



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

NEXT BOOSTER MEETING

Our next booster meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 14, 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. Thanks to all the “graduating” Senior parents that have served our students over the years. We will miss you, but know you are always welcome!

MEMORIAL WEEK REHEARSALS: AT IVC BAND ROOM MAY 23 – 26 (MON-THURS) 5-9 PM
WEAR ACTIVE WEAR – NO FLIP FLOPS – BRING A PERSONAL WATER CONTAINER

2016 MARCHING GREY GHOST BAND PARENT INFORMATIONAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

An informational meeting for all parents will be held on **July 28th at 6 pm in the commons**. We will cover as much for you as possible within an hour. We hope you can make it for the meeting. All band members will be in uniform, taking section pictures, a group picture and showing off their skills.

2016 CHILLICOTHE MUSIC FEST

Simply put, we need your help! This is our largest fundraiser. Within this one day, we can raise the necessary funds so we do not have to continue to hound you to sell products consistently throughout the year. This fundraiser is held before school starts, so we can get it out of the way and not interfere with sporting events and the craziness of the school year. Any help is valued! Please contact Deb Reginald at 309.202.3569 for details. Our next meeting is **Monday, May 16th** in the band room starting at **7:00 pm**. Please join us!

SUMMER BAND LESSONS

Please seriously consider taking summer lessons so not only do you get better as an individual player, but the ensemble benefits from your growth. Potential ILMEA nominees should really take lessons over the summer, whether that is from Mr. C, Mr. Higus or a private instructor. Green Signup sheets are in the band room.

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. We are looking at a cost of around (\$800 - \$1000).

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. Without the graduating members, the concert bands are low. We need everyone to perform so we sound great. Thank you for understanding!

2016 PORK CHOP SUPPER/SPRING CONCERT WRAP UP

Thank you to all those great band parents that served, cooked, prepped, donated products and cleaned up for our annual pork chop supper. We appreciate all the dedication and “behind the scenes” work from many of you. The students did an amazing job musically and I hope the seniors felt like it was made known that they were valued for all the hard work and dedication to this program. A special thanks to Mark Cosner, Terry and Katy Fox for all their help chairing this event as well as all those that pitched in to once again make it a huge success.

PHANTOM REGIMENT COMING TO IVC HS

On July 12th, the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps will be on the campus of IVC HS. PLEASE come out and watch this amazing marching ensemble rehearse. The best time to come to Taylor Field will be in the mid to late afternoon. “They will be AMAZING.” Students are asked to also help serve watermelon and corn to the members. A sign-up sheet for those interested is now located in the band room.

BRADLEY JAZZ CAMP

Bradley University and Metamora Township High School Bands are planning a Jazz and Improve music workshop at Metamora HS from July 11 – 15 2016 from 9 am to 3 pm. There will be a concert on July 15th at 6:30 pm. The faculty includes Bradley University’s own Dr. Todd Kelly and two NYC jazz artists Arthur Fallbush and Keith Pray. The cost is \$200. Tuition assistance is available. For more information, please contact someone at Capital District Jazz at info@cdjazz.org or www.cdjazz.org. Please seriously consider this camp if you want to learn about improvising and making our IVC groups sound amazing.

MOTHERS DAY COFFEE CAKE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to Mark Cosner for providing this opportunity to raise funds for our student’s ledgers. The cakes were so delicious and we plan to do this fundraiser again in the near future. We hope it made your Mother’s day just a little sweeter.

WIND ENSEMBLE TRAVELED TO ISU

The wind ensemble performed for two very tough and distinguished adjudicators at the Illinois State University Campus two weeks ago. They were critiqued and given some valuable feedback in a clinic setting and performed some very challenging music. We are very proud of their efforts and appreciate all their hard work. Congratulations to our kids.

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 really worked hard on some extremely difficult music for this year's Spring concert. Thanks to every parent that attended the Spring Concert on May 4th. Both bands put on a great performance. It was also our annual Pork Chop supper and the food tasted delicious.

Thank you to all the students for their amazing commitment, dedication and passion for this music. Seniors, you have been a joy to teach over the past four years. For some, it has been much longer and it was an honor to see you all grow up into fine young adults. I wish you all the best and as I say it to all the alumni, you are always welcome here at IVC!

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 23 - 26), 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 below..... **[VISIT IVCBANDS.COM](http://www.ivcbands.com)**

Upcoming Events (tentative)

WE WILL NOT BE MARCHING IN THE ZORRO PARADE

May 23 - 26 (Mon - Thurs)	Memorial Day Marching Band Camp	5 – 9 pm – Freshman in attendance
June 9, 10	Thursday/Fri 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
July 28 (Thursday)	Allen Road Walmart Run for supplies	10 AM (Parent Preview – Thurs 6pm)
July 29 – Aug 3 (Fri - Wed)	Allerton Park Band Camp	Depart at Noon – Arrive 3:30 PM
August 6 (Sat)	Chillicothe Music Fest	Downtown Chillicothe
Sept 3 rd and 5 th	Labor Day Weekend	Kewanee/Toluca 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