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The MARCHING COUGARS once again earned a trip to the State Finals at the Hoosier Dome after many excellent performances!

The long hours, much practice, and hard work paid off with the band winning 12 trophies during marching season—enough to need a new showcase!!

Perhaps the most thrilling moment was beating rival Henryville by .1 of a point to win the band's first "Sweepstakes Award" at the largest marching band contest in Indiana—held at Bush Stadium.

There were other exciting firsts. Winning the caption trophies in all of the respective categories at the District contest was a new "record" for the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA). The Marching Cougars was the first band to make a "clean sweep" at any ISSMA contest. The drill team also made North Putnam history by winning its first trophy as the best auxiliary corp.

The grand finale of the marching season was marching in the Hoosier Dome as a state finalist and placing sixth in the Class D competition!

During concert season, the band performed Christmas, Winter, and Variety Show concerts—all of which were successful.

Many first and second division ratings were won in the Solo and Ensemble Contest and a first division was received at the concert band contest.

To conclude the band's rewarding year, it traveled to Florida to march at Disney World, enjoy the sights, and relax on the beautiful Clearwater Beach. (We won't discuss "The Varsity"!!!) The trip was a great ending to a fabulous year!!!



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