



COUGAR COURIER

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GOALS FOR DECEMBER

With a lot of concerts coming up it is important that students are practicing their music. Whether it be for concert band or jazz band it is important that keep improving on their skills to make themselves and their ensembles better.

Remember even 15 minutes a day is better than nothing!

AS A REMINDER

Band Booster Meetings will continue on the first Thursdays of every month!

LINKS

[Marching Cougar Handbook](#)

[Absent Request Form](#)

[Charms Access](#)

[Remind Text Message Access Code](#)

CURRENT NEWS

With the end of November comes the close to our marching season. Over the course of these last 4 months we have achieved great things! With the end of this season our staff is already looking forward to next season.

Winter concerts are all the rage this season!! Hazleton Area High School Winter Concert is December 12th!!! Please support our students by coming and enjoying their hard work!

Winter Guard

The Marching Cougars are in the process of creating a winter guard. This group will perform a 3-5 minute show near the end of the year. We are eagerly awaiting approval from upper administration and will have an organizational meeting in January.

Marching Cougars

It is the time of year to recruit new members! Everyone should encourage a friend, not currently in band to join! We will start having monthly meetings in February to learn the basics.

WHATS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 1-2: Marywood University Junior Wind Band

Dec. 1: Diversity Night—**Jazz Band** (5pm-7pm)

Dec. 6: CAN DO Community Christmas—**Jazz Band** (4:45pm-TBA)

Dec. 7: Band Booster Meeting (6:30pm)

Dec. 8: Mandatory HAHS Basketball Game (6pm/TBA)

Dec. 9: PMEA District 9 Jazz Auditions (TBA)

Dec. 9: Mandatory HAHS Basketball Game (6pm/TBA)

Dec. 11: Mandatory HAHS Basketball Game (6pm/TBA)

Dec. 12: HAHS Winter Concert (**Report 6:15pm, Starts 7pm**)

Dec. 14: Mandatory HAHS Basketball Game (6pm/TBA)

Dec. 22-31: Winter Break

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

Quick Links

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: [TBA](#)

VOLUNTEER

Volunteering is an important part of our 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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Note: There have been some changes with the Federal Background Check provider. More information will be available in January. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Stefanko