



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

PARENT INFORMATION CORNER: OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next booster meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm** in the IVC Band Room. These meetings are quite important. Topics for discussion include future plans and goals for our fall season.

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... Don't even need to know prior knowledge of anything!!! It's really a great time. This event's date is **Friday, February 13th** 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 anything to do with the theme of "Love". Deb Stoecker is continuing as chairperson and does an amazing job. Please consider getting involved with this event since it is a super way to just have a ball. The cost is \$10 per person. If your business is interested in obtaining a table, please let us know. Food and beverages will be available for purchase or 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! Please come and join us! **WE REALLY NEED TO PAY OFF OUR \$5700 NEW INSTRUMENT KIDDER LEASE** so please come out and enjoy a night with the band family!

DISTRICT JAZZ NIGHT

ON Wednesday, FEBRUARY 24th, all our district jazzers will showcase their talents for all to hear. They will also be our guest band and it is going to be an exciting night of jazz. Please contact Amy Graham at (309-550-8271) if you are interested in helping with the dinner, dessert donations, taking tickets, serving dinner items or tearing down all the equipment. The meal will take on a New Orleans feel consisting of red beans and rice and/or jambalaya. A flyer and schedule for the event will be distributed soon.

BAND BASH 2016..A change in the name is coming...

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 Friday before that weekend and we could sure use your help to make this happen. Thank you for getting involved! Contact Deb Reginald if interested in helping out!

PAYPAL OPTIONS

We are now, for your convenience, 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

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. A handful of parents worked at the recent event and they were swamped (which is a good thing!) This is a moneymaker that can accumulate funds for you very quickly. Some parents have worked just two events and have band camp fall 2016 paid in full. If you are new, you can be trained: even a band director can do it. Please contact Kelly Walsh @309.360.6517 or Marcy Biggar @309.472.4821 if you would like to raise funds for your band member. FYI – Lots of dates are approaching. We want to thank Amy Graham for taking the lead role in this huge undertaking and have appreciated all that she has done to help our organization in this capacity.

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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.

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.

WIND ENSEMBLE TO TRAVEL ON PRESIDENT'S DAY

The wind ensemble has been invited to perform at the Metro East Concert Band Invitational at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois (25 miles north of St. Louis). 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 will receive a 50 minute clinic after our performance with Northwestern Director of Bands Daniel Farris and retired ISU director of Bands, Dr. Steve Steele (yes, both were my professors at ISU.). Students should bring \$ to cover lunch and dinner. An itinerary will be provided on the web site and in the band room once we receive more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 ILMEA ALL-STATE JAZZ/CHOIR MEMBERS

The following students will be spending a weekend making amazing music in their respective ILMEA jazz bands/choirs in late January at the ILMEA convention. These students were selected as the elite musicians after countless hours of practice throughout the summer and fall months. We are very proud of their accomplishments and appreciate their talents as fine musicians in our state!

Alexis Humphreys, Curtis DeBacker, Mattie Hoskins, Elisabeth Landis - Chorus Brad Storm - Jazz Choir
Zach Lew, Sandy Theobald and Cora Habeger – Concert Band

JAZZ BAND SEASON CONTINUES

Now that marching band season has come to a close, jazz season is here. Our annual trip to Chicago – Rolling Meadows will be on February 2/27 - 2/28. The cost of \$100 will include transportation and hotel room fee which is due in early February.

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

January 23 – IWU – Bloomington, Il – Itinerary is on the website

February 6 – Dunlap Jazz Fest – Friday nite/ Jazz One Only/ 9:30 pm performance/ Itinerary will be provided

February 23 – Bradley Jazz Festival – Jazz One only - During the day - Itinerary will be provided

February 24 – IVC District Jazz Night – 6-8:30 – All district jazz bands – Information coming

Need help!!! Desserts donations appreciated - \$5 admission fee – dinner available for purchase

BASKETBALL PEP BAND GAMES

2016 – Concert and Wind Ensemble members will participate as well as any volunteers that want to sit in

01/29/16	Friday	Pontiac	Call 6:00 pm	Game 7:30 pm
02/05/16	Friday	Eureka	Call 6:00 pm	Game 7:30 pm
02/12/16	Friday	Olympia	Call 6:00 pm	Game 7:30 pm
02/23/16	Tuesday	Normal West	Call 6:30 pm	Game 8:00 pm

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

For those interested in this event, the date has been set for Friday, March 4th at CEC. We will have judges for high school only events. Please let Mr. Chapman know if you are participating in this event by signing up in the band room. If you are performing a solo, please contact a pianist for your accompanist. **Go for it!**

MR. C's COMMENTS

I would also like to congratulate all the ILMEA All-state members. 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. Very Proud!!!!

Our jazz/indoor band/small group 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!

Remember, our journey continues. Concert band, pep band, jazz season are here. We still need so many hands to make our future become successful. 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, to regain our state title. Please check out all the dates on the following page.....

