



COUGAR COURIER

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GOALS FOR OCTOBER

Retention!!!

As we learn the last few sets of our field show it is beyond important that we retain everything we have done so far this season! Mental run throughs of the show or marking time as you practice the music are great ways to keep the sets fresh in your mind.

Music Music Music!

Remember music is one of the core pillars of our organization. It is imperative to have the music properly learned, and memorized so after school we can rehearse productively.

Even 15 minutes a day is better than nothing!

Competition Support

With multiple competitions on the band's horizon please consider supporting our students as part of our equipment crew or even part of the audience. Either option would be a big help! Please consider supporting our students.

CURRENT NEWS

It is October and our competition season starts to get busy with three competitions this month! With this in mind every rehearsal is very important. Remember we need to strive to become the best we possible can!

AS A REMINDER

Students should be bringing clothes to change into, if they do not want to march in their school clothes, for after school rehearsals. Most importantly is that they have a proper pair of shoes and are prepared for the weather, as it will start to become colder this month!

[Absent Request Form](#)

PMEA/Other Co-Curricular/Trip/Leadership [Sign-ups](#)

A Message from the Director

I am extremely excited the band has progressed into the part of the season where the magic happens. The entire staff will be demanding excellence in music and movement this month. We have an amazing opportunity this year! Students should mentally prepare for constructive criticism and correcting not only the large picture but the fine details as well. As the director of such an amazing organization, I am proud of the hard work of each student, parent, guardian, and family member involved with the Marching Cougars.

"Once we accept our limits, we go beyond them."

~Albert Einstein

"Limits are barriers created by the mind."

~Anonymous

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/fi/ndaform/childabusehistoryclearanceforms/>

Federal Background Check is available online:

https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_pde.htm

WHATS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 5 Homecoming Parade and Bonfire (5-9)

Oct. 8 Freeland Fall Fest (1:30-5)

Oct. 12 Band Parent Meeting (6:30)

Oct. 27 FEMS Halloween Parade

Oct. 29 Nuremburg Halloween Parade (3-6)

Oct. 31 HEMS/MMEMS Parades

Football Games:

Oct. 6 - Home Game v. Scranton (Report at 5 pm)

Oct. 13 - Home Game v. Donegel (Report at 5 pm)

Oct. 20 - Away Game v. Dallas (Report at 4:30 pm, Depart 5 pm)

Oct. 27 - Away Game v. Crestwood (Report at 5 pm, Depart 5:30)

*Please keep an eye out for remind messages about report times.

Competitions:

Oct. 7 – Plymouth Whitemarsh (Report 12:30 p, Depart 2 pm)

Oct. 14 – Full Rehearsal at Harmon Geist (3-8)

Oct. 21 – Phoenixville (Report at 3:30pm, Depart 4pm, Dinner Stop)

Oct. 28 – Pittston Area (Report at 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 Marching Cougars program. Please visit our website and sign-up to help the band out*.

We are currently looking for volunteers to join our PIT Crew. Inquire for more details!

How to Get to the Volunteer Page: Click [this Link](#) and then click the Volunteer Tab and roll over Volunteer Needs.