



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

**WE OVER COME TO PROVE TO EVERYONE WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT
REACHING OUR GOALS – NEVER GIVE UP – BOA IS NEXT**

PARENT INFORMATION CORNER: OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next booster meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm** in the **CEC BAND ROOM** because we would like to welcome the potential 8th grade parents and make sure we are ready for upcoming events.

BANDS OF AMERICA (BOA) SUPER REGIONAL IN INDIANAPOLIS

On Friday and Saturday, October 23rd and 24th, (no school: parent/teacher conferences) the band will be heading to Indianapolis to compete with some of the finest bands in the nation. **WE ARE STAYING OVERNIGHT.** We will be staying at Brownsburg HS (a suburb of Indianapolis) and traveling on Illinois Charter Buses. We are also working on a pizza dinner and breakfast the next morning. I understand the cross country folks will be running at regional race at Seneca and we will miss you greatly. Also, if the soccer team wins its game on Wednesday, they will be able to perform with us, but depart after our picture. The cost for each member will be \$40. We have a full itinerary for you which can be found on the website. We discussed this performance and all the logistics at our September and October booster meetings. If you missed the meeting and still have questions, please contact one of the boosters or myself at mchapman@ivcschools.com. Also, we have information on our website.

FLORIDA FRUIT SALE

Thanks once again to Lisa Mack (309.243.5859 or 309.360.2669) and Leigh Bowen (309.657.8933) for working behind the scenes to make this annual fundraiser a huge success. The sale is currently going on and forms are due on Tuesday, November 10th. The scheduled fruit pick up is scheduled for the first week of December in the band room from 2:30 – 5 pm. Thank you for ordering fruit to support our students. You can earn \$5 per box and many alumni and members of the community would love to order fruit because it is so delicious. Contact Leigh Bowen for information regarding online orders that can be delivered to the homeowner's door. 2-TI-Fruiti!!!!

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

On November 15th, 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. Tickets are limited. We are down to the final 20 or so tickets available. Student fee will be \$40 or less if we can sell all our remaining tickets covering the transportation costs. The more tickets we can sell, the less the students will have to cover. The cost of tickets to the game without transportation is \$110 and with Peoria Charter Coach, transportation is \$180. You can contact Deb Stoecker at 309.635.0174 or at www.stylist112362@aol.com if you have questions or would like to purchase tickets.

PLEASE DON'T BE SHY

We could really use your talents in any capacity and for any length of time. All you just have to say is "I can help" or "Where do you need me to step in?" You are more than welcome to come out and help us as we begin our concert and jazz seasons. We have so much to accomplish for the upcoming months and future of our program. Get involved. We are losing some great senior parents! Come to a meeting and see what you can do to help with the success of your child's amazing instrumental music experience.

MOSSVILLE AND CEC PERFORMANCES COMING UP

Over the course of the next few weeks, we are coming along side Mossville and CEC junior high bands. On Tuesday, October 27th, we will be performing in uniform before and during Mossville's band concert. Students are to arrive sharply at 5:30 pm. We should be done by 7:30 pm. We need parents to help get our kids ready, but also talk to both school families to encourage them to join our program next fall. We will be performing at CEC on Wednesday, November 11th from 9 – 10 AM. It is during school hours and our performance will honor the local Veterans. We could use some help at 8AM at IVC with uniforms and equipment. If you can help, please let us know.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015 ILMEA DISTRICT II JAZZ/CONCERT MEMBERS

It is an honor to announce the following students that made either the ILMEA jazz/concert bands. These students were selected as the elite musicians after countless hours of practice throughout the summer and fall months. Cody Moore and Jonah Brabant also auditioned for the bands. They worked just as hard to try and make each respective bands and felt they also needed to be recognized for their efforts.

Zach Lew – Concert and Jazz bands
Sandy Theobald – Concert band
Nathan Higus - Jazz band
Jamie Wunning – Concert Band
Nathaniel Reginald – Concert Band

Jon Offutt – Concert and Jazz bands
Mitch Baron – Concert band
Cora Habeger – Concert band
Moriah Graden – Concert band

2015 FRESH/SOPH BRADLEY HONOR BAND

Six freshman/sophomore students have been nominated to participate in the 2015 Freshman/Sophomore Bradley Honor Band this semester. They will all rehearse Tuesday, November 10th (6:30 pm – 9 pm) and perform on the campus of Bradley University on Tuesday, November 17th in Dingeldine Auditorium at 7:00 pm. We will let you know who makes it as soon as we hear, but those six students are aware of the requirements.

CHILLICOTHE CHRISTMAS PARADE

All members of the Marching Grey Ghosts, except a few Front Ensemble members (banner), are expected to perform on November 21st, 2015 in the Chillicothe Christmas Parade. Students can pick up their equipment and get their uniforms any time that day at Noon. The band will meet at the usual corner of Hickory St. and Second St. (I will let the students know if the line location isn't on Hickory) 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.

2015 MARCHING BAND BANQUET

Following the Christmas parade festivities on Saturday November 21st, we will hold our annual marching band banquet at the IVC commons for a time to look back at the amazing things our band family accomplished this fall. Some guard and drum line awards will be given along with a few senior awards. We will provide a nice dinner for all so please let us know how many family members are attending (invitations will be mailed). If you would like to help or donate, please contact the lovely Katy Fox and let her know how you can help her in this huge event. Donations will be asked at the door to cover the costs of this banquet. Doors will open at 5 pm.

