



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

PARENT INFORMATION CORNER: OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next booster meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm** in the IVC band room.

4th FOOTBALL GAME OVERVIEW

First of all, thank you to all the volunteers that have come out and help move, set up and place equipment on and off the field. It is so appreciated. I hope you realize just what an impact you made and continue to make in the success of our program.

Our final home football game performance is on Friday, October 21st. We will honor the Senior Parents and Band Members that evening during halftime. Below are some details for you to prepare for this performance.

- Students must arrive at 5:45 am wearing their parade shirt and shorts
- We will have a quick rehearsal to run through the music for the alumni to practice.
- At 6:15 pm, students will put their uniform on over their parade shirt and shorts. **BLACK SOCKS!** At 6:40 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 (on left and right side of field/ 15 yd line-35 yd line and 50 yd line – on track) onto the front of the field. A ladder in the left end zone and the tall podium on the 50 yd line. Once we have finished our music, we will again need help to move the front ensemble equipment and podiums.

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.

ISU STATE PERFORMANCE

I have been told that the ticket booths at ISU will be open at 6:00 am and gates open at 6:30 am. I would strongly recommend you get there in plenty of time to get into the stadium. Also, if it is cold, could you

take off your gloves to clap so we can actually hear you. This will be a long day for us. The itinerary is posted.

ISU STATE PERFORMANCE (Continued)

Please set multiple alarms for your band member and encourage them to get some sleep. We will need every ounce of their energy. They will need to get some nutrients in their bodies before they leave for IVC. We will be performing at the football game on Friday the night before so we would encourage our band parents to PLEASE help us load the trucks so we can all get some much needed sleep. If our band makes finals, we will quickly return to IVC for a nap and then leave again at 4 pm to get ready for finals. If our band does not make finals, we will congratulate the finalist in our class and look forward to Western Il. University's show the following weekend.

REHEARSALS

I can't express to you enough on how important our rehearsals are throughout the school year. We put so much time, energy and effort into each rehearsal and everyone needs 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. Having a daughter in the band, we also go through some of those same struggles but it is well worth it. 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 are strong in different subjects and can help give helpful advice when needed. 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!

FLOWER AND BULB FUNDRAISER

Once again we want to thank Leigh Bowen for all she did to allow our band members to take advantage of this fundraiser. We really appreciate her time and effort to be the chairperson for this particular fundraiser.

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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.

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 ledger 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.

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 the civic center had last year 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

FLORIDA FRUIT SALE

Thanks once again to Beth Hying (309.370.9928) for working behind the scenes to make this annual fundraiser a huge success. The sale will begin in the near future. The scheduled fruit pick up is usually set around the first week of December in the band room from 2:30 – 5 pm. Thank you for ordering fruit to support our students. You can earn \$5 per box and many alumni and members of the community would love to order fruit because it is so delicious. Contact Beth Hying for information regarding online orders that can be delivered to the homeowner's door.

CEC PERFORMANCES COMING UP

Over the course of the next few weeks, we will again partner with Team Terrific at CEC to honor the veterans of our area. We will be performing at CEC on Friday, November 11th from 9 – 10 AM. It is during school hours and our performance will honor the local Veterans. **We could use some help** at 8AM at IVC with uniforms and equipment. If you can help, please let us know.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 ILMEA DISTRICT II JAZZ/CONCERT MEMBERS

It is an honor to announce the following students that made either the ILMEA jazz/concert bands. These students were selected as the elite musicians after countless hours of practice throughout the summer and fall months. Eva Wilhelm, Jaime Wunning and Aiden Jones also auditioned for the bands. They worked just as hard to try and make each respective bands and felt they also needed to be recognized for their efforts.

Jonah Brabant - Concert band
Nicole Vandervlugt - Concert band
Nathan Higus - Jazz band
Dawson Quелlette - Jazz band

Jon Offutt – Concert and Jazz bands
Allison Sniff – Concert band
Payton Morris - Concert band
Rachel Mattson – Concert band

2016 FRESH/SOPH BRADLEY HONOR BAND

Six freshman/sophomore students have been nominated to participate in the 2016 Freshman/Sophomore Bradley Honor Band this semester. They will all rehearse Tuesday, November 15th (6:30 pm – 9 pm) and perform on the campus of Bradley University on Tuesday, November 22nd in Dingeldine Auditorium at 7:00 pm. We will let you know who makes it as soon as we hear, but those six students are aware of the requirements and should let you know they were nominated.

