



**Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter**  
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**SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER**

**LET'S ALL GET EXCITED!!! CAN YOU FEEL THAT IT IS  
GOING TO BE AN AMAZING SEASON?**

**PARENT INFORMATION CORNER: OUR NEXT MEETING**

Our next booster meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:15 pm?** in the **MOSSVILLE BAND ROOM** because we would like to welcome the potential 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and make sure we are ready for ISU and Indianapolis. These meetings are quite important.

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> FOOTBALL GAME OVERVIEW**

Our first and second football game performances were awesome!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The kids did amazing. I am very proud of them and hopefully this is a high bar of achievement we just set as we head into the fall season. Thanks for cheering on our kids at half time. We could hear you! See you at our next football game, October 2, 2015. Check the website calendar for times.

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. Students are free to leave once their uniform and instrument is packed for the following day's field show performance.

**COLOR GUARD TRIP TO CHICAGO SPINNING CLINIC**

Thanks to Rebecca Impens and Kristen Smith, our girls had the opportunity to spend a full day with seasoned instructors from two drum corps to learn how to spin weapons (rifles and sabres). All of the color guard members attended (awesome) and learned so much just by taking this risk. We are extremely proud of them and excited that they would take the time to become acquainted with those new opportunities. Thanks color guard for sacrificing their time and efforts to make this happen!

**DRUMLINE FULL DAY REHEARSALS**

Last week, the battery spent a full day rehearsing and working on music and drill. They spent the entire day getting better. They could have done a million other things, yet they all dedicated their time to making our band better both visually and musically. We notice the commitment and the quality in what you bring to our program.

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND PARADE WRAP UP**

THE SPRAY WATER BOTTLE BREGADE WAS WONDERFUL!!!! THANK YOU! AND SO WERE THE KIDS FOR HAVING TO MARCH IN THAT AWFUL HEAT. The Labor Day weekend was quite busy and hot for us. We performed in two parades and literally received warm welcomes from both communities. Thanks to all the parents and students for sacrificing their time and effort to produce an excellent product for these communities. We even received encouraging complements along the parade route and positive acknowledgements for participating despite the incredibly humid and hot conditions.

## **MORTON, IWU, LIMESTONE, ISU, BOA COMPETITIONS**

Competitions are exciting and a lot of fun! Don't miss out on your child's performances!!! In fact, IVC band parents have the reputation for being there to support their band. Many alumni parents and students also come back to support the band. Please sit with other parents. The competition dates are set. Check out the web site ([www.ivcbands.com](http://www.ivcbands.com)) for dates, maps and itineraries (once I receive our performance time) regarding each competition. It is mandatory for the students to ride the bus to all competitions. If they are in a sporting activity related to the school, they are asked to meet us at the location as soon as they can. Arrangements need to be made and cleared with Mr. Chapman. It is vital that all students in that situation make the best effort to make the performance since the entire band is counting on their participation. If a performance is unexcused, an extra assignment will be given. If the student wants to ride home with parents, it is very important to sign out on their bus before they leave. We must know before we leave a contest site of their whereabouts so we do not wait unnecessarily to get word of their location.

## **REHEARSALS**

I can't express to you enough on how important our rehearsals are throughout the school year. We put so much into each rehearsal and we all need to understand that there is little time to continually work parts due to absences. I completely understand that homework and sporting events are a challenge to work around, however these challenges are developing your child's ability to manage their time and focus on getting the job done. It isn't easy by any means. I know, I have a daughter in the band also and we have those late nights too. If there is an issue with academic struggles, please shoot me an e-mail and we can work something out or get your child the extra assistance they need. We have many students that understand subject matter and can help give advice when needed. On a side note, please be aware that there may be a rehearsal scheduled on the day of a competition. I understand there may be conflicts with sporting activities, but it is a way for the majority of the members to sharpen their skills prior to their evening performances. These rehearsal times will be scheduled and listed on each itinerary for that event.

## **PLEASE DON'T BE SHY**

As you can see, we could really use your talents in any capacity and for any length of time. All you just have to say "I can help" or "Where do you need me to step in?" Flags need to be fixed, uniforms checked, equipment moved, **props to be placed on the field, front ensemble equipment staged**, water sprayers to be manned, not to mention improvements to our room. You are also more than welcome to come out to Taylor Field and spread some encouragement as you watch us practice on Wednesday evenings! Go-Go Parents!

