



**Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter**  
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**WELCOME**

We would like to again welcome all the incoming freshman class as well as all you seasoned band parents and members. We are delighted to have you and your families become a part of our band family here at IVC. You are more than welcome to join in on all that we have to offer with our band program. We all make this program the best it can be and we would certainly enjoy and welcome all of you to join in and help this amazing program. To be successful, we need every helping hand so these students come away with the best experiences in their high school careers. Trust me, it will go by so fast and before you know it, they will be leaving for their future plans. As a parent of a senior, I can't believe how time has flown by. We are excited for the upcoming year and hope you are too.

We are well off and running preparing for next year's show. Our summer rehearsal schedule is in full swing and the students are eager to learn the show. It is requested that students make every effort to come to our rehearsals. They are vital to our success.

Thank you to all the band parents and members that carved out time to ensure the Phantom Regiment enjoyed their stay with us here at IVC. You rose to the occasion and got the job done cutting and prepping 400 ears of corn and watermelons. You are amazing parents and kids. I can't stress to you all enough how grateful we are to have you as band folk. The pride in your performance shined through loud and clear!

Please look at the schedule on our web site, [www.ivcbands.com](http://www.ivcbands.com). This 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! If you are not receiving information, please send your e-mail address so we can enter it into our system.

**PRECAMP – THURSDAY MORNING – July 28<sup>th</sup> (Instead of a morning rehearsal)**

We are asking the band members and a few parents to come at 10 AM to shop for band camp supplies at Walmart on Allen Road. We will shop for about 30-45 minutes and then each section will head off to eat at one of the restaurants in the close vicinity of the parking lot. They can be picked up from those restaurants around 12:30 pm.

**\*\*\*2016 MARCHING GREY GHOST BAND PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING \*\*\***

An informational "ICE CREAM SOCIAL" meeting for all parents will be held on **July 28<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) at 6:00 pm the day before we leave for band camp**. We will cover as much for you as possible within the time. We would love to meet you all as you really get a chance to see what your child does and hear why we do what we do. After a long day at work, come on by and have a blast with your kids and make some great memories too! Bring your camera! We hope you can make it for the meeting. All band members will be attending since we are taking section pictures. We will go over all the aspects of the 2016 marching band season. It is extremely informative and will answer tons of your unanswered questions.

**2016 Parent/Family Preview – July 28, 2016**

5:00 pm – Members will change into uniform – Parade shirt/shorts under

6:00 pm - Section pictures taken

6:45 pm - Picture of entire band taken at Taylor Field in the stands (Parents are free to take pictures of the band)

7:00 pm - Members will change out of uniform

7:15 pm - Welcome meeting for parents and students – discussing tons of things including possible trip 2017

8:00 pm – Ice cream social

8:30 pm – **We will need help loading all music instruments, props, supplies etc**

## **BAND CAMP**

All information is posted on the website within the handbook regarding maps, what to bring/what not to bring etc. Please bring your luggage to the school at 10:30 am. We depart at NOON. Students can get breakfast/lunch off campus once they have loaded their luggage and be back at the high school well before Noon. They must be driven to town. For those worried about leaving home, bring your favorite stuffed animal and all your worries will slowly melt away.

## **CHILLICOTHE MUSIC FEST – PLEASE GET THE WORD OUT!!!**

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, **Saturday, August 6th**, 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 **Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** at the high school **7:00 pm**. Please join us! The band members will be asked to work in shifts from 4 pm to 9 pm. They are performing their show music and other selections. We will not be in uniform. We will wear our parade shirts and shorts.

### **Marching Band performance schedule:**

5:30 pm - Warm up outside the band room doors

5:55 pm – March to the front of the school

6:00 pm – Perform a standstill performance of various selections

6:30 pm – Put things away – Listen to JC and the Redemption band – They are INCREDIBLE

## **FORMS NEEDED ASAP**

Band camp registration forms, school physical information, our own health forms and fees must be turned in immediately so we can provide the Monticello staff with the necessary information for our safety and wellbeing at camp. If you need any of these forms please look for them on the band website ([www.ivcbands.com](http://www.ivcbands.com)). Thank you for your quick response.

