



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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March 2016 NEWSLETTER

PARENT INFORMATION CORNER: OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next booster meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 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.

BIG BAND TRIP 2017

We are in the process of preparing to announce possible destinations for our 2017 big band trip. We have applied for the 2017 Washington DC Memorial Day Parade representing the state of Illinois. We are also looking at Florida as a destination if the Washington DC trip falls through. We will discuss these options at the next booster meeting in April.

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... You will laugh; have a great time and just bond with your family and friends.

This event's date is Sunday, April 10th with a set up time starting at 3pm and the game beginning around 3:30 pm at the RIVER BEACH PUB. The event's theme is Famous Couples. Deb Stoecker is continuing as chairperson and she can be reached at 309.635.0174. Please consider getting involved with this event since it is a super way to just have a ball playing games and winning prizes. 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 for 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!

DISTRICT JAZZ NIGHT

Can I say success!!! This was an amazing event for all. The concert featured all the jazz bands from IVC and featured big band, Bradley Universities Jazz Ensemble featuring our very own alum Josh Rose. They were awesome. Congratulations to all the CEC and Mossville groups for performing outstanding selections. We would like to thank the Altrusa club membership for donating some delicious desserts! We were blessed to have you help us out! Thanks to all the band moms and dads that worked behind the scenes, especially Cara Encinas for her delicious red beans and rice, Mark Cosner's tasty pulled pork and Chris Featherstone for overseeing the entire event. It was really a great night and hope we can do it all over again next year!

25th ANNUAL RAFFLE IS IN THE BOOKS

I would like to thank Kathy Crank and her team of captains that took the time to get out there and secure the much needed funds to cover our prize monies as well as our final lease payment. It was so nice to see so many local donators receive prize money. We really thank all that purchased tickets and hope you can understand that it all helped fund our program. This is Kathy's last raffle as chairperson, so if you see her, give her a thumbs up and thank her for all her hard work!

2016 WINTER DRUM LINE

Congratulations and a sincere thank you to the entire winter drum line members who worked so hard over this winter season. Thank you for all your dedication of over 100 hours memorizing music and learning drill. It is refreshing to see the drum line working as one to become a better line and front ensemble. Thanks to Aaron, Jake, Mark, Kayvon and everyone else that has worked so hard to make this happen. We are all very proud and congratulations on an amazing season. Good luck at Championships.

2016 FALL DRUMLINE AUDITIONS/PLACEMENTS

Drum line auditions will be held during the week of April 18th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm (Monday through Thursday). 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!

2016 WINTER COLOR GUARD SEASON

Congratulations and a sincere thank you to the entire winter color guard members who worked so hard over this inaugural season. Thank you for all your dedication of over 100 hours figuring out how to spin new equipment while learning drill. Understand we saw your improvements and you scored your highest marks in over two years!!! Thanks to Rebecca, and all the parents that has worked so hard to make this happen. We are all very proud and congratulations on an amazing season. Good luck at Championships.

2016 TASTE OF CHILLI MUSIC FEST (formally known as Band Bash)

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 Reginald at 309.202.3569. First meeting is on March 21, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the band room.

SPRING PORK CHOP SUPPER BAND CONCERT

I would ask that every parent consider attending the Spring Concert on May 4th – Hint: “May the fourth be with you”.... 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. You will be blown away with their amazing commitment, dedication and passion for this music.

WIND ENSEMBLE TO TRAVEL ON APRIL 22 (FRIDAY EVENING) TO ISU

The wind ensemble has been invited to perform at Illinois State University on Friday evening. 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 30 minute clinic after our performance with amazing collegiate directors from across the country. Students should bring \$ to cover dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings in East Peoria. An itinerary has been provided on the web site and in the band room.

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.

THANK YOU – CIVIC CENTER CHAIRS

For the past two past weekends, Kelly, Marcy and Missy spent a ton of time at the Civic Center making sure our band families had the opportunity to fundraise for their student ledgers. I can't express to you how taxing it can be on the body as well as the mental fatigue from having to manage so much. I want to personally thank them and their managers for their commitment, sacrifice and dedication they gave for our gain. I heard it was a huge success for both weekends.

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 Welch @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.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Thanks to all those that had the courage to get up in front of the judges and perform their best. Those that participated did extremely well. Congratulations to all of you for putting together so many pieces with so many notes! Way to represent! Here are the results.

Flute duet	I	Katie Hying and Desire Wilson
Flute solo	II	Katie Hying
Clarinet solo	I	Eva Wilhelm – Perfect score
Clarinet duet	I	Sandy Theobald and Cora Habeger - Perfect score
Alto saxophone solo	I	John Offutt - Perfect score - second year in a row
Trombone solo	I	Zach Lew - Perfect score - memorized
Trombone solo	I	Nathan Nigus – Perfect score
Piano Solo	I	Mitch Baron - Perfect score
Piano Solo	I	Nicole Vandervlugt - Perfect score

MARCH WINTER CONCERT

This concert was excellent. The entire weekend was awesome. The solo and ensemble participants on Friday evening gave their all; the choirs were simply out of this world and our band kids sure played magnificently despite their tiredness from the busy weekend. I hope you can see the value of what these kids do working together just as they would on the marching band field. The level of musicianship was raised and very demanding. I would like to thank Chris Featherstone for all her creative work with the programs!

MR. C's COMMENTS

What a winter!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Despite the cold, we are working hard inside to ensure that the quality continues. We still have several events to focus on before we start the process all over again. I would also ask that every parent consider attending the Spring Concert on May 4th – Hint. May the fourth be with you.... 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. You will be blown away with their amazing commitment, dedication and passion for this music.

I would like to congratulate all the jazz members for their efforts over the past few weeks. The students put in a ton of time to grow and learn all the music. Way to go! Thanks for representing IVC at our state music levels. If you didn't hear, Jazz One placed 2nd in their class and were 9th out of 99 bands at one of the largest jazz festivals in the country. Jazz II ensemble also performed respectfully. We are very proud!!!!

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!

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, pre-camp, band camp and numerous competitions.

Upcoming Events (tentative)

Mar. 22, 24, 29, 31	Winter Guard Rehearsals 6 – 9 pm	Also: Mar. 5 th /12 th /19 th – 1-5 pm
April 2 nd /3 rd	Winter Guard Championships	LaPorte, Indiana
April 1 st – 3 rd	Winter Drum line Championships	Nixa HS – Ozark, Missouri
April	Bradley Junior-Senior Honor Band	A select few of nominated students to attend
May 4 (Wed)	Spring Band Awards Concert	Pork Chop Dinner – 5:00 pm/7:30 pm

May 24 - 27 (Tues-Fri)	Memorial Day Marching Band Camp	5 – 9 pm – Freshman in attendance
June 9, 10	Thursday Marching Band Rehearsals	5 – 9 pm - Freshman in attendance
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)	Taste of Chilli 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 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	Full Band Rehearsal - IVC HS	TBA – Will check sports schedules
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
October 29 th	Ghost Chase 5K – Banana's	9 AM start time
October 29 th	WIU Marching Band Competition	Mid – Late afternoon

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

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