



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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NOVEMBER 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, December 9, 2014 at 7:15 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 as well as our fall season.

SMALL BAND TRIP TO THE INDIANAPOLIS 500 SPEEDWAY AND RACE

With limited instrumentation, I regret to announce we will not be attending the Indianapolis 500 Speedway this May. HOWEVER....read below...

SMALL BAND TRIP TO THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN CHICAGO

Since we had to cancel the trip to Indianapolis, we are asking you as parents to consider a reduced priced trip to Chicago from May 30 – 31. It would only be a two day trip with one night stay in a Chicago area hotel. We are looking into making this trip just as exciting as Indy, with great experiences for all. We would need to know if this is something that the majority of the students would like and willing to do. We will post a letter on Charms explaining the components of the trip before we vote as a booster program on attending this event. We are hoping that the cost will be drastically lower than the Indianapolis trip. We really would like your immediate input so we can continue to plan. Those that had already made payments for the Indy trip can still have your accounts credited for this trip if we decide to attend.

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 our successful season and reflect on what great things we did as a band. I really hope you can find time in your schedules to attend. We want to savor the accomplishments and enjoy each other's company. If you are interested in set up, please contact Katy Fox or Chris Featherstone immediately. Also, please RSVP so we can plan for food and such. Thank you for your cooperation.

FRUIT PICK UP

Thanks once again to Lisa Mack for working behind the scenes to make this annual fundraiser a huge success. They were able to contact the company and keep the prices for the fruit boxes as low as possible. The scheduled fruit pick up is scheduled for December 3rd in the band room from 2:30 - 5 pm. Thank you for ordering fruit to support our students. Please pick up the fruit as soon as possible so it can be stored in a cool location and not spoil. It is recommended that the fruit be delivered within 48 hours.

24TH ANNUAL RAFFLE HAS BEGUN

This fundraiser is so important for 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 provide our students with the best equipment for their continued 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. Currently, we have enough funds to cover the first of five prizes.

KROGER GIFT CARDS

Kroger cards are a great way to raise money for your child's account, especially at this time of the year! 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.

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

The following students spent the past two weekends making amazing music in their respective ILMEA jazz/concert bands. These students were selected as the elite musicians after countless hours of practice throughout the summer and fall months. We are very proud of their accomplishments and appreciate their talents as fine musicians in our state!

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

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

2014 FRESH/SOPH BRADLEY HONOR BAND

Congratulations to John Offutt (alto saxophone), Shyann Etnier (trumpet), Cody Moore (trumpet) and Jonah Brabant (trombone) for being selected as members of the 2014 Freshmen/Sophomore Bradley Honor Band this semester. They will all rehearse and perform on the campus of Bradley University on Tuesday, November 18th in Dingledine Auditorium at 7:00 pm. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments!

MOSSVILLE AND CEC GRADE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE WRAP UP

I want to thank all the booster parents that stepped up and plugged our programs at both the junior highs. The kids performed an amazing show, even without a trombone tuning slide!!! It was an outstanding representation of our program and we appreciate all the help to make it successful. Hopefully we made a positive impact.

FLUTE CHOIR/CLARINET CHOIR/BRASS QUINTET REHEARSALS

We have begun rehearsals on Thursdays, (2nd/3rd rehearsal - November 13th/20th) 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 on Friday, November 14th and 21st. We are obviously off over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. We will commence rehearsal on Dec 4th and 5th. During the following two weeks, wind choir rehearsals will be cancelled due the Madrigal Dinner and finals week.

JAZZ BAND SEASON BEGINS

Now that marching band season is coming to a close, jazz season is upon us. We have begun rehearsals and will run through February. We have several gigs in January/February including our annual trip to Chicago – Rolling Meadows on February 27, 28, March 1 (2/27-2/28 or 2/28 – 3/1 depending on the schedule). The cost will include transportation and hotel room fee which will be around \$80 - \$100. We will know in late December the cost of the trip so you will have two months to budget. We will do our best to find the best rates on all fronts.

Jazz One Ensemble: Monday evenings from 7- 9
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

CHILLICOTHE CHRISTMAS PARADE

All members of the Marching Grey Ghosts, except a few Front Ensemble members (banner), are expected to perform on November 22nd, 2014 in the Chillicothe Christmas Parade. Students can pick up their equipment and get their uniforms any time that day beginning at noon. The band will meet at the usual corner of Beech St. and Second St. (I will let the students know if the line location isn't on Beech) at 1:30 pm with the parade starting at 2:00 pm. The parade should be done by 2:45 and the band room will remain open for equipment/uniform drop off for 30 minutes once we complete the parade. Line up again is at 1:30 in uniform. Students can wear Santa hats.

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 we will 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 and will be graded.

12/05/14	Friday	Bloomington Central Catholic	Call 6:00pm	Game 7:00 pm
12/06/14	Saturday	***Cancelled performance: Band will not be performing due to our concert***		
12/16/14	Tuesday	Eureka	Call 6:00pm	Game 7:00 pm

2015 – Concert and Wind Ensemble members will participate as well as any volunteers that want to sit in

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

Congratulations to the 2014 fifteen time back-to-back Class State of Illinois Champion Marching Grey Ghosts and band family!!!! What a journey it has been for all of us. I can remember the first days of rehearsal in May and watching these kids push each other to be their best. We knew they didn't want to settle for average. It was very refreshing to witness them striving to be at the best all the time. I can't say enough about the kids that really practiced to become better at what they do. Thank you for your sacrifice and work effort. 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. We learned 57 visual sets (pictures) for about 100 individuals per set, memorized seven 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. 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. The volunteers of this program also gave all they could for this program. It is wonderful to see the selflessness by many. Parents provided food and cooked food, helped with uniforms (fixing/adjusting), moved equipment, fixed equipment, moved props, built props, designed and altered props, fixed ripped flags, prepped the hair of the guard and even made something special for our Class of 2015 Seniors.

I hope you saw and felt that dedication and desire our kids had to be number one in our state. They understand it was more than what I just mentioned. It is about passion, desire and pure grit. They understood that marching band pushed them to their limits. To excel, not just be good. It was you parents, the teachers (staff), the alumni and students moving into an area of excellence that built the character to not just be average and once again be one of the best bands in our state. Hopefully this activity strengthened and molded these kids into the future leaders of amazing communities and businesses around the world. We hope all our efforts of positive movement effect generations in a positive way, too. I hope you can see what we are trying to do here. I am extremely proud of our entire band family (parents/alumni/staff and students). We are determined, passionate and extremely proud to say "WE ARE IVC!"

I would also like to congratulate all the ILMEA and Bradley Honor band participants. We had so many students qualify and they represented our district well. Those students worked hard during the summer months. Way to go! Thanks for representing IVC at our state music levels. I want to also say thank you for understanding my absence at the ILMEA concert band festival.

Our jazz/indoor band/small group rehearsal schedule is currently in full swing. 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 website, www.ivcbands.com This winter season is crammed with great experiences for everyone. We look forward to seeing you at these future events and thank you for your continued support. Let's make some great memories!

Remember, now that marching band is over, our journey continues. Concert band, pep band, jazz and annual Madrigal Dinner are approaching quickly. We still need so many hands to help! Please do not leave our program for eight months. We need you! I hope you and your family have a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving break!