## **EVEN I AM EXCITED ABOUT THIS AS A PACKER FAN! BEARS VS RAMS NFL PERFORMANCE**

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Rams and Bears will square off against each other at the Edwards Jones Dome in St. Louis Missouri. We have the opportunity to perform during their pregame "Salute to the Veterans" extravaganza. We are pumped to again perform for thousands at a pro football game as well as promoting IVC. Two years ago, we performed on the same field but the Packers were the opponent and we had a blast. SOOOOO, if you are a Bear fan (gross), we will have an opportunity for you to purchase a package including the ticket and bus seat for the game. The game begins at Noon. More details will be out quickly and flyers for you to hand out. We must promote this event asking colleagues, friends, neighbors, strangers and family to attend. There will be a small fee for students to attend to cover the transportation costs. The more tickets we can sell, the less the students will have to cover... Just a thought, we filled two charter buses with Packer and Ram Fans....the challenge is on...Are there any Bear fans out there? Tickets are now available. To keep costs low, we must move 100 tickets.

## **MOVIE TIME IN CHILLICOTHE**

This Sunday (21<sup>st</sup>) at the town theatre at 4:30pm, we are asking those that are fans of the sequel to the Maze Runner, Scorch Trial. This is a fun way to raise funds for the band. If you could bring family and friends, we will receive extra funds from ticket sales. We want to thank the Optimists for allowing us to do this for our program.

### **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.

### **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](http://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](http://www.ivcbands.com) and look for the PayPal logo and follow the instructions.

### **CIVIC CENTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES**

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 Amy Graham @ 309. 215.7719 or at [agraham@cardtronics.com](mailto:agraham@cardtronics.com) if you would like to raise funds for your band member. The funds quickly add up.

### **BANDS OF AMERICA (BOA) SUPER REGIONAL IN INDIANAPOLIS**

On Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, (no school due to parent/teacher conferences) the band will be competing with some of the finest bands in the nation. WE ARE LOOKING AT STAYING OVERNIGHT. We will be staying overnight at Brownsburg HS (a suburb of Indianapolis) and traveling on Illinois Charter Buses. We will also working on lunch, dinner and breakfast the next morning. I understand the cross country folks will need to leave after our performance on Friday. The cost for each member will be very low. We will have a full itinerary for you as this event approaches. There are some hurdles to overcome, but just wanted to give you some clarity with this weekend. More details will follow as we get closer to the event date. Also know we will ask the students to cover the cost for the coach transportation to and from Indi. We will be discussing this performance and all the logistics that go along with this performance during our upcoming booster meetings.

### **GET THAT MUSIC MEMORIZED!!**

Our success relies heavily on your attitude and time commitment to memorize this music. Please begin to memorize small chunks of the music at a time. Carve out about half an hour a day and you will have the entire show memorized before camp, which will mean we can begin to march and play it with more confidence.

### **MR. C's COMMENTS**

Many of you rose to the occasion and made sure our kids were safe and were as comfortable as possible. Our kids learned and marched 60 sets (pictures) with memorized music and have started understanding of what our show means. 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 are continuing to work their tails off despite our placement! Please stay healthy and eat foods/drink beverages that maintain your energy levels. Furthermore, wear warm clothing since Illinois weather has decided to go from summer temps to winter in one day.

Please look at the schedule on our web site, [www.ivcbands.com](http://www.ivcbands.com). This 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!

**Upcoming Events (tentative)**

September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Morton Marching Band Competition	Itinerary is posted on the website
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Normal West (IWU) Marching Band Competition	
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Home Football Game – Bloomington CC (Homecoming)	5:30 pm call/7:00 pm game
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	ILMEA District II auditions – Select students who signed up	
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Limestone Marching Band Competition	
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Home Football Game – Eureka SENIOR PARENTS: Please meet us on the track at half time to give your senior band member their flower once their name is called.	5:30 pm call/7:00 pm game
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	ISU State Finals	Itinerary is posted on the website
October 23-24	BOA Super Regional in Indianapolis, Indiana	Performing Friday/returning Friday
November 7	ILMEA District II JAZZ Festival – Farmington HS - All day Schedules will be posted for those that make the ensembles	
November 14	ILMEA District II Concert band/Choir Festival – Augustana College – All day Schedules will be posted for those that make the ensembles	
November 15 (Sunday)	Bears vs Rams Pre Game performance – St. Louis, MO	
November 21	Chillicothe Christmas Parade	

\*\*\*(More marching band competitions may be added/changed)

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