



# COUGAR COURIER

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## GOALS FOR AUGUST

### **Retention!!!**

With the field show complete it is very important to remember the small additions we add and fix every rehearsal. Going through the show set by set in the music and mentally in your head will be a large contribution to making the band great.

### **Music Music Music!**

This past week we worked a lot on music. Be sure to consistently practice your music with those changes, that way you do not make the wrong way a habit! Doing this will save us time when we rehearse after school.

Remember even 15 minutes a day is better than nothing!

### **Competition Support and Aid**

Our last two competitions are on the horizon and we need parent help! The more hands we have "on deck" the smoother our competitions go and help cause our students less stress. Please consider helping at our next few competitions.

## CURRENT NEWS

### **HOW FAR WE'LL GO**

It is November and our competition season is coming to a close this month! With only two more competitions left—Hatboro Horsham and Championships—we need to continue to take the next step toward greatness. 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 become colder this month!

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Parents! We need your help at our last few competitions. This includes bus chaperones, prop organizers, and moral boosters! The more parents we have the smoother the competitions go. As our past parent helpers can tell you it is well worth it to see our students succeed.

This is the final push of the season! Help your Cougars achieve their goal!

[Absent Request Form](#)

## WHATS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Nov. 2 – Band Booster Meeting (6:30pm)

Nov. 9 – Veterans Day program (9am-11am)

Nov. 14 – Open House HAHS (6pm-7:30pm)

Nov. 18 – Harrisburg Holiday Parade (TBA)

Nov. 19 – PMEA District 9 B&O Acceptance Auditions (TBA)

Nov. 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break

## LINKS

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[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.pa.cogentid.com/index\\_pde.htm](https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_pde.htm)

## Football Games:

Nov. 3 - Away game at Williamsport ([Report 4:00pm](#))

Nov. 10 - Away game ([TBA](#))

\*\*\*\* It is now the playoff season for our football team.

Depending on how well they play will decide how far we will go.

Please check Remind and the calendar on the band website to keep up to date with the football schedule. GO COUGARS!

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

## Competitions:

Nov. 4 – Hatboro Horsham Competition ([1pm](#))

Nov. 11 – Full rehearsal at Harmon Geist Stadium ([12pm-7pm](#))

Nov. 12 – Cavalcade Championships at Hershey Stadium ([TBA](#))

\*Report Times listed above are subject to change. Please keep an eye on the remind messages for accurate times.

## VOLUNTEER

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Volunteering is an important part of our Marching Cougars program. Please visit our website and sign-up to help the band out\*.

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

\*Please keep in mind that some of the volunteer opportunities require clearances.

How to Update or Obtain Clearances

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