



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

PARENT INFORMATION CORNER: OUR NEXT MEETING

Due to jazz rehearsals and madrigal week, our next booster meeting will be on (third week) **Wednesday, December 16th, 2015 at 7:00 pm** in the IVC Band Room. These meetings are quite important. Topics for discussion include our spring plans and goals of the organization as well as our summer and fall 2016 season.

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. On line sales are still currently going on so if you missed the initial sale, you can still have fruit delivered to your door. The scheduled fruit pick up is scheduled for Thursday, December 10th in the band room from 2:30 – 5 pm. Thank you for ordering fruit to support our students. If you have questions, please contact Leigh Bowen for information regarding online orders that can be delivered to the homeowner's door. 2-TI-Fruiti all the way!!!!

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 12:30 pm. The band will meet at the corner of Sycamore St. and Second St. at 1:40 pm with the parade starting at 2:00 pm. The parade should be done by 2:30 pm 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 1:40 in uniform. Santa Hats are optional.

2015 MARCHING BAND BANQUET

Following the Christmas parade festivities on Saturday November 21st, we will hold our 3rd 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 have been distributed). 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 and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

2015 – 2016 WINTER INDOOR DRUMLINE/WINTER COLOR GUARD

We are delighted to have both Aaron Mills and Rebecca Impens taking on each winter activity. Both are very demanding activities that take a ton of dedication and commitment to make them really succeed. Parental help is definitely needed. Many of the performances are in the extreme Northern or Southern parts of our state. I want to thank all the students for taking on these two highly demanding activities. Just a reminder, the activity code will be enforced as well as eligibility regarding grades. We wish you all the best and looking forward to hearing all the great things to come with these amazing opportunities. Please see the schedule for rehearsal and competition dates. If you have questions, please contact Aaron or Rebecca.

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. Some will be in the running to participate in the ILMEA State convention in January.

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

Congratulations to Jamie Wunning (flute), Van Moyer (bassoon), Corbin Blanch (trumpets) Nathan Nigus and Jonah Brabant (trombone) for being selected as members of the 2015 Freshman/Sophomore Bradley Honor Band. They performed a wonderful concert on the campus of Bradley University. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments!

MOSSVILLE AND CEC GRADE SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

Thank you to all the parents that helped move equipment and help our students get ready for these two exceptional performances. The music sounded wonderful and all those in attendance, especially the grade school students were impressed. Also, thanks to all the parents and few students for being enthusiastic about our program at the booster meetings at each grade school. I hope we made a positive and lasting impression on the incoming parents.

JAZZ BAND SEASON CONTINUES

Now that marching band season is coming to a close, jazz season is upon us. We have begun rehearsals and will run through February. We have several gigs in January/February including our annual trip to Chicago – Rolling Meadows on February 26 - 27 - 28 (2/26-2/27 or 2/27 - 2/28 depending on the schedule). The cost will include transportation and hotel room fee which has will be around \$80 - \$100. We will know in late December the cost of the trip so you will have two months to budget. We will do our best to find the best rates on all fronts.

Jazz One Ensemble: Monday evenings from 7 pm - 9 pm
Jazz Two Ensemble: Tuesday evenings from 7 pm - 9 pm

MADRIGAL BRASS REHEARSALS

The “mad” brass ensemble rehearsals:

December 3rd 6 pm to 7:15 pm December 10th 6 pm to 7:15 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 two basketball game gigs in the month of December. Marching Band members except guard must attend and they will be graded.

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| 12/08/15 | Tuesday | Pontiac | Call 6:00 pm | Game 7:30 pm |
| 12/19/15 | Friday | Mahomet-Seymore | Call 5:30 pm | Game 7:00 pm |

BANDS OF AMERICA (BOA) SUPER REGIONAL/ BEARS GAME WRAP UP

Thank you to ALLLLL the parents and students for two amazing trips for our students to perform on two very immense stages. With all of the logistics that go into each event, a ton of parental help was needed and met. Thanks to all the parents that helped chaperone, load and unload equipment or drive our kids to and from Indy as well as making sure our kids had the best possible performance in Lucas Oil Stadium and the Edward Jones Dome. Special thanks to Deb Stoecker for all she did for the Bears/Rams game and to ensure an enjoyable trip and all the chaperones and parents that helped along the way. The experience to represent and honor the veteran's was truly something we can all be proud of here at IVC.