## **PLEASE DON'T BE SHY**

We sure could use your help getting things ready for our season. We could use your talents in any capacity and for any length of time. All you just have to say "I can help" or "Where do you need me to step in?" Flags need to be fixed, uniforms checked, equipment moved, props to be placed on the field, front ensemble equipment staged, water sprayers to be manned, not to mention improvements to our room. You are also more than welcome to come out to Taylor Field and spread some encouragement as you watch us practice on Wednesday evenings!

## **2016 FIRST DAY BACK TEACHER INSTITUTE BAND PERFORMANCE**

On August 12, 2016, we have been asked to perform for all the teachers at the opening celebration. That requires our students (Winds/Brass/Drum line-battery only) to be at the school by 7:30 am. We will perform our drum cadence and Ghostriders and the fight song. Breakfast is provided. We will be done by 8:30 am. Please figure out work schedules and driving situations so we can have a good representation of our program.

## **DCI SEMI FINALS IN INDIANAPOLIS TO WATCH ZACH LEW**

For those of you that have paid for your tickets and plan to ride the bus over to Indi with Mr. H and Mr. C, an itinerary has been made for your confidence and is located in the band room. We will be heading over on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and will stay and watch 22 corps. We will return early morning of the 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$65 and if you haven't paid Mrs. Lew, please do so immediately. We still have a few tickets left.

## **"BIG, LOUD, AND LIVE 2016" DRUM CORPS AT THE MOVIES**

What a way to sit back, relax with a big bag of popcorn and your favorite soda and learn and grow from the best. You just have to get to the Peoria Willow Knolls theatre. This would be awesome to see so many of you from IVC at the movies watching the 2016 DCI quarterfinals from Indianapolis. The show will be shown on Thursday, August 11, 2016 starting at 5:30 pm. Everyone, including guard, front ensemble and drum line won't want to miss this opportunity! Other band programs usually have their band show up like Limestone, Galesburg, Metamora and Morton. 2016 seniors, I challenge you to contact your sections and invite them to this great experience. Please head to [www.dci.org](http://www.dci.org) for early tickets for more information.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL Maroon and Grey Night PERFORMANCE**

Maroon and Grey Night will be held on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Taylor Field. The band and drum line need to be in the band room by 5:00 pm. All of the band's activities will be completed by 6:15 pm. Those in fall sports can participate and then head to their respective teams/activities. You can wear your team uniform or parade shirt. EVERYONE is performing. We will perform our show music, Star Spangled Banner, Ghostriders and Fight Songs starting around 5:30 pm.

## **GET THAT MUSIC MEMORIZED!!**

Our success relies heavily on your attitude and time commitment to memorize this music. Please begin to memorize small chunks of the music at a time. Carve out about half an hour a day and you will have the entire show memorized before camp, which will mean we can begin to march and play it with more confidence.

### **Itinerary the Kewanee and Toluca** **Saturday, September 3, 2016/Monday, September 5, 2016** **Kewanee (Sat) and Toluca (Mon) Illinois**

**Noon** Arrive at IVC HS

(Band dads/DM's – I need all equipment loaded by **12:20 pm**)

Load equipment – You are responsible to load your equipment

\*\*\*Need parents to help load.

\*\*\*Need 2 Gatorade jugs filled before departure

**12:30 pm** Depart for Kewanee HS/Toluca Grade School

**1:15 pm** Arrive at Kewanee HS – Kewanee, Il/Toluca Grade School

Change into uniform – Band parade shirt, black shorts and **black** socks **under** uniform)

**1:30 pm** Rehearse show and Ghostriders while we wait for our turn to line up

**2:00 pm** Parade begins

**2:30 pm** Most likely step off for the parade

**3:30 pm** Change out of uniform and head home 20 minutes after we release you

You must check out with your bus driver before you leave if you are not riding back with us.

**4:30 pm** Arrive at IVC HS.