



# North Jersey School Music Association

Region I of the New Jersey Music Educators Association

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Hello everyone ! I hope this school year finds you in good health good spirits.

As President of Region I, I am excited for another excellent year of music making! Each Division not only will continue to provide a superb musical experience for the students in Region I but will offer a new twist. You are all very lucky to have such dedicated people willing to serve on our Executive Board.

**Our Band Division** will be initiating a *Chamber Music Ensembles Concert* this year to highlight our top high school region musicians performing in chamber ensembles of woodwind, saxophone, brass, percussion, and strings. The *Region Band Library* is now available on our website for your perusal and usage. The *HS Wind Ensemble* will be under the direction of Mr. Darryl Bott, of Rutgers University and the *Symphonic Band* will be directed by Ms. Mindy Scheierman of Millburn High School. The Library has moved from Waldwick HS and is now housed at Roxbury HS. I wish to thank Todd Nichols for assuming the responsibility of keeping the Library and also thanks to Mike Kallimanis for his many years of storage responsibility.

**Our Choral Division** is very proud to introduce a new ensemble this year – the *Magnum Opus Chorale*, which will perform The Mozart Requiem with a professional orchestra. The Chorale will perform on a separate concert from the traditional Honors Choir Concert. The high school choral festivals are four days this year: Tuesday, November 30 – Friday, December 3. The *High School Mixed Choir* will be conducted by Dr. Andrew Megill from Westminster Choir College. The *High School Women's Choir* will be directed by Linda Lanier-Keosaian retired teacher from Park Ridge HS. Past Concert Programs will soon be online for your perusal.

**Our Orchestra Division** is proud to announce the *High School Orchestra* will be directed by Mr. Lou Kosma from the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. The High School Orchestra concert is February 13th, and the Junior High School Orchestra concert is March 13th.

**Our Elementary Division** will again provide a festival opportunity on June 1, 2011 (Wednesday). If interested, please contact Rebecca Garreth at [rgarreth@njsma.com](mailto:rgarreth@njsma.com).

**Scholarships** were given to Christopher Pena of Bergenfield HS, Louis Jee of River Dell HS, and Paul Conrad of Columbia HS.



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**The President's Corner** is providing a Presidential Project called the *Master Class Offering*. The idea is intended for students at the Junior High School level. It will take place on the first Saturday of December. Instruments included are Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, and Baritone. More may be added later. Instrument specialists will perform the JHS solo with piano and students may play and receive feedback.

*As always, please check our Website for further details on any topic.*

Wishing all my fellow colleagues a most happy and pleasing school year. Let's forget about budget at this time and think of the enjoyment of kids achieving musically !

**Teaching – No Better Profession In The World !!**

All the best,  
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