



COUGAR COURIER

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GOALS FOR SEPTEMBER

♪ Do You Remember! ♪

With band camp over and after school rehearsals kicking in, it is very important to retain the new things we learn from day to day. As you have heard many times you need to mental go over your sets in your head to keep the show fresh and your transitions clean! Use your dots to help you achieve this goal!

It is also important to begin to memorize the show music. The sooner you are off the page the sooner you will be able to create music on the field!

It is very important to practice with the music in front of you. Once you can play it correctly and at tempo, start to memorize.

Work slowly. Play a section of music a few times correctly with music, then turn your stand around and try and play it. If you keep messing up on a section/measure do not fret! That just means you should

CURRENT NEWS

September is here and our marching season is off to a (jazz) running start! With a couple games in the books the marching cougars are starting to find their flow. With the start of competition season this year's field show, NEVERMORE, is almost complete. The staff is overjoyed with the work that the students have put into band camp this year and the band can see that it is paying off.

COMPETITION SEASON!

With competition season quickly approaching it is very important that the marching cougars have parent volunteers and support at each and every competition. Parent volunteers are a vital part of our organization. We need volunteers to chaperone, help set up props, hand out water, help with uniforms, and overall help make the competition run smoothly. The more volunteers we have the more stress-free the students will be.

Parent support at performances is also an important part of our season. If there are people, specifically people the students know, cheering for our marching cougars the more they will enjoy the performance. All and any praise (typically in the form of an enthused audience) will go a long way!

Please consider being active in the booster program and support your student(s)!

AS A REMINDER

All students must be up to date on their marching band dues. Each student received a print-out of outstanding dues. If one was not received the student is up to date on their payment. Please see Mr. Stefanko for any outstanding circumstances.

Long Range Dates

Please take a moment to review the calendar for next August. A **tentative schedule** is posted. The Schedule is different from previous years. There is **More Time Off** without sacrificing the quality! We hope to have the official Band Camp Schedule for next year finalized by the end of September.

go back and practice that section/measure while reading the music! If you need help do not be afraid to ask a staff member or one of your student leaders!



WHATS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

LINKS

[Marching Cougar Handbook](#)

[Absent Request Form](#)

[Charms Access](#)

[Remind Text Message Access Code](#)

Criminal Record Check is available online:

<http://epatch.state.pa.us>

Child Abuse History Clearance is available online:
<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/findaform/childabusehistoryclearanceforms/>

Federal Background Check is available online:

<https://www.identogo.com/locations/pennsylvania>

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IMPORTANT DATES**

Sept. 4 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Sept. 6 - Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Sept. 6 – Band Parent Meeting (6:30pm)

Sept. 9 – Fun Fest Parade (1pm-4pm)

Sept. 10 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Sept. 11 – Sectionals (3pm-5pm)

Sept. 12 - Jazz Band Auditions (3pm)

Sept. 13 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Sept. 17 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Sept.18 – Sectionals (3pm-5pm)

Sept. 19 – Jazz Band (2:45pm-4:30pm)

Sept. 20 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Sept. 24 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Sept. 25 – Sectionals (3pm-5pm)

Sept. 27 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Football Games and Competitions

Sept. 7 – Away Game at Dallas (4:30pm-11:30pm)

Sept. 14 – Home Game v. Williamsport (Report 5:00 pm)

Sept. 15 – Competitions at Upper Dublin (2pm)

Sept. 21 – Away Game at Wallenpuapack (Report 4:00 pm, Depart By 4:30)

Sept. 28 – Away Game at Delaware Valley (Report 4:00 pm, Depart By 4:15)

Sept. 29 – Competitions at Pittston (2pm)

**Report Times listed above are subject to change. Please keep an eye on the remind messages for accurate times.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteering is an important part of our program. Even though the season is over it does not mean there are not opportunities for you to help. Please visit our website and sign-up to help the band out*.

How to Get to the Volunteer Page: Click [this Link](#) and then click the Volunteer Tab and roll over Volunteer Needs. Also the FBI Clearance has changed! If you have a current FBI clearance there is nothing to worry about, but it/when it expires the process is a little different. Please see the link on the left labeled “Federal Background Check” for more information

*Please keep in mind that some of the volunteer opportunities require clearances.