



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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February 2015 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, March 10, 2015 at 7:15 pm** in the IVC Band Room. These meetings are quite important. Topics for discussion include future plans and goals of the organization as well as our fall season.

UPDATE ON OUR SMALL BAND TRIP TO CHICAGO

We are heading to Chicago to have some fun exploring the city and celebrating an amazing year for our students. They deserve a great trip! We want to celebrate not only another state championship, but a great jazz and concert band season, too We will visit Six Flags Great America, Willis Tower, Millennium Park and attend a performance of Blue Man Group. The complete cost is \$250 which includes transportation, lodging, tickets to all the events and a few meals. A detailed itinerary will be available in the coming weeks.

TRIVIA NIGHT – PLEASE CONSIDER IT – IT’S LOADS OF FUN

PARENTS.... THIS IS FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Get a sitter, get your work colleagues to join, stop the presses... change it up... come for fun..... You don't even need to have prior knowledge of anything!!! It's really a great time... You will laugh and have a good time with your band family members and friends.

Trivia Night is on Saturday, March 21st with a set up time starting at 5:30 pm. The trivia will begin around 6 pm at the St. Edwards Parish Hall. The event's theme is Reality TV Shows. Deb Stoecker is our amazing chairperson. Please consider getting involved with this event since it is a super way to just have a ball. The cost is \$10 per person or \$80 for a table. If your business is interested in obtaining a table, please let us know. Food and beverages will be available for purchase of a donation. Bring snacks for your individual table. Awards for best dressed, best table design and of course, all the questions and fun tricks are all done in great fun!

DISTRICT JAZZ NIGHT

On Wednesday, February 25th, all of our district jazz bands will showcase their talents for all to hear. The ICC Jazz Train will be our guest band. It is going to be an exciting night of jazz. Please contact Amy Graham at 309.550.8271 if you are interested in helping with dessert donations, taking tickets, serving dinner items or tearing down all the equipment. We also have flyers in the band room that can be distributed throughout the area so that those who love jazz can come hear all our kids perform America's music. There is a small admission fee at the door to cover the costs of the event.

THE BIRDS ARE COMING..... THE BIRDS ARE COMING

That's right!!!!!!!!!!!! Squawk the "talking bird extravaganza" is coming to IVC High School on Saturday, March 28th in the high school auditorium at 3 pm and 5 pm. This act is simply family entertainment at its best. The cost for admission is reasonable and we want to pack the place. \$15 per person. The talking birds have been featured on David Letterman, *America's Got Talent* and the Animal Channel. I guarantee all of the kids (yes, you adults, too) will love this show. Tickets are available online via our website: www.ivcbands.com

BAND BASH 2015

Plans are already being made for this year's band bash event. Please consider coming on board because there is so much to do. Do to scheduling changes, we will be arriving home from band camp on the Wednesday before that weekend and we could sure use your help to make this happen. Thank you for getting involved!

CIVIC CENTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

IVC band parents have the opportunity to earn money for their band student's account by working at a concession stand during events in downtown Peoria. A handful of parents worked at the recent event and they were swamped! This is a moneymaker that can accumulate funds for you very quickly. Some parents have worked just two events and have band camp fees for 2015 paid in full. If you are new, you can be trained. Even a band director can do it. Please contact Alanda Hunt @ 309.258.1648 if you would like to participate.

A PERFECT TALENT SHOW

Thank you to all those that helped make the 2015 Talent show a great success. A special thanks Alanda Hunt and Amy Greer for organizing the night and all of the other parent volunteers from the choir and band departments. We made almost \$900 for our programs and we appreciate all the student's talents that really made for a special evening. We have so many with amazing talents and it was nice to showcase them!

KROGER GIFT CARDS

If you would like more information regarding Kroger cards, please contact Kathy Crank at 309.696.9550. Since January 1st, all funds will no longer be distributed into individual accounts.

AMAZON SMILE.COM

Here is a very easy way for those of you who shop Amazon to earn money for our band. Please consider when making purchases from Amazon that you go to smile.amazon.com and select I V C Band Boosters as your charitable organization. 0.5% of your purchase price will be given back to the band booster organization. You must put the spaces in I V C for it to find our organization or just search by Chillicothe, IL and select us from the list of charities.

PAYPAL OPTIONS

For your convenience, we are 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 the young people 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

WIND ENSEMBLE TO TRAVEL ON PRESIDENT'S DAY

The wind ensemble will be performing at the Metro East Concert Band Invitational at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois (25 miles north of St. Louis). This looks to be an event that could really bring some incredible feedback for our program leading into next year's marching season. The band will receive a 50 minute clinic after our performance with renowned wind band composer David Maslanka and retired ISU director of Bands, Dr. Steve Steele (Yes, he was one of my professors..No pressure). The cost is \$15 dollars to cover costs of transportation. Students will also need money for lunch and dinner stops. An itinerary will be provided on the web site and in the band room once we receive more information.

JAZZ BAND SEASON COMING TO A CLOSE

We are now only two weeks from completing our jazz season. We still have two more rehearsals and will run through February. We have several gigs in January/February including our annual trip to Chicago – Rolling Meadows at the end of February. The cost of \$90 will include transportation and hotel room fee which is due in early February.

