



COUGAR COURIER

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GOALS FOR NOVEMBER

UP & UP & UP

With the last few weeks in sight we need to make sure we continue to make strides forward!

It is very important that each and every rehearsal we stay focused and pick at least one aspect of our show or marching to improve for each rep. We need to decide together, as a band, to do make this step. If we choose to focus and have everyone at rehearsal we will continue to grow exponentially.

These next few rehearsals may not be easy, they may be cold, and we (as a staff) may push you, but let us fight until the end, give it everything we got, and finish the season strong! And Remember:

Eyes!

WITH PRIDE!

CURRENT NEWS

November is here and there is a chill in the air. As the weather continues to get cooler please make sure that our students are dressing appropriately for rehearsing outdoors. Hats, gloves, jackets, good shoes for marching, and extra socks are all highly recommended for surviving an outside rehearsal.

COMPETITIONS!

I would like to continue our thanks to all of the parents who have helped us at our competitions and games throughout the season so far. With only two left (and arguably the most important) the band needs all the help it can get. No one will be turned away!

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

Winter Color Guard

Sign Ups are now available for winter color guard. An informational meeting will be announced however please stop by the band room and sign up! More Information to follow!

AS A REMINDER

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



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**

Nov. 1 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

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Nov. 2 – HEMS Halloween Parade (During School)

Nov. 5 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Nov. 6 – Sectionals (3pm-5pm)

Nov. 8 – Full ensemble (3pm-6pm)

Nov. 9 – Veterans Day Program (During School)

Nov. 12 – No School

Nov. 14 – Jazz Band Rehearsal (3-5pm)

Nov. 18 – PMEA District Band and Orchestra Pre-Auditions (11am)

Nov. 21 – Jazz Band Rehearsal (3-5pm)

Nov. 22-26 – No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Nov. 28 – Jazz Band Rehearsal (3-5pm)

Nov. 30 – Marywood Junior Wind Band Celebration (7am)

Football Games and Competitions

Nov. 2 – 1st Playoff Game, Home vs. Williamsport (Report 5pm)

Nov. 3 – Competition at Haboro Horsham (1 pm)

Nov. 9 – 2nd Playoff Game, Away @ Delaware Valley (Report 4pm)

Nov. 10 – Cavalcade Championships in Allentown (TBA)

Nov. 16 – 3rd Playoff Game (TBA)

**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 coming to an end 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.

