



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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March 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, April 14, 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 have over 60 members heading to Chicago to have some fun exploring the city and celebrating an amazing year for our students. It isn't too late to come along. They deserve a great trip and celebrate not only another state championship, but a terrific jazz and concert band season. We will visit Six Flags Great America, Willis Tower, Millennium Park and attend a performance of The Blue Man Group. The cost is \$250 including transportation, lodging, tickets to all the events and a few meals. A full detailed itinerary will be available in the coming weeks. Please contact Kathy Crank for more details or if you would like to join in on the fun.

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 know prior knowledge of anything!!! It's really a great time... You will laugh and bond with your family and friends.

This event's date is Saturday, March 21st with a set up time starting at 5pm and the game beginning around 6 pm at the St. Edwards Parish Hall. The event's theme is Reality TV. Deb Stoecker is our chairperson and is amazing. Please consider getting involved with this event since it is a super way to 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 and snacks are highly encouraged. 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

Can I say success?!! This was an amazing event for all. The concert showcased all of the jazz bands from IVC and featured big band, Jazz Train with alumni Patrick Hart, former Mossville director Toby Thomas and guest director Larry Harms. They were awesome. Congratulations to all the CEC and Mossville groups for performing outstanding selections. We would like to thank the Altrusa Club membership for donating some delicious desserts! We were blessed to have you help us out! Thanks to all the band moms and dads that worked behind the scenes, especially Amy Graham, as a first-time volunteer chairperson. It was really a great night and hope we can do it all over again next year!

2015 WINTER DRUM LINE

Congratulations and a sincere thank you to the entire winter drum line members who worked so hard over this winter season. Thank you for all your dedication of over 100 hours memorizing music and learning drill. It is refreshing to see the drum line working as one to become a better line and front ensemble. Thanks to Aaron, Jake, Mark, Valerie and everyone else that has worked so hard to get this off the ground. I know you are all very proud.

2015 FALL DRUMLINE AUDITIONS/PLACEMENTS

Drum line auditions will be held during the week of April 13th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Since Aaron has been working on winter drum line, he is going to take a few weeks off and then fire things back up. If you know of anyone that can play piano and would like to play on the keyboards, we could definitely use their talents!

2015 FALL COLOR GUARD CLINICS/AUDITIONS

If you are a dancer and would love to bring your talents to the marching band field, please join us on March 23, 24 and 25 from 6-8 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristen Smith at 309.256.3546.

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. We are also coming back 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! Please contact Deb Stocker! Thank you

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 3pm and 5 pm. This act is simply family entertainment at its best. The cost for admission is reasonable (\$15 per person) and we want to pack the place. The talking birds have been featured on David Letterman, America's Got Talent and the Animal Channel. I guarantee all the kids (yes, you adults, too) in the area will love this show. Tickets are available on line via our website: www.ivcbands.com or they will be sold at the door that afternoon.

CIVIC CENTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

A HUGE THANK YOU to ALANDA HUNT for all her time, dedication and efforts as the Peoria Civic Center concession stand manager for the past few years. I understand it can be a grueling process, however, the benefits of this fundraising program are well worth it. Thank you Alanda!!! We welcome Cara Encinas and Amy Graham on board to take Alanda's place and appreciate both their commitment to step into this role.

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. This is a moneymaker that can accumulate funds for you very quickly. Some parents have worked just two events and have band camp fall 2015 paid in full. If you are new, you can be trained. Even a band director can do it. Please contact Cara Encinas @ 309.267.2349 if you would like to raise funds for your band member.

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. The band as a whole does receive returns if you can just take a few minutes to register your cards. It only takes a few minutes and can be done on the Kroger app or website.

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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 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

WIND ENSEMBLE TRAVELING TO ISU

The wind ensemble will be performing at the ISU Concert Band Invitational/Contest in Normal, Illinois. 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 has told me that they can all participate with the exception of a scholastic bowl team member. An itinerary will be provided on the web site and in the band room once we receive more information. We perform at 8 pm on Friday, April 24th in the Fine Arts Center on the campus of Illinois State University

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Thanks to all those that had the courage to get up in front of the judges and perform their best. Those that participated did extremely well. Congratulations to all of you for putting together so many pieces with so many notes! Way to represent! Here are the results.

Woodwind Trio	II	Cheyenne Featherstone, Eric Featherstone, Cade Featherstone
Flute solo	II	Moriah Graden
Alto Saxophone solo	I	John Offutt – Perfect score
French horn solo	I	Sophie Vojta
Flute solo	II	Katie Hying
Clarinet solo	I	Eva Wilhelm
Trombone solo	I	Zach Lew
Trumpet solo	I	Alexis Hart
Brass Quintet	II	Alexis Hart, Josh Lew, Corbin Blanch, Alexis Humphreys, Mitch Baron

MARCH WINTER CONCERT

This concert was excellent. The entire weekend was awesome. The solo and ensemble participants on Friday evening gave their all; the choirs were simply out of this world and our band kids sure played magnificently despite their tiredness from the busy weekend. I hope you can see the value of what these kids do working together just as they would on the field. The level of musicianship was raised and very demanding. I would like to thank Ms. Pillischafske for all of her creative work with the programs and music!

MR. C's COMMENTS

What a winter!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Despite the cold, icy, snowy weather, we are working hard inside to ensure that the quality continues. We still have several events to focus on before we start the process all over again. I would also ask that every parent consider attending the Spring Concert on Wednesday, April 29th. It is also our annual Pork Chop supper. It would be awesome to have a strong representation to highlight all that these kids have done over the

second semester. They will blow you away with their amazing commitment, dedication and passion for this music.

I would like to congratulate the jazz members for 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. If you didn't hear, Jazz One placed 2nd in their class at one of the largest jazz festivals in the country. Jazz II ensemble missed a division one rating by just one point. Jazz Three also played well at Rolling Meadows. We are very proud!!!!

Please look at the schedule on our web site, www.ivcbands.com. This spring and summer 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 are still working hard. Marching band plans are already 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.....

Parents, we sure hope to see you at Trivia Night to support our kids. We have a blast at this event and gets crazy once in a while. All of the money helps kick start our fundraising efforts for next year's bands.

Please look for the fall schedule dates on the calendar as well as updated registration and health forms for band camp that can electronically be filled out and returned. We have several dates set including Memorial Day camp (May 27- 29), pre-camp, band camp and numerous competitions.

Upcoming Events (tentative)

March 21(Sat – eve)	Trivia Night – St. Edwards Parish hall	5:00 pm set up/6:00 pm start –loads of fun...
March 21 (Sat)	Winter Drum line Competition	O'Fallon HS
March 28 (Sat)	Squawk – National Bird Show	3 pm/5pm show/tickets required/ IVC Theatre
April	Bradley Junior-Senior Honor Band	A select few of nominated students to attend
April 24 or 25	Wind Ensemble ISU concert band comp	ISU auditorium – competition either Fri or Sat
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 27 - 29 (Wed - Fri)	Memorial Day Marching Band Camp	5 – 9 pm – Incoming Freshman can join us
June 2, 9, 16	Tuesday Marching Band Rehearsals	5 – 9 pm – Incoming Freshman can join us
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	
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 12 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	Rock Island Marching Band Competition	
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	Two shows in one day

October 10 th	Metamora Marching Band Competition	Two shows in one day
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