Jazz One Ensemble: Monday evenings from 6- 8 – Change of time for remainder of the season
Jazz Two Ensemble: Mondays from 2:45 – 4 pm / Jazz Three Ensemble: Tuesdays from 2:45 – 4pm

February 24 – Bradley Jazz Festival – Jazz One only - During the early morning - Itinerary will be provided – Parents are welcome to visit the Student Union and listen to our kids. There is a small admission fee. Performance time is 10:30 am.

February 25 – IVC District Jazz Night – 6-8:30 – All district jazz bands – ICC Jazz Train – Itinerary coming shortly – Need help!!! \$5 admission fee – dinner items available for purchase

IWU AND DUNLAP JAZZ FESTIVAL WRAP UP

Congratulations to all the bands that participated in these events. Thanks to all the parents that volunteered their time to move the equipment and make sure our kids had success. A special thanks to Rhonda and Rodney Davis for helping move all the equipment at IWU. You guys sure made our experience a good one. Thanks to the Jazz One members for also performing at the 1st United Methodist Church in Chillicothe. Their congregation loved it!

BASKETBALL GAME PEP BAND

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

02/21/15 Saturday Galesburg Call 6:00pm Game 7:00 pm

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

For those interested in this event, the date has been set for March 13th at IVC HS in the band/choir room. We will have judges for high school only events. Please let Mr. Chapman know if you are participating in this event by signing up in the band room. If you are performing a solo, please contact a pianist for your accompanist.

MARCH WINTER CONCERT

Our winter concert is shaping up to be a great performance from our students. Please get the word out so many can hear the awesome thing these kids are doing. The students are asked to arrive at the high school at 12:30 for set up and changing into their concert uniforms. The concert begins at 2 pm on Sunday, March 15th.

MR. C's COMMENTS

I would like to congratulate all the talent show participants and all the jazz members for all their efforts over the past few weeks. The students put in a ton of time to grow and learn all the music. Way to go! Thanks for representing IVC at our state music levels. Very Proud!!!!

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 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!

Remember, our journey continues. Concert band and the musical musicians are still working hard. We still need so many hands to make our future become successful. Marching band plans are all ready in the works for next

year and we need everyone, including members to keep working on their musical skills preparing to once again, defend our state title. Please check out all the dates on the following page.....

Upcoming Events (tentative)

February 16 (Mon)	Wind Ensemble performance at McKendree	Lebanon, Il All day \$15 plus food (\$)
February 21 (Sat)	Pep Band – All band members	Call 6:00 pm Game time – 7:00 pm
February 21 (Sat)	Winter Drum line Competition	Edwardsville, Il – 10 AM performance
February 24 (Tues)	Bradley Jazz Festival – During day	Jazz I only – 10:30 am performance time
February 25 (Wed)	District Jazz Night - Featuring the ICC Jazz	Train - IVC Commons - Jazz I, II and III
February 28/Mar 1	Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival	Jazz I, II and III – TBA – Cost \$90
March 4	Ghost Pride Night performance TBA	Open House showcase
March 5,6,7	Pirates of Penzance Musical	Pit musicians needed IVC HS
March 13 (Fri)	Solo and Ensemble Contest	Early Evening – IVC HS Choir room/auditorium
March 15 (Sun)	Winter Band Concert – IVC HS	Call 12:30 pm – Performance 2:00 pm
March 21(Sat – eve)	Trivia Night – St. Edwards Parish hall	5:30 pm set up/6:00 pm start –loads of fun...
March 21 (Sat)	Winter Drum line Competition	O’Fallon, Illinois
March 28 (Sat)	Squawk – National Bird Show	3 pm show – tickets required – IVC Theatre
April	Bradley Junior-Senior Honor Band	A select few of nominated students to attend
April 30 (Wed)	Spring Band Awards Concert	Pork Chop Dinner – 5:00 pm/7:30 pm

May 23 – 24	Memorial Day Trip – Chicago	Itinerary forthcoming
May 26 - 29 (Tues-Fri)	Memorial Day Marching Band Camp	5 – 9 pm
June 2, 9, 16	Tuesday Marching Band Rehearsals	5 – 9 pm
June 13 (Sat)	Chillicothe Zorro Parade	Line Up – 10:30 am Start 11 am

July 27 – 30 (Mon-Thur)	Marching Band Pre – Camp	8 – Noon and 5 – 9 pm
(Parent Preview – Thursday evening at 6pm)		
July 31 st - August 5 th	(Friday - Wed) Allerton Park Band Camp	Depart at 9AM – Arrive 3:30 PM
August 9 (Sun)	Band Bash – Tim and Shelly’s	Downtown Chillicothe – 11 am – 4 pm

August 28 th	1 st Home Football Game – Canton	6:00 pm call/7:30 pm game
September 11 th	2 nd Home Football Game – U-High	6:00 pm call/7:30 pm game
September 13 th	Washington Marching Band Competition	
September 18 th	3 rd Home Football Game – Prairie Central	6:00 pm call/7:30 pm game
September 19 th	Morton Marching Band Competition	
September 26 th	TBA	
October 2 nd	4 th Home Football Game – Bloomington CC	5:30 pm call/7:00 pm game (Homecoming)
October 10 th	Limestone Marching Band Competition	
October 16 th	5 th Home Football Game – Eureka	5:30 pm call/7:00 pm game
October 17 th	ISU State Finals	
October 23-24	BOA Super Regional in Indianapolis, Indiana	

(****More marching band competitions may be added)

Marching band registration forms and first payments due: May 29th, 2015