Upcoming Events (tentative)

January 19, 21, 26	Winter Guard rehearsals:	6 pm – 9 pm - Also Jan 30 th 1-5 pm
January 23 (Sat)	Illinois Wesleyan University Jazz Fest	Jazz I, II – Itinerary on website
January 24 (Sun)	Winter Guard 1 st Competition	Naperville North HS
January 29 (Fri)	Pep Band – All band members	Call 6:00 pm Game time – 7:30 pm
January 28 - 30	ILMEA All State convention – Concert –	IVC Students performing – tickets \$5
Feb. 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25	Winter Guard rehearsals:	Peoria Civic Center Theatre 1pm or 3 pm
February 5 (Fri)	Pep Band – Eureka – All members	6 pm – 9 pm - Also Feb 13 th / 20 th 1-5 pm
February 6 (Sat)	Dunlap Jazz Festival	Call 6:00 pm Game time – 7:30 pm
February 7 (Sun)	Winter Guard 2 nd Competition	Jazz I, II – Morning
February 10 (Wed)	Ghost Pride Night performance	Lincoln Way East HS
February 12 (Fri)	Pep Band – Olympia – All members	Drum line/Winter Guard - 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
February 13 (Sat)	Trivia Night – St. Edwards Parish hall	Call 6:00 pm Game time – 7:30 pm
February 15 (Mon)	Wind Ensemble at McKendree Lebanon, Il	5:00 pm set up/6:00 pm start –loads of fun...
February 18/19/20	Happy Days Musical	All day \$20 for food - Back by 5 pm
February 21 (Sat)	Winter Drum line Competition	Pit musicians - IVC HS
February 23 (Tues)	Bradley Jazz Festival – During day	Edwardsville, Il – 10 AM performance
February 23 (Tues)	Pep Band – All band members/Normal West	Jazz I only – 10:30 am performance time
February 24 (Wed)	District Jazz Night –Need Help	Call 6:30 pm Game time – 8:00 pm
February 27/28	Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival	IVC Commons - Jazz I, II and JH
February 28 (Sun)	Winter Guard 3 rd Competition	Jazz I, II– TBA – Cost \$100
Mar. 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29,31	Winter Guard Rehearsals 6 – 9 pm	Downers Grove South HS
March 4 (Fri)	Solo and Ensemble Contest	Also: Mar. 5 th /12 th /19 th – 1-5 pm
March 6 (Sun)	Winter Band Concert – IVC HS	Early Evening – CEC
March 19 (Sat)	Winter Drum line Competition	Call 1:00 pm – Performance 3:00 pm
March 19/20 (Sat/Sun)	Winter Guard 4 th /5 th Competition	O’Fallon, Illinois
April 2 nd /3 rd	Winter Guard Championships	Minooka/Carl Sandburg HS
April 1 st – 3 rd	Winter Drum line Championships	LaPorte, Indiana
April	Bradley Junior-Senior Honor Band	Nixa HS - Missouri
May 4 (Wed)	Spring Band Awards Concert	A select few of nominated students to attend
May 24 - 27 (Tues-Fri)	Memorial Day Marching Band Camp	Pork Chop Dinner – 5:00 pm/7:30 pm
June 9, 10	Thursday Marching Band Rehearsals	5 – 9 pm
June 11 (Sat)	Chillicothe Zorro Parade	5 – 9 pm
	No details as of yet – If it is on this date, Mr. C nor Mr. H can attend	Line Up – 10:30 am Start 11 am
July 12 (Tues)	Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps	All Day – COME WATCH
July 25 – 28 (Mon-Th)	Marching Band Pre – Camp	5 – 9 pm (Parent Preview – Thurs 6pm)
July 29 – Aug 3 (Fri - Wed)	Allerton Park Band Camp	Depart at 9AM – Arrive 3:30 PM
August 6 (Sat)	Music Fest	Downtown Chillicothe
Sept 3 rd and 5 th	Labor Day Weekend	Parades
September 2 nd	1 st Home Football Game – Pontiac	5:45 pm call/7:00 pm game
September 10 th	Washington Marching Band Competition	Practice will be held before we depart
September 17 th	Morton/ Pontiac Comp or full rehearsal	Practice will be held if we depart
September 23 rd	2 nd Home Football Game – Mahomet	5:45 pm call/7:00 pm game
September 24 th	Normal West Competition	Practice will be held before we depart
October 1 st	3 rd Home Football Game – Chicago Tech	11:45 am call/1:00 pm game (Homecoming)
October 8 th	Limestone and Dunlap marching comps	Back to Back performances
October 15 th	U of I marching band championship	Morning
October 21 st	4 th Home Football Game – Macomb	5:45 pm call/7:00 pm game (Senior Night)
October 22 nd	ISU State Finals	Early and hopefully late

(***More marching band competitions could be added or omitted)

Marching band registration forms and first payments due: May 28th, 2016