



COUGAR COURIER

ISSUE 7
FEBRUARY 2018

GOALS FOR FEBRUARY

January is over, and it is time to evaluate what resolutions still survive! Hopefully you have created new habits and are starting to see small improvement of your abilities. If not, never fear, there is always time to set a new goal!

Valentine's Day is coming up so remember to show how much your instrument (or flag) means to you! Keep your instruments clean and in good working conditions. You never know when you will need to serenade someone special.



Remember even 15 minutes a day is better than nothing!

LINKS

[Marching Cougar Handbook](#)

[Absent Request Form](#)

CURRENT NEWS

February is starting and we are happily looking to new performances. This month the Marching Cougars are performing at the Cure for Cancer Telethon (Feb 24)!! Please keep an eye out for more information about this date, we will be updating you about the time and place as we learn about it.

AS A REMINDER

There is a band parent meeting Feb. 1st at 6:30.

Our Band Banquet on the 16th is approaching fast! Please bring in items to be separated in to tricky trays that will help raise funds for our wonderful Marching Cougars.

Schedule Change & Directors Notes

-We have moved HAHS Jazz Practice to Thursdays. The drama department has practice on Wednesdays and many students are involved in both the Drama Club and HAHS Jazz Ensemble. Same time, same place, new great channel!

-The HAHS Instrumental Music Department is happy to announce its collaboration with the HAHS Cougar Players. The spring musical is Beauty and the Beast and members of the HAHS Band will be partaking in a live pit for the musical.

- It is time to begin recruiting for next year's marching band and color guard! We currently are planning our recruitment night, additional school presentations, and the field show! Do you know anyone who played a band instrument? "Tis the wind and nothing more" (Edgar Allan Poe).

- Please do not forget about the trip payments! Due dates are as follows: February 16, March 16, April 13)



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>

WHATS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 1 – Band Booster Meeting (6:30pm)

Feb. 2-3 – Marywood Senior Wind Band (7:15am Report)

Feb. 8-10 – PMEA District 9 Orchestra

Feb. 16 – Band Banquet!!! (6-10pm)

Feb. 22-24 – PMEA Region IV Band

Feb. 24 – Cancer Telethon (9am Report, 11am Perform)

Feb. 28 - March 2 – PMEA Region Chorus

Other Dates:

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

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

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

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

Feb. 27 – Dress Rehearsal for MIOSM Band and Jazz. (6-8pm)

*Please note that for MIOSM rehearsal are subject to change due to community performances at the high school.

**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*.

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.