO, LIMESTONE AND DUNLAP COMPETITION INFORMATION

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) 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 whereabouts* 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 shoot me an e-mail and we can work something out or get your child the extra assistance 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! Go-Go Parents!

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 student to have an experience of a lifetime. We need everyone! PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR INTENTION SHEET AND DEPOSIT INTO MR. CHAPMAN BEFORE OCTOBER 1st.

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 student'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 and look for the PayPal logo and follow the instructions.

STUDENT INFORMATION CORNER

GET THAT MUSIC MEMORIZED!!

Our success relies heavily on your attitude and time commitment to memorize this music. Please continue 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 in no time, which will mean we can begin to march and play it with more confidence.

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

On Friday, October 17th, (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. Also, I understand that the German exchange students will be in town. In fact, they will already be in St. Louis on the weekend we perform. We have been in discussions with Mrs. Bredeman and we are both in agreement that we can make these events happen easily for those all involved. More details will follow as we get closer to the event date. Also know we will ask the students to cover the cost for the coach transportation to and from St. Louis. We will be asking for donations of cookies, beverages, fruit and snacks to supplement for one of our meals down to our performance. There will be a charms announcement sent to all the parents regarding the possibility of getting a coach for the parents to travel in comfort and style.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND PARADE WRAP UP

The Labor Day weekend was quite busy for us. We performed in two parades and received warm welcomes from both communities. Thanks to all the parents and students for sacrificing their time and effort to produce an excellent product for these communities. We even received a complimentary letter from a faculty member from Bradley University who attended the Toluca parade and said we looked and sounded impressive.

MR. C's COMMENTS

Congratulations to the Guard!!!!!!! We are so proud of you for doing so well! Please know you are appreciated and we thank you for your hard work. In addition, thank you to all the band parents and members that carved out time to ensure our success at Washington and Pontiac field shows. Despite the placement and low numbers, we are not too worried at this point.

Many of you rose to the occasion and made sure our kids were safe and were as comfortable as possible. Our kids learned and marched 44 sets (pictures) with music and have started having an understanding of what our show means. I can't stress to you all enough how grateful we are to have you apart of our band family. The pride in your performance shined through loud and clear and our students are continuing to work their tails off despite our placement!

Our school rehearsal schedule is here and the students will have many 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. Also, please stay healthy and eat foods/drink beverages that maintain your energy levels. Furthermore, wear warm clothing since Illinois weather has decided to go from summer temps to winter in one day.

Please look at the schedule on our web site, 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!