

# SOUTH JERSEY BAND & ORCHESTRA DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

## New Jersey Music Educators Association - Region III

### Student Information Letter - December 14, 2019

Dear South Jersey Band/Orchestra/Chamber Ensemble Member,

Congratulations on your successful audition. The 2020 All South Jersey Ensembles should prove to be of exceptional quality. We hope that you will have a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. Please read this letter carefully as it includes much pertinent information concerning your participation in the ensembles.

***Attention seniors:** If you plan to apply for the SJBODA scholarship you will need a recommendation letter from a teacher. Please discuss this with your teacher before winter break and plan accordingly. The scholarship application can be found on the SJBODA web site and must be submitted online by Dec. 31st.*

You should plan to bring your instrument, a music stand, and a pencil to all rehearsals. Food will be available for purchase at the Cinnaminson rehearsal. Food is not available at Rowan. You will be responsible for bringing a lunch or snack. Music will be distributed at the Dec. 21st rehearsal at Cinnaminson HS. Following the concert, your music will be collected, at which time you will receive your award medal. You must turn in your music in order to receive your medal.

Concert tickets will be available for purchase at the Rowan weekend rehearsals. Prices are as follows:

Adults - \$8.00    Students/Senior Citizens - \$5.00

Candid pictures will be taken at the first rehearsal. Group pictures will be taken during the intermission on the day of the concert. Pictures and recordings may be ordered on the day of the concert.

The following dress requirements will be in effect for the concerts:

<b>Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble:</b>	<b>Boys-Dark Suit &amp; Tie, White shirt Girls-All Black</b>
<b>High School Orchestra:</b>	<b>Boys-Dark Suit and Bow Tie, White shirt Girls-All Black</b>
<b>Junior High String Ensemble:</b>	<b>Boys-Dark Suit and Tie,white shirt Girls-White Top &amp; Black Bