



**Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter**  
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**PARENT INFORMATION CORNER: OUR NEXT MEETING**

Our next booster meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm** in the IVC band room.

WE WILL HAVE AN OVERVIEW OF OUR LARGE TRIP OPTION AND THEN MOST LIKELY VOTE ON WHAT IS BEST DESIRED. PLEASE BE IN ATTENDANCE TO VOTE.

**1<sup>st</sup> FOOTBALL GAME OVERVIEW**

Our first home football game performance is on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be performing our pregame music and half time competitive show selections. Below are some details for you to prepare for this performance.

- Students must arrive at 5:00 pm wearing their parade shirt and shorts
- We will have a potluck/tailgate meal outside the band room doors for all to enjoy. Each section will be assigned a product or food item to bring to the potluck.
- At 5:30 pm, students will put their uniform on over their parade shirt and shorts. **BLACK SOCKS!** We will head to the main gym for a group picture at 6:00 pm. At 6:15 pm, we will head back outside of the band room to warm up. At 6:30 pm, we will depart for the field and perform our pre game selections. We will need podiums set on each 40 yd line and 50 yd line.
- At half time, we will need parents to help move the front ensemble equipment and podiums (all on left side of field/ 15 yd line-35 yd line and 50 yd line – on track) onto the front of the field. Once we have finished our music, we will again need help to move the front ensemble equipment and podiums.
- We will need parents to help with the uniform carts making sure uniforms are hung correctly. Please talk to Chris Featherstone for information.

See you at our next football game, October 2, 2016. Check the website calendar for times.

Football games are a great way for us to practice our competitive show. We perform at pregame in full uniform, unless there is the threat for inclement weather. We really could use help making sure the uniforms are taken care of before and after halftime. We could also use a ton of help to move equipment to and from the band room/tower to the field. Students are expected to be ready to go at the designated times given out prior to the game. Students are not allowed to drink anything while in uniform with the exception of water. Students are free to leave once their uniform and instrument is packed for the following day's field show performance.

## **LABOR DAY WEEKEND PARADE INFORMATION**

Both Labor Day parades are a great warm up for our students. Or should I say “hot/humid”? Students will need to again be in their parade shirts and CORRECT shorts. If we decide to march in just the parade and shorts due to extreme heat, we need to look uniform! Parents, please make sure your member is wearing the correct uniform before they leave the house. The itineraries for both parades are on the website and at the end of this newsletter. Hard copies will be available in the band room for your student to take for their and your perusal.

## **WASHINGTON, IWU, LIMESTONE, DUNLAP, ISU COMPETITIONS**

Competitions are exciting and a lot of fun! Don't miss out on your child's performances!!! In fact, IVC band parents have the reputation for being there to support their band. Many alumni parents and students also come back to support the band. Please sit with other parents and wear your maroon and grey marching band attire. The competition dates are set. Check out the web site ([www.ivcbands.com](http://www.ivcbands.com)) for dates, maps and itineraries (once I receive our performance time) regarding each competition. It is mandatory for the students to ride the bus to all competitions. If they are in a sporting activity related to the school, they are asked to meet us at the location as soon as they can. Arrangements need to be made and cleared with Mr. Chapman. It is vital that all students in that situation make the best effort to make the performance since the entire band is counting on their participation. If a performance is unexcused, an extra assignment will be given. If the student wants to ride home with parents, it is very important to sign out on their bus before they leave. We must know before we leave a contest site of their where a bouts so we do not wait unnecessarily to get word of their location.

ITINERARIES for all these competitions will be posted on the website and hard copies will be located in the band room about ten days prior to the event (unless the organization running the event is late in getting the information out).

## **REHEARSALS**

I can't express to you enough on how important our rehearsal are throughout the school year. We put so much into each rehearsal and we all need to understand that there is little time to continually work parts due to absences. I completely understand that homework and sporting events are a challenge to work around, however these challenges are developing your child's ability to manage their time and focus on getting the job done. It isn't easy by any means. I know, I have a daughter in the band also and we have those late nights too. If there is an issue with academic struggles, please shoot me an e-mail and we can work something out or get your child the extra assistance they need. We have many students that understand subject matter and can help give advice when needed. On a side note, please be aware that there may be a rehearsal scheduled on the day of a competition. I understand there may be conflicts with sporting activities, but it is a way for the majority of the members to sharpen their skills prior to their evening performances. These rehearsal times will be scheduled and listed on each itinerary for that event.