MORTON, IWU, LIMESTONE, ISU, BOA COMPETITIONS

What a great start to our competitive marching band season. We came out strong at Washington, learned a few things along the way, grew confident in our abilities, began to clean and detail the drill and music, add body movement and amazing props and now the final two weeks of band comps are upon us. Congratulations to all the hard working kids, parents and staff for an outstanding year. Information regarding ISU is on the website.

JAZZ BAND SEASON BEGINS SOON

Now that marching band season is coming to a close, jazz season is upon us. We will begin rehearsals on November 2nd and the season will run through February. We have several gigs in January/February including our annual trip to Chicago in late February.

Jazz One Ensemble: Monday evenings from 7- 9

Jazz Two Ensemble: Tuesday evenings from 7 - 9

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 12th 6 pm to 7:00 pm Recorders/Brass 7 pm to 8:00 pm
November 19th 6 pm to 7:00 pm Recorders/Brass 7 pm to 8:00 pm
December 3rd 6 pm to 7:00 pm Recorders/Brass 7 pm to 8:00 pm
December 10th 6 pm to 7:00 pm Recorders/Brass 7 pm to 8:00 pm
Performances are December 12 and 13. TBA on times

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 2015 at 3 pm. The students will have to be at the concert for warm up around 1:00 pm. We will be in concert dress. We definitely need help fitting those students into their dresses and tuxedos. For fitting help, please contact Chris Featherstone.

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.

12/08/15	Tuesday	Pontiac	Call 6:00 pm	Game 7:30 pm
12/09/15	Wednesday	MOSS/CEC JR HIGH BB GAME	Call 6:30 pm	Game 7:00 pm
12/19/15	Friday	Mahomet-Seymore	Call 5:30 pm	Game 7:00 pm

MOVIE TIME IN CHILLICOTHE

Thanks to all those that were fans of the sequel to the Maze Runner, Scorch Trial and showed up and set this cool fundraiser up. It was a fun way for our kids to raise a few funds for the band. We want to thank the Optimists for allowing us to do this for our program. We plan to have another event like this in the future.

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.

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.

CIVIC CENTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout last 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](tel:3092157719) or at agraham@cardtronics.com if you would like to raise funds for your band member. The funds quickly add up. Grade school parents can begin fundraising at any time. We just need your e-mail address.

MR. C's COMMENTS

Congratulations to the 2015 Class 1A runner up Marching Grey Ghosts and band family. I have to admit, it felt as if I had been kicked in the gut after I heard our placement, but it puts into perspective that we must rise above the pain and obstacles and come out the other side stronger and even more determined to ensure we bounce back and not let it happen again. 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 59 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, added 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 and 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 are also gave all they could for this program. It is wonderful to see the selflessness by many. Parents provided and cooking food, uniforms (fixing/adjusting), moving equipment, fixing equipment, moved props, building, designing and altering props, fixing ripped flags, prepping the hair of the guard and even making something special for our Seniors.

I hope you saw and felt that dedication and desire our kids had to be their best. 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 all to their limits to excel, not just be good. It was more than them individually. 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 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 all 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 make it this year again representing IVC. Those students made it due to the hard work in the summer months. Way to go! Thanks for representing IVC at our state music levels.

Our jazz/indoor band/small group rehearsal schedule will soon be 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, now that marching band is over, our journey continues. Concert band, pep band, jazz and madrigal dinner music are approaching quickly. We still need so many hands to make our future become successful. Please do not leave our program for 8 months. We still need you!

2015-2016 IVC BAND CALANDER
(Subject to change – edited on Oct 8th, 2015)

Remaining Yearly Events 2015

October 27 th	Possible performance at Mossville Fall Concert – 6:30 pm
November 7 th	ILMEA Jazz Festival @ Farmington HS – All day
November 14 th	ILMEA Concert Festival @ Augustana College – All day
November 19 th	Bradley fresh/soph Honor Band – All day (NOV-10 th – practice 6:30 pm selected)
November 21 st	Chillicothe Christmas Parade – Downtown Chillicothe – 2 pm Call 1:30 pm
November 21 st	IVC Marching Band Banquet – Commons – 6 pm
December 5 th	IVC HS Band Holiday Concert – 3:00 pm – Call 1:30 pm
December 8 th	Pep Band – Pontiac – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
December 19 th	Pep Band – Mahomet Seymour – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

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January 15 th	Pep Band – U-High – 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
January 16 th	Pep Band - Limestone – 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
January 22 nd	Pep Band – BCC – 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
January 23 rd	Illinois Wesleyan Jazz Festival All day
January 28, 29, 30	IMEA State Music Convention – Peoria, Illinois
February 5 th	Pep Band – Eureka - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
February 12 th	Pep Band – Olympia – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
February 13 th	Dunlap Jazz Festival – Morning
February 23 rd	Bradley Jazz Festival – During Day
February 23 rd	Pep Band – Normal West – 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
February 24 th	Chocoholics Jazz Night – 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
February 26 - 28	Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival over night
March 4 th	IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest - @ CEC - TBA
March 6 th	Winter Band Concert – 3:00 pm Call 1:30 pm
April 22 nd /23 rd	Illinois State University Concert Band Festival – Wind Ensemble Only
April 26 th	Jr./Sr. Bradley Honor Band (practice April 19 th)
May 4 th	Band Concert and Pork Chop Dinner – 7:30 pm – Call 6:00 pm
May 22 nd	Graduation

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