



GOALS FOR JANUARY

Resolutions

It is that time of year where people make resolutions (and no I do not mean dominant to tonic).

It is time for you to look at your ability as a musician and create some goals for this year.

First identify some aspects of your playing you want to improve. Some examples include: technique, intonation, being able to play all major/minor scales, or working on your embouchure. The list can go on and on, but you must decide on an aspect or two that you can really work on. Do not be afraid to ask for help or ideas to improve on the aspects you choose.

Helpful Hint: Right down your goals! I cannot stress how helpful this is. Right them down in a place that you check frequently, where you won't forget about them. Maybe a post-it note inside your case or on the inside of your folder. Each time you sit down to practice you can go through

CURRENT NEWS

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a pleasant and restful holiday break and are ready to start up the new year right.

With the beginning of the year we have a fresh start. Let us make this year the best it can be.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Nadya Dereskavich, Zoe Fanjoy, Sarah Koviack, Zakary Mahalick, Darian Diaz, Mattie Reed, Neil Forte, and Nurys Amancio for successfully auditioning for the PMEA District 9 Orchestra. The festival will be held January 9th – 11th at Marywood University.

Congratulations to Nadya Dereskavich, Zoe Fanjoy, Matthew Hartz, Sarah Koviack, Zakary Mahalick, Caitlin Chartrand, Darian Diaz, Luke Kranyak, Hailey Dudinyak, Ethan Mariano, Mattie Reed, Marissa Clatch, Kaitlynne Drennan, Neil Forte, and Austin Pliska for successfully auditioning for the PMEA District 9 Band. The festival will be held January 23rd – 25th at Pittston Area High School.

Congratulations to Luke Kranyak, Tristan Haraschak, Marissa Clatch, Neil Forte, and Giovanni Forte for successfully auditioning for the PMEA District 9 Jazz Ensemble. The festival will be held on Friday April 12th and Saturday April 13th.

Winter Concert in Review

Thank you to all students and parents for an outstanding winter concert in collaboration with the HAHS Vocal Department. The concert was a huge success because of your hard work, hours in the practice room, and dedication.

Concert Band Rehearsals

Please keep an eye on the reminds and HAHS Band Calendar for some during school rehearsals and after school rehearsals for the HAHS Concert Band. Hopefully these practices will start after Jan. 13th.

your goals and take small steps to achieving them.

And remember to do everything you do...

WITH PRIDE!

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>

Indoor Guard

Our indoor color guard season has started! Dues are \$75 Dollars and will help cover uniform and equipment expenses. Fundraising opportunities will soon be available! The last day to Join is January 3rd. All paperwork is due by January 10th. Checks are made payable to the HAHS Band Boosters and due by the end of the month. If you have questions or concerns, please see Mr. Stefanko.

Long Term Dates

Please take a minute to mark some important dates for the second half of the school year. They will be listed below.

AS A REMINDER

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



WHATS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES**

Jan. 1 – Happy New Year!
Jan. 3 – Band Parent Meeting (6:30pm)
Jan. 9-11 – PMEA District Orchestra @ Marywood University
Jan. 23-35 – PMEA District Band @ Pittston HS

Jazz Band Dates:

Jan. 9 – Rehearsal (3pm-5pm)
Jan. 16 – Rehearsal (3pm-5pm)
Jan. 23 – Rehearsal (3pm-5pm)
Jan. 30 – Rehearsal (3pm-5pm)

Indoor Guard Dates:

Jan. 3 – Rehearsal (6pm-8pm)
Jan. 8 – Rehearsal (6pm-8pm)
Jan. 10 – Rehearsal (6pm-8pm)
Jan. 15 – Rehearsal (6pm-8pm)
Jan. 17 – Rehearsal (6pm-8pm)
Jan. 22 – Rehearsal (6pm-8pm)
Jan. 24 – Rehearsal (6pm-8pm)
Jan. 29 – Rehearsal (6pm-8pm)
Jan. 31 – Rehearsal (6pm-8pm)

MIOSM Schedule:

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 – MIOSM Band (6pm-8pm) [TUESDAYS]
Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – MIOSM Jazz (6pm-7:30pm) [WEDNESDAYS]
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – MIOSM Chorus (6pm-8pm) [THURSDAYS]

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WHATS HAPPENING FEBRUARY TO JUNE

Important Indoor Guard Long Range Dates:

Feb. 23 – Competition
Mar. 23 – Competition
Mar. 30 – Competition
April 13 – Competition
April 27 - Competition

Important Marching Cougar Long Range Dates:

Feb. 1st & 2nd – Marywood Sr. WBC
Feb. 15 – Band Banquet
Feb. 23 – ACS Telethon @ MMEMS
Mar. 5 – Full Band @ HAHS PD ½
Mar. 6 – WBS Hockey Game
Mar. 19 – MIOSM Band Concert
Mar. 30 – HAHS Jazz @ Laurel Mall
April 27 – Band Trip
May 4 – Ford Drive Fundraiser
May 5 – Help STOP the Silence
May 7 – HAHS Spring Concert
May 26/27 – Memorial Day Parades TBD
June 1 – Performance @ Health and Wellness Center
TBA (June 7th) – Graduation

**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.