



COUGAR COURIER

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GOALS FOR OCTOBER

“70% OF SUCCESS IS SHOWING UP!”

-Woody Allen

The show is completed and it is that time of year for cleaning. This includes: Transitions, basics, phrasing, visuals, and much more. To clean all of these aspects it is important that you are at rehearsals as much as possible. As you know it is very difficult to catch up on missed drill, repetitions, and new visuals. As a member of the marching band you are always a part of the show and if you are missing your bandmates must adjust to a missing person.

We understand there will times when you may not be at rehearsal, but be proactive with your learning. Ask your friend, student leader, or staff member what you missed and get caught-up.

Remember do not be afraid to ask a staff member or one of your student leaders if you ever need any help!

CURRENT NEWS

Boo! It's October and the start of fall is here! With that being said please start to look at the weather and plan your outfit accordingly. Remember students need to be wearing their red t-shirts under their uniform jackets, so wear that shirt on top of any insulating clothing. Student health is top priority.

COMPETITIONS!

I would like to thank all of the parents who have helped us at our competitions and games throughout the season so far. With your help our students can and will succeed as we move forward! Thank you, thank you, thank you! You are truly appreciated!

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

AS A REMINDER

If your student needs to be absent from a rehearsal or performance please feel out an [Absent Request Form](#).

Winter Guard and More!

This year we are looking to start winter guard as soon as marching season is over. If you know anyone interested in winter guard, please have them sign up in the band room starting this week!

The Band Camp Schedule for next year will be finalized by Friday October 5th. Please plan your summer break accordingly. In addition to the band camp schedule, a tentative football and competition schedule will also be posted.



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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WHATS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES**

Oct. 2 – Full ensemble/Bonfire (3pm-8pm)

Oct. 2 – Flute Pre-Pre Auditions (5:15pm)

Oct. 3 – Jazz Band Rehearsal/Bonfire Rain Date (2:45pm-4:30pm/TBD)

Oct. 4 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Oct. 4 – Band Parent Meeting (6:30pm)

Oct. 9 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Oct. 10 – (Wednesday) Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Oct. 11 – HAAH Renaissance Fair

Oct. 15 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Oct. 16 – Sectionals (3pm-5pm)

Oct. 17 – PMEA 9th Grade Band

Oct. 18 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Oct. 22 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Oct. 24 – Jazz Band Rehearsal (2:45pm-5pm)

Oct. 25 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Oct. 28 – McAdoo and Nuremburg Halloween Parades*

Oct. 29 – Freeland Halloween Parade (TBA)*

Oct. 29 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Oct. 30 – Sectionals (3pm-5pm)

Oct. 31 – VEMS and MMEMS Halloween Parades (TBA)*

Nov. 1 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Nov. 1 – Band Parent Meeting (6:30pm)

Nov. 2 – HEMS Halloween Parade (TBA)*

Football Games and Competitions

Oct. 5 – Home Game vs. Berwick, Homecoming

Oct. 12 – Away Game vs. Scranton

Oct. 13 – Competition at Upper Moreland (2pm)

Oct. 19 – Away Game vs. Coughlin

Oct. 20 – Competition at WhiteHall (1pm)

Oct. 26 – Home Game vs. Crestwood, Senior Night

* Details for the parades will be published as soon as the details are finalized.

**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*.

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.

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

