



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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April 2015 NEWSLETTER

PARENT INFORMATION CORNER: OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next booster meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 12, 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 just celebrating an amazing year for our students. They deserve a great trip and celebrate not only another state championship, but a great jazz and concert band season. We will visit Six Flags Great America, Willis Tower, Millennium Park and Blue Man Group. The complete cost is \$250 including transportation, lodging, tickets to all the events and a few meals. A full detailed itinerary will be coming in the coming weeks. Please contact Kathy Crank immediately for more details.

2015 PORK CHOP SUPPER/SPRING CONCERT

On April 29th, we will be hosting a pork chop supper (**5:00 pm serving begins**) for the community and band family. We request that we have a strong representation of parents, family and friends attend this supper and concert. Please clear your calendar and if you have the time, please consider helping out before the concert with the supper so all of us can attend the concert. The concert will begin at **7:30 pm** so we can clean up the kitchen and enjoy the music as well as allow those in spring sports to make it back for the concert. Students need to be in concert dress and on stage at **6:00 pm** for warm ups and tuning. Those in sporting activities, show up as soon as you can before we begin, even if you can't change out of your sport's uniform. Please contact Katy Fox at 309.229.3132 or ktkfox@gmail.com to help her/us out.

TRIVIA NIGHT WRAP UP

PARENTS.... THIS WAS FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! A special thanks to Deb Stoecker, Steve Reginald and Mark Cosner for getting things organized for this great event with St. Edwards Parish. We appreciate everyone's efforts to those that made it a successful event. The decorations and theme was well represented. Thanks to Scott Lawson for again providing all the games, keeping score and providing all the prizes.

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!

KROGER GIFT CARDS

If you would like more information regarding Kroger cards, please contact Kathy Crank at 309.696.9550. 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.

CIVIC CENTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

A HUGE THANK YOU to ALANDA HUNT for all her time, dedication and efforts as Civic Center manager over the past 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 crucial role.

Throughout this year, over \$12,000 was given to 37 parents for 26 events. This is a huge way to make monies that do not have to come out of your pocket. We were one of the most reliable organizations they had with just 37 parents.

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. The funds quickly add up.

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

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 REHEARSAL

If you are a member of the color guard, a friendly reminder that the next two rehearsals are being held on April 20th (Monday) and 30th (Thursday) from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristen Smith at 309.256.3546.

2015 JR/SR BRADLEY HONOR BAND

Congratulations to Alexis Hart, Alexis Humphreys, Sandy Theobald, Ria Greer, Mitch Baron and Zach Lew for being selected as this year's members of the 2015 Senior High School Bradley Honor Band. It is their dedication to their gift in music through lessons and the ILMEA process that warranted their participation in this very high honor.

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 except for a scholastic bowl member. An itinerary will be provided on the web site and in the band room once we receive more information. We perform at 7:30 pm on Friday, April 24th in the Fine Arts Center on the campus of Illinois State University.

IVC GRADUATION BAND

This year, the 2015 graduation ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 17th at 6:30 pm. Students are asked to be here at 5:30 pm so we can be tuned and ready to perform the prelude music. The ceremony should last about 45 minutes. It is important to note that students are expected to dress appropriately, no shorts! This is a ceremony honoring your fellow classmates and we want to look professional. Also, I ask that those that have siblings graduate please participate with us because our lack of members in the concert bands without the graduating seniors are low. We need everyone to perform so we sound great. Thank you for understanding!

Mr. C's COMMENTS

The kids are really working hard on some extremely difficult music. I would ask that every parent seriously consider attending the Spring Concert on April 29th. Both bands will put on a great performance. It is also our annual Pork Chop supper and it would be awesome to have a strong representation at the concert to highlight all that these kids have done over the semester. They will blow you away with their amazing commitment, dedication and passion for this music.

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 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.....

Parents, we sure hope to see you at the trivia night to support our kids. We have a blast at this event and gets crazy once in a while. All of the funds help 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)

April 28	Bradley Junior-Senior Honor Band	6 nominated students to attend
April 24	Wind Ensemble ISU concert band comp	ISU auditorium – competition either Fri
April 29 (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	Downtown Chillicothe – 11 am – 4 pm
<u>Upcoming Events (tentative)</u>		
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	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