



COUGAR COURIER

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GOALS FOR JANUARY

The New Year has started and it is a great time to set some resolutions. Maybe it will be to master all 12 major scales or learn a new piece of music. Do not be afraid to set small goals that evolve into larger ones. Whatever you choose to improve always know you can ask for help!

Remember even 15 minutes a day is better than nothing

LINKS

[Marching Cougar Handbook](#)

[Absent Request Form](#)

[Charms Access](#)

[Remind Text Message Access Code](#)

CURRENT NEWS

With the start of a new year we look forward to our next marching band season! Sign-ups for next year are already up at the following link: <https://goo.gl/X3Vv3S> Please sign-up and bring a friend. We are discussing new uniforms with administration and marching cougars are needed for any proposal. Do you want to see the New Uniforms? Come to any Band Parent Meeting!

Winter Color Guard

We are beginning a new adventure at HAHS. This new adventure is a Winter or Indoor Color Guard. An informational meeting will be held Thursday January 4th at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.

AS A REMINDER

There is a band parent meeting Jan. 4th at 6:30.

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

WHATS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 4 – Winter Guard Meeting (5:30-6:30pm)

Jan. 4 – Band Parent Meeting (6:30pm)

Jan. 5 – Performance at WBS Penguins Game (4:45, Depart 5:15p)

Jan. 11-13 – PMEA District 9 Band

Jan. 14 – District Orchestra Read Through (12-2pm)

Jan. 25-27 – PMEA District 9 Chorus

Other Dates:

Every Tuesday of the month: MIOSM Band Rehearsal (6-8pm)

Every Wednesday of the month: HAHS Jazz (3-4:30 pm)

Every Wednesday of the month: MIOSM Jazz Rehearsal (6-8pm)

Every Thursday of the month: MIOSM Chorus Rehearsal (6-8pm)

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

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. 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*.

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