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

As you can see, we could really use your talents in any capacity and for any length of time. All you need to say is "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!

**Our first practice at Taylor field in half uniform will be on August 31<sup>st</sup>. We will need help moving carts, organizing uniforms and getting them all back to the band room that evening.**

### **DAVE'S COFFEE CAKE FUNDRAISER**

Once again we are in the middle of another “tasty” fundraiser. This fundraiser is a great way to put monies into your student’s ledgers for upcoming trips or future expenses. For each cake that is sold, \$8 dollars is entered into your student’s ledger. Forms must be turned in on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and the cakes will be distributed before the Labor Day weekend on August 31<sup>st</sup> in the band room. Top seller earns a \$50 visa gift card and the top section receives a pizza party. Money is due at the order form turn in. Please contact Mark Cosner at 309.253.3585 if you have questions.

### **FLOWER AND BULB FUNDRAISER**

Once again we will have the opportunity to spruce up your garden. This fundraiser is a great way to put monies into your student’s ledgers for upcoming trips or future expenses. Forms will be distributed soon. For more information, please contact Leigh Bowen at LEIGH.BOWEN@psd150.org

### **AMAZON SMILE.COM**

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.

### **PAYPAL OPTIONS**

For your convenience, we are 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](http://www.ivcbands.com) and look for the PayPal logo and follow the instructions.

### **CIVIC CENTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES**

Throughout this past school 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 ledger by working at a concession stand during events in downtown Peoria. This is a moneymaker that can accumulate funds for you very quickly. Some parents have worked just two events and have had band camp paid in full.

If you are new, you can be trained quickly. Please contact Kelly Welch @309.360.6517 or Marcy Biggar @309.472.4821 if you would like to raise funds for your band member.

### **KROGER CARD ENROLLMENT**

Please consider enrolling in the Kroger Card program. With every purchase you make at Kroger, the band can receive 2% back on those purchases. It can add up quickly and help us purchase much needed equipment. The link to register is on the bottom of our website – [www.ivcbands.com](http://www.ivcbands.com)

### **MEMBERS - 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, which will mean we can begin to march and play it with more confidence.

## MR. C's COMMENTS

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. 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.

During this year's band camp, many of you rose to the occasion and made sure our kids were safe, were as comfortable as possible and had fun. Our kids learned and marched 70 sets (pictures) with memorized music and have started understanding of what our show means. I can't stress to you all how grateful we are to have you as band family. The pride in your performance shined through loud and clear and our students are continuing to work their tails off despite our placement!

Thanks to Deb Reginald and everyone involved for making our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Music Fest a success. With the change of venue, date and food selection, I feel we did an outstanding job. The food was so delicious, lots of vendors, the music performances were awesome and I really feel it was a great time for all. Thanks to Karen Moewe for composing two great articles in the paper. Thanks again to Rescue 33 for the donation of their tents and to Dave Vojta and Mark Cosner for the incredible food. Thanks to Kelly Welch for being so helpful in the kitchen and all the color guard and drum line parents for helping those two groups.

Thanks to Chris and the band moms who took care of the uniforms. All the moms that cared so much to do their best for the program was incredible. Also, thanks to Eric and Vicki for taking on dubious task of all the finances. It has eaten into their family time and we really appreciate their sacrifice. Finally, thanks to the board for continuing to make all the decisions that make this program tick. We have great parents who go well beyond the call to make ensure that our kids have the right tools to succeed. Thanks to Paul for continuing to keep the website up to date. Thanks to Karyn for also working hard behind the scenes hammering out the best scenarios for the upcoming trips. We have great people that continue to work endlessly for the kids. Thanks for your dedication, passion and energy.

Please stay healthy and eat foods/drink beverages that maintain your energy levels. Furthermore, be prepared to wear warm clothing since Illinois weather can go from summer temps to winter in one day.

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!

**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**

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