

Greetings to all of our colleagues! The past few months have been filled with some great musical activities throughout our region. I will start off with our performances. A huge thank you goes out to our site hosts, managers, accompanists and conductors as follows:

BAND (Hosted at Parsippany Hills HS by Michael Iapicca and Michelle Christianson)

High School Wind Ensemble (Bruce Yurko, conductor Mindy Scheierman & Matthew Spatz, managers)

High School Symphonic Band (Brian McLaughlin, conductor Jeffrey Bittner & Max Taylor, managers)

CHORUS (Hosted at Mountain Lakes HS by Austin Vallies, Mount Olive HS by Matthew Vanzini & Morris Knolls HS by Kristen Markowski)

High School Mixed Chorus (Jeffrey Wilson, conductor Kathryn Whitaker, accompanist Jordan DeYoung, manager)

High School Treble Chorus (Lucille Kinkaid, conductor Nicole Monte, accompanist Patrice Kane & Christine Molnar, managers)

ORCHESTRA (Hosted at Morris Knolls HS by Brett Izsa)

High School Symphonic Orchestra (Eric Schaberg, conductor Sarah Wlazlowski & Kim Nimmo, managers)

On Saturday, February 11th we held our intermediate band and chorus auditions at Wayne Valley HS. This was our first audition at this facility and we'd like to thank Gabriel Batiz for a smooth day! We look forward to working together in the future.

It was great to catch up with some many members at the NJMEA conference in Atlantic City. If you attended, I hope that you took advantage of the great opportunities that were scheduled. If you were not able to attend the conference or our region meeting on Friday (2/24) please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

We still have many events planned through the remainder of the school year including the Intermediate Orchestra Concert, Intermediate Band Concert, High School Band Festivals, Intermediate Chorus Concert, It's Elementary My Dear PD, Intermediate & High School Orchestra Festival, Intermediate Concert Band Festival, Elementary Honors Orchestra Festival, 5th & 6th Grade Honors Band Festival, Guitar Festival, Elementary Choral Celebration and Membership PD Day.

Info for all of the above mentioned events can be found on our website calendar (<https://njsma.org/calendar/>). Please also visit the website (<https://njsma.org/>) for other region related information and contact info for all executive board members. If you are interested in volunteering to help in any capacity, please let us know. We would love to hear from you.

I hope everyone has a successful and enjoyable end to the school year. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can help you with.

Musically,

Christopher DeWilde
NJSMA President
president@njsma.org