

### FLORIDA FRUIT PICK UP

Thanks once again to Beth Hying for working behind the scenes to make this annual fundraiser a huge success. On line sales are still currently going on so if you missed the initial sale, you can still have fruit delivered to your door. The scheduled fruit pick up is scheduled for Thursday, November 30 from 2:30 - 7 pm. Thank you for ordering fruit to support our students. If you have questions, please contact Beth Hying.

### COFFEE CAKE ORDERS

Our second round of orders for Coffee Cake fundraiser is on for those that may have missed the first opportunity. We want to have the orders placed and cakes distributed at the Christmas concert on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The turn around is short, but we didn't want anyone to miss out on these delicious cakes. Order forms were distributed during class. If you have any questions can be directed to Deb Reginald.

### 2017 MARCHING BAND BANQUET

Thanks to Bat Girl Kelly Welch and her team of volunteers for making our banquet so special. We also want to thank everyone that donated to the dinner. We were able to cover all the costs of the dinner. We hope you enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to the Seniors, Senior Parents and award winners.

### 2017 - 2018 WINTER COLOR GUARD

Winter guard season is here. This is a very demanding activity that takes a ton of dedication and commitment to make them really succeed. Parental help is definitely needed. Many of the performances are in the Northern parts of our state. I want to thank all the students for taking on this highly demanding activity. Just a reminder, the activity code will be enforced. We wish you all the best and are looking forward to hearing all the great things to come with these amazing opportunities. Please see the schedule for rehearsal and competition dates. If you have questions, please contact Rebecca.

### 2017 RECORDER AND MAD BRASS REHEARSALS/PERFORMANCES HAVE BEGUN

Rehearsal schedules have been handed out and are up and running. Each ensemble has several "gigs" planned for the next few months.

PERFORMANCE – PEORIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. We will meet at the high school right at 4:00 pm and depart for the airport. We also plan to set up performances at Kroger and Evergreen Assisted Living.

Madrigal dinner is set for December 9 – 10. Students involved will receive information and details prior to the dinner.

### 2017 – 2018 JAZZ BAND SEASON HAS BEGUN

The Jazz season is here. We have begun rehearsals and will run through the end of February. We have several gigs in January/February including our annual trip to Chicago to Rolling Meadows in late February. (2/23 - 2/24 or 2/25 depending on the schedule). The cost will include transportation and hotel room fee which will be between \$80 - \$100. We will know in early January the cost of the trip so you will have two months to budget. We will do our best to find the best rates on all fronts.

Jazz One Ensemble: Monday evenings from 7 – 9 pm

Jazz Two Ensemble: Tuesday evenings from 7 – 9 pm

### BASKETBALL PEP BAND GAMES

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – All alumni/8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome!

Concert and wind ensemble members must attend and will be graded. Call time is 5 pm and we should be done around 6:45 pm.

Check the IVC calendar for game times and dates.

### Mr. C's Comments

Our jazz/indoor bands/small ensemble rehearsal schedules are all currently in full swing. It is requested that students make every effort to participate in those rehearsals. They are vital to our success and it is extremely hard to work music and technique when members are not participating.

Please come to the concerts this winter. Help support the kids as they prepare lots of holiday music for the Veterans, events in the community and indoor concerts.

Please look at the schedule on our web site, [www.ivcbands.com](http://www.ivcbands.com). This winter 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, pep band, the jazz season are here. We still need so many hands to make our future successful. Please do not leave our program for eight months. We need you to play your instruments. YOU lose valuable characteristics about your sound/music reading which we have taught you to this point!

I hope you and your family have a safe and relaxing Christmas break! See you in 2018!