CHILLICOTHE CHRISTMAS PARADE

All members of the Marching Grey Ghosts, even Front Ensemble members (banner-cymbals), are expected to perform on November 19th, 2016 in the Chillicothe Christmas Parade. Students can pick up their equipment and get their uniforms any time that day at Noon. The band will meet at a corner of Second St. and a corner to be given during class days before the parade date at 1:30 pm with the parade starting at 2:00 pm. The parade should be done by 2:45 and the band room will remain open for equipment/uniform drop off for 30 minutes once we complete the parade. Line up again is at 1:30 in uniform.

2016 MARCHING BAND BANQUET

On Saturday, November 19th, we will hold our annual marching band banquet in the IVC commons. This banquet is a time to look back at the amazing things our band family accomplished this fall. Some guard and drum line awards will be given along with a few senior awards. We will provide a nice dinner for all so please let us know how many family members are attending (invitations will be mailed). If you would like to help or donate, please contact Kelly Welch 309.360.6517, Melissa Rastetter and Michele Stouffer and let them know how you can help with this huge event. Donations will be asked at the door to cover the costs of this banquet. Doors will open at 5 pm and dinner is served at 5:30 pm. We should be done with awards and speeches around 7:30 pm.

JAZZ BAND SEASON BEGINS SOON

Now that marching band season is coming to a close, jazz season is upon us. We will begin rehearsals on November 2nd and the season will run through February. We have several gigs in January/February including our annual trip to Chicago in late February.

Jazz One Ensemble: Tuesday evenings from 7- 9
Advanced ensemble

Jazz Two Ensemble: Monday evenings from 7 – 9
Developing ensemble

MADRIGAL BRASS/RECORDER REHEARSALS

Those that have been asked to perform in these ensembles are asked to make arrangements to be at these rehearsals. The “mad” brass ensemble rehearsals:

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| November 10 th | 6 pm to 7:00 pm | Recorders/Brass | 7 pm to 8:00 pm |
| November 17 th | 6 pm to 7:00 pm | Recorders/Brass | 7 pm to 8:00 pm |
| December 1 st | 6 pm to 7:00 pm | Recorders/Brass | 7 pm to 8:00 pm |
| December 8 th | 6 pm to 7:00 pm | Recorders/Brass | 7 pm to 8:00 pm |

Performances are December 10 and 11. TBA on times

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 at 3 pm. The students will have to be at the concert for warm up around 1:00 pm. We will be in concert dress. We definitely need help fitting those students into their dresses and tuxedos. For fitting help, please contact Chris Featherstone.

BASKETBALL PEP BAND GAMES

We have three basketball game gigs in the month of December. Marching Band members except guard must attend and will be graded.

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| 12/02/16 | Friday | Mahomet-Seymore | Call 5:30 pm | Game 7:00 pm |
| 12/13/16 | Tuesday | Olympia | Call 5:30 pm | Game 7:00 pm |
| 12/17/16 | Saturday | Notre Dame | Call 5:00 pm | Game 6:30 pm |
| 01/06/17 | Friday | Pontiac (Alumni Night) | Call 5:30 pm | Game 7:00 pm |

MR. C's COMMENTS

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.

Thanks to Chris and the uniform cart moms who take care of the uniforms and all the kids at the competitions. All of these moms care so much to do their best for the program and the kids. To watch these band moms tend to each one of our band kids and solve all their issues in a little amount of time is incredible. The kids always go out onto the field looking and feeling their best.

We also want to express our endless gratitude to our treasurers Eric and Vicki. They work behind the scenes and dedicate themselves to keeping the organization's finances in check. It has eaten into their family time and we really appreciate their sacrifice.

Thanks to Mark, Steve, Dan and a ton of help making our incredible props and show shirts printed. The props add so much to our show and we could not convey the meaning of the show without them. We would like to thank Mark for obtaining our show shirts ordered and Mackenzie and Nathaniel for helping getting the show shirts printed. They look awesome!

We are grateful to Nathaniel and Trevor for helping organize the Alumni performance during homecoming. It really made us feel like a true band family.

As always it takes a small village to make this program a success and our board members continue 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.

Thanks to Rodney, Rhonda, Chad and Mark for pulling all the trailers and transporting all our equipment here, there and everywhere as well as making sure the maintenance on the equipment is also kept up. We also appreciate their dedication to the winter drum line program.

Thanks to Kelly and Marcy for organizing the civic center fundraiser as well as Leigh and Beth for putting together the upcoming fundraisers. Thanks to Tara and the Ghost Chase committee for pushing hard to make it a success. 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. 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!

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