



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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April 2016 NEWSLETTER

PARENT INFORMATION CORNER: OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next booster meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm** in the IVC Band Room. The reason for the change of date is due to Spring concerts at the junior high level. 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 continue to discuss these options at the next booster meeting in May. It may be wise to begin fundraising for the trip now. We have several opportunities to raise funds for all your band expenses. For more information, contact any of our board members, check out the website or even join us for our monthly booster meeting.

TRIVIA NIGHT – IT WAS LOADS OF FUN

PARENTS.... THIS WAS FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! A special thanks to Deb and Randy Stoecker for getting things organized for this great event at River Beach Pub. We appreciate everyone's efforts to those that made it a successful event. The decorations and theme was well represented. If you didn't make it this year, please consider coming out next year. It was really a fun time.

MOTHERS DAY COFFEE CAKE FUNDRAISER

Just in time for Mother's day, we all have the opportunity to purchase delicious coffee cakes. Mark Cosner had them at the marching band banquet two years ago and they were amazing. So we have asked Mark to get ahold of the Illinois Bakery that has these delicious recipes and we plan to allow students to generate funds for their own ledgers. All profits will go into their accounts.

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.

Serving begins at 5:00 pm for the community and band family. Please consider helping out before the concert with the supper so all of us can attend the concert. The concert will begin at **7:30 pm** so we can clean up the kitchen and enjoy the music as well as allow those in spring sports to make it back for the concert. Students need to be in concert dress and on stage at **6:00 pm** for warm ups and tuning. Those in sporting activities, show up as soon as you can before we begin, even if you can't change out of your sport's uniform. Please contact Mark Cosner if you would like to grill, help in the kitchen where needed.

IVC GRADUATION BAND

This year, the 2016 graduation ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 22nd at 5:00 pm. Students are asked to be here at 3:30 pm so we can be warmed up, tuned and ready to perform the prelude music. The ceremony should last about 45 minutes. It is important to note that students are expected to dress appropriately, no shorts! This is a ceremony honoring your fellow classmates and we want to look professional. Also, I ask that those that have siblings graduate please participate with us because our lack of members in the concert bands without the graduating seniors are low. We need everyone to perform so we sound great. Thank you for understanding!

2016 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. The second meeting is on April 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the band room.

2016 JR/SR BRADLEY HONOR BAND

Congratulations to John Offutt, Cora Habeger, Sandy Theobald, Moriah Graden, Mitch Baron and Zach Lew for being selected as this year's members of the 2016 Junior/Senior High School Bradley Honor Band. It is their dedication to their gift in music through lessons, solo and ensemble contest and the ILMEA process that warranted their participation in this very high honor.

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.

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.

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 week 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, Lindsey and all the parents that has worked so hard to make this happen. We are all very proud and congratulations on an amazing season. Congratulations to Megan Shane for receiving the Senior Award.

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.

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PEORIA CIVIC CENTER

A HUGE THANK YOU to KELLY WELCH and MARCY BIGGAR for all their time, dedication and efforts as Civic Center managers this year. I understand it can be a grueling process; however the benefits of this fundraising program are well worth it. 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. 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.

MR. C's COMMENTS

The kids are really working hard on some extremely difficult music. I would ask that every parent seriously consider attending the Spring Concert on May 4th. Both bands will put on a great performance. 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. They will blow you away with their amazing commitment, dedication and passion for this music.

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!

Remember, our journey continues. Concert band are still working hard. 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, bring our state title back to IVC.

Please look for the fall schedule dates on the calendar and make the proper adjustments on the registration and health forms for band camp that can electronically be filled out and returned. We have several dates set including Memorial Day camp (May 24 - 27), pre-camp, band camp and numerous competitions.

FRESHMAN – Those currently playing on school instruments such as bass clarinets, tenor saxophones, bari saxophones, French horns, percussion, euphoniums and tubas will receive a marching and concert horn on the first day of Memorial Day Camp. We can't wait to see you in a month from now!!! Please check out all the dates on the following page.....

Upcoming Events (tentative)

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

WE WILL NOT BE MARCHING IN THE ZORRO PARADE

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	9 – 5/5 – 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