



North Jersey School Music Association

Region I of the New Jersey Music Educators Association

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Dear Fellow Region I Members,

A Great Big Hello from the Region Board! Many exciting events are being planned for this year! These events are geared for every group of teachers and students from Elementary to High School, from Band to Chorus to Orchestra. The most important ingredient is your participation!

Included in this mailing, the only U.S. Mail item you will receive, is an information page from each division, color-coded to match our website, **Band-Blue, Orchestra-Green, Chorus-Pink, and Elementary-Yellow**. Please find your color division sheet and read what your division representatives are working on for you! All other communications will be made on the region website. Also, if you do not receive TEMPO EXPRESS e-mail notices from the NJMEA State Board, then you are not on their e-mail list. To be placed on the list, send me an e-mail! Now on to the workings of the board.

The NJSMA Executive Board reorganized in June with a few additional personnel. An extra division chair was added to each area for a total of three: a division chair and two assistant co-chairs. The division chair will delegate items to be handled. While the two-person concept worked, both individuals were having more and more responsibilities thrown upon them, due to the larger number of events added since the inception of the Region system some 46 years ago. To contact any of the 2011-12 Region Board members, please see our website under officers.

Some highlights from our upcoming calendar of events:

- ♪ 2nd annual Jr. HS Band Audition Master Class to be expanded to include HS solos, Saturday, December 3, 2011.
- ♪ 3rd annual Winter Workshop - Music Technology Applications, at Kinnelon HS, Monday, January 16, 2012 (MLK Day). Open to all NAFME/MENC members including college student chapter members.
- ♪ 2nd annual Chamber Ensembles Concert, Wednesday, February 29, 2012
- ♪ A new, large choral work ensemble called the Magnum Opus Chorale makes its debut April 29, 2012. Students can audition for this group as part of the regular HS auditions in January and must check the appropriate box on the application for Magnum Opus to be considered for this ensemble.
- ♪ 2nd annual Faculty Performance Showcase is again planned for this year to advocate the quality of the music teachers from the schools in Region I and develop camaraderie between faculty members in a performance-oriented event, Tuesday, May 1, 2012.
- ♪ 1st (soon to be annual) Elementary Honors Band Festival, Saturday, May 5, 2012

One last item: Over the summer, the national organization, MENC, has changed its name to the **National Association for Music Education (NAfME)**. You may still see references to MENC but any new materials you receive will reflect the new name. As a member of NAFME, you are automatically a member of NJMEA, the state organization and NJSMA, the north region of New Jersey.

Once again, **the essential ingredient is your participation** in any of the events planned for this year. You have spoken out in the past and we have responded by retaining the traditional ensembles while we have expanded with new programs and activities. Of course, we need your help to make them run. Contact your division chairs and offer your assistance. Get involved in your region activities! Please contact me if I can be of any assistance!

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