



GOALS FOR DECEMBER

Listen

Now that the marching band season is over it is the start of the concert season. As we shift away from music on the marching field we are going to look at goals for you as a musician.

The first goal we will look at is listening. Listening is one of the most important skills for a musician. You need to be able to listen (and adjust) to the other musicians in the band. Try listening across the group to an instrument you normal do not hear or listen to a piece of band literature and focus on one instrument.

The more you listen, whether in band or on your own, the more attuned your ears will be. [pun intended]

And remember to do everything you do...

WITH PRIDE!

CURRENT NEWS

With November we saw the end of our marching band season. We are delighted to announce that the marching band came in 8th out of 11 bands. We are taking large strides from our last place performance two years ago and We, as staff, are immensely proud of everyone! Let us look forward to the beginning of next season!

With the beginning of December we see the start of the holiday concert season! With all of the different performances this month and overall stress of the season please make sure to give a hug to your music student. Stay healthy and Happy Holidays!

Indoor Winter Color Guard

Indoor Guard will be up and running soon. Please stop by the band room and pick up a schedule.

Winter Concert

The Hazleton Area High School Music Department will be holding their annual Winter Concert on December 11, 2018 starting at 7:00 pm in the Hazleton Area High School Auditorium. The concert will open with the HAHS Jazz Ensemble, followed by the Cougar Chorus, then the HAHS Symphonic Band, and close with a collaborative number between the HAHS Cougar Chorus and HAHS Symphonic Band. The concert will feature the talented students of the Hazleton Area High School, Hazleton Area Career Center, Hazleton Area Arts and Humanities Program, and Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences.

Jazz, Jazz, and more Jazz

Congratulations to the HAHS Jazz Ensemble on a successful performance as part of the Can-Do Community Christmas. Remember, you still have one more concert!

Congratulations to the Cellar Dwellers on their White House Performance.

District Jazz Auditions are on Saturday December 8th. A schedule was sent to all students auditioning. Please see Mr. S with questions.

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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AS A REMINDER

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



WHATS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES**

Dec. 1 – Marywood Jr. Wind Band

Dec. 3 – Band Parent Meeting, This is a **Monday** (6:30pm)

Dec. 4 – Full Band Periods 1/2

Dec. 4 – HAAH Dinner and Show (5:30pm-7:30pm)

Dec. 5 – Can-Do Community Christmas Jazz Performance

Dec. 7 – Basketball Game Performance (**7:15 pm Report**)

Dec. 8 – PMEA District Jazz Auditions (**7:45 am Report**)

Dec. 8 – Basketball Game Performance (**TDB Report**)

Dec. 10 – Full Band Period 1/2

Dec. 11 – HAHS Band/Chorus Winter Concert (**6 pm Report**)

Dec. 14 – A&H Holiday Semi-Formal (6pm-9pm)

Dec. 21-Jan. 1 – *Winter Break!*

Indoor Guard Dates:

Dec. 3 – First Indoor Guard Meeting (6pm)

Dec. 19 – Rehearsal (**6pm-8pm**)

Dec. 20 – Rehearsal (**6pm-8pm**)

Dec. 29 – Mandatory Rehearsal (**10am-6pm**) *more information about this rehearsal will be provided at the first indoor guard practice.

**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*.

Parent volunteers are a vital part of our organization. We need volunteers to chaperone, sell tickets, and continue to help our organization thrive. 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.