



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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OCTOBER 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, November 11, 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.

LAST 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 final football game is Senior Night on Friday, October 24th. 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.

BOA - MUSIC FOR ALL ST. LOUIS COMPETITION

Itineraries are currently in the band room and on the website. The show performance is on Friday, October 17th which is also the same day as Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students and parents traveling with us will need to be at IVC no later than 9:30 am. We depart at 10 am. There is a small fee of \$22 for each student to cover the cost of the bus seat and a boxed lunch. Students will also need to bring funds for dinner/souveneers. We will arrive back late that evening at approximately 12:15 am. More information on tickets is available on the MFA website.

SMALL BAND TRIP TO THE INDIANAPOLIS 500 SPEEDWAY AND RACE

With the limited instrumentation, we need as many members to participate on this trip. As of right now, (October 12th), we do not have the necessary instrumentation to participate. We have not currently heard from about fifty members on whether or not they are attending. We are seriously considering cutting one or two days out of the trip to maximize participation. I understand it is the state next door, but the purpose of going to a destination this close was to save on travel expenses but get an experience of a lifetime. We want it to be manageable with fundraising opportunities that could allow your member to have a great time. We cannot march Ghostriders in the streets of Indi or around the famous brickyard track with half of the band. It just won't work. If we cannot get more members to attend, we will have to forgo the trip for 2014.

2014 MARCHING BAND BANQUET

This year's banquet will be held at our high school commons on Sunday, November 23rd at 5 pm. It will include a meal and dessert. It is a chance for our band families to celebrate a great season and reflect on what great things we did as a band. I really hope you can find time to make room in your schedules to enjoy what your student did this season. We want to savor the accomplishments and enjoy each other's company. If you are interested in set up, please contact Kathy Crank or Chris Featherstone immediately.

24TH ANNUAL RAFFLE HAS BEGUN

This fundraiser is so important in funding our new instrument lease from Kidder music. We are in our second year of the three year lease. Without this lease, we would have to find other ways to replenish our inventory of working instruments. We really would like your participation so we can continue to provide our students with the best equipment for their success. You will be contacted by your raffle captains so we can begin selling tickets before the announcement of the winners at our Christmas concert. Prizes are 5 winners receiving \$1000.

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 and look for the PayPal logo and follow the instructions.

IRELAND SISTER CITY BAND VISITS PEORIA/CHILLICOTHE

Peoria's sister city youth band from Clonmel, Ireland is visiting the United States next July 1-7, 2015. They are in need of host families that have time, space, some meals, bedding and adequate transportation for those visiting over those days. If you are interested in hosting members of their youth band, please contact Terry and Kathy Tate -309-698-7049. No overextending financial obligations are required outside the normal hosting experience.

STUDENT INFORMATION CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014 ILMEA DISTRICT II JAZZ/CONCERT MEMBERS

It is an honor to announce the following students that made either the ILMEA jazz/concert bands. These students were selected as the elite musicians after countless hours of practice throughout the summer and fall months. Moriah Graden, Jamie Wunning and Jonah Brabant also auditioned for the bands. They worked just as hard to try and make each respective bands and felt they also needed to be recognized for their efforts.

Alexis Hart – Concert and Jazz bands
Sandy Theobald – Concert band
Zach Lew - Jazz band

Jon Offutt – Concert and Jazz bands
Mitch Baron – Concert band

MOSSVILLE AND CEC GRADE SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

We would like for the entire marching band to attend both CEC and Mossville's fall band concerts to perform our 2014 competitive half time show for their audiences and band students. We feel we need to show and communicate with the parents and students of both schools to show them what we have to offer at the high school level. The students will be in uniform and we will have to have front ensemble equipment hauled to both places (maybe a few fronts/props too). The CEC concert is on Tuesday, October 28th and the Mossville concert is on Thursday, October 30th. Each concert begins at 6:30 pm. We would show up at 7:00 pm for the CEC concert. Mr. Higus has asked us to be at the Mossville concert at 6:15 pm to perform the National anthem with his band members at the beginning of their concert. We would then perform after their concert band performs. We would also like several band parents to be there to answer questions, have students and parents alike mingle and get to know each other. We will have refreshments outside each commons area of each school. It is a way to get rid of some nagging myths/speculation about our program and encourage kids to participate in the musical arts at IVC.

FLUTE CHOIR/CLARINET CHOIR/BRASS QUINTET REHEARSALS

We will begin rehearsals on Thursdays, (1st rehearsal - November 6th) from 6 pm to 7:15 pm. One woodwind group will be with Mr. Chapman and the other will be with our student teacher, Mr. Magehee. Brass Quintet will be held on Friday right after school starting on Friday, November 7th.

JAZZ BAND SEASON BEGINS

Now that marching band season is coming to a close, jazz season is upon us. We will begin rehearsals on November 3rd and the season will run through February. We have several gigs in January/February including our annual trip to Chicago in late February.

Jazz One Ensemble: Monday evenings from 6-8
Jazz Two Ensemble: Monday after school from 2:45 – 4 pm
Jazz Three Ensemble: Tuesday after school from 2:45 – 4pm

MADRIGAL BRASS/RECORDER REHEARSALS

Those that have been asked to perform in these ensembles are asked to make arrangements to be at these rehearsals. The “mad” brass ensemble rehearsals:

November 12 th	6 pm to 7:15 pm -Recorders	November 19 th	6 pm to 7:15 pm -Brass
December 3 rd	6 pm to 7:15 pm - Recorders	December 10 th	6 pm to 7:15 pm – Brass

Performances are December 13 and 14. TBA on times

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 6th 2014 at 2 pm. The students will have to be at the concert for warm up around 12:30 pm. We will be in concert dress and will definitely need help fitting those students for their dresses and tuxedos.

BASKETBALL PEP BAND GAMES

We have three basketball game gigs in the month of December. Marching Band members except guard must attend.

12/05/14	Friday	Bloomington Central Catholic	Call 6:00pm	Game 7:00 pm
12/06/14	Saturday	Peoria Richwoods	Call 5:30pm	Game 6:30 pm
12/16/14	Tuesday	Bloomington Central Catholic	Call 6:00pm	Game 7:00 pm
01/10/15	Saturday	Mahomet-Seymour	Call 6:30pm	Game 7:30 pm
01/13/15	Tuesday	Olympia	Call 6:00pm	Game 7:00 pm
01/16/15	Friday	Normal U-High	Call 6:00pm	Game 7:00 pm
01/27/15	Tuesday	Pontiac	Call 6:00pm	Game 7:00 pm
01/30/15	Friday	Prairie Central	Call 6:30pm	Game 7:30 pm
02/21/15	Saturday	Galesburg	Call 6:00pm	Game 7:00 pm

MR. C's COMMENTS

Thank you to all the band parents and members that carved out time to ensure our success throughout our marching season. Many of you rose to the occasion and made sure our kids were safe and were able to perform to their best abilities. You are amazing parents and kids. We learned 57 visual sets (pictures) for 100 individuals per set, memorized eight minutes of music, learned a ton of body movement, shaped the music, learned flag work for over 200 measures of music (about 480 counts), added props and fronts, 26 separate voice overs, learned to march parades, pre-game selections and grew as a band all within about five months with a staff of seven adults and many parent volunteers. 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 and parents worked their tails off! Regardless of all the trophies, the key was that our band family began to see the benefits of working together as one. The leadership of our drum majors was incredible and many individuals (section leaders and others) of all grade levels was awesome to witness.

Our jazz/indoor band/small group 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 musical technique when members are not participating.

Please look at the schedule on our web site, www.ivcbands.com. This winter 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!