PLEASE DON'T BE SHY

We could really use your talents in any capacity and for any length of time. 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. **The winter guard and winter drum line really need parental help!!!!**

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 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

I would also like to congratulate all the ILMEA concert and jazz musicians 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/winter color guard/winter drum line 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! Also, next month, the 2016 summer/ fall season will begin to take shape and dates for band camp will be scheduled and in next month's newsletter.

Remember, our journey continues. Concert band, pep band, jazz season 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! Lastly, I would like to thank you for all of your dedication and passion for this program.

I hope you and your family have a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving break!

2015-2016 IVC BAND CALANDER

(Subject to change – edited on Nov 18th, 2015)

2015

November 21st Chillicothe Christmas Parade: Downtown Chillicothe – 2 pm Call 1:40 pm
November 21st IVC Marching Band Banquet: Commons – 5 pm Doors open: Dinner - 6 pm
November 24th Winter Color Guard Rehearsal: 6 - 9 pm
November 25th Winter Drum line Rehearsal: 6 - 9 pm

December 1, 3,8,10, 22, 29 Winter Color Guard Rehearsals: 6 - 9 pm Also: Dec. 5th/12th/19th: 1- 5 pm
December 2, 9, 16 Winter Drum line Rehearsals: 6 - 9 pm
December 5th IVC HS Band Holiday Concert – 3:00 pm – Call 1:30 pm
December 8th Pep Band – Pontiac – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
December 19th Pep Band – Mahomet Seymour – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

2016

Jan 5, 7,12,14,19, 21, 26 Winter Color Guard Rehearsals: 6 - 9 pm Also: Jan. 9th /16th/30th: 1- 5 pm
January 15th Pep Band – U-High – 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
January 16th Pep Band - Limestone – 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
January 22nd Pep Band – BCC – 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
January 23rd Illinois Wesleyan Jazz Festival All day – Both bands
January 24th Winter Color Guard 1st Comp: Naperville North
January 28, 29, 30 IMEA State Music Convention – Peoria, Illinois

Feb. 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25 Winter Color Guard Rehearsals: 6 - 9 pm Also: Feb. 13th/20th: 1- 5 pm
February 5th Pep Band – Eureka - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
February 7th Winter Color Guard 2nd Comp: Lincoln-Way East Competition
February 20th Edwardsville Competition: Winter Drum line Competition
February 12th Pep Band – Olympia – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
February 13th Dunlap Jazz Festival – Morning
February 17th McKendree University Concert Band Festival – Wind Ensemble Only
February 23rd Bradley Jazz Festival – During Day
February 23rd Pep Band – Normal West – 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
February 24th Chocoholics Jazz Night – 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
February 28th Winter Color Guard 3rd Comp: Downers Grove South Competition
February 26 - 28 Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival overnight – Both Bands - \$80 - \$100

Mar. 1, 3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29,31 Winter Color Guard Rehearsals: 6 - 9 pm Also: Mar. 5th/12th/19th: 1- 5 pm
March 4th IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest - @ CEC – TBA **OR**
Travel to NIU – Wind Ens Only – Phantom Regiment/NIU Concert Band Festival
March 6th Winter Band Concert – 3:00 pm Call 1:30 pm
March 19th O’Fallon Competition: Winter Drum line Competition
March 19th /20th Winter Color Guard 3rd/4th Comp: Minooka Comp/Carl Sandburg Competition

April 2nd /3rd Winter Color Guard Championships: LaPorte, IN/ Drum line Championships - KS
April 22nd /23rd Illinois State University Concert Band Festival – Wind Ensemble Only
April 26th Jr. /Sr. Bradley Honor Band (practice April 19th)

May 4th Band Concert and Pork Chop Dinner – 7:30 pm – Call 6:00 pm
May 22nd Graduation – Ceremony - 5:00 pm
4:00 pm - Call for Wind Ensemble Soph/Juniors and All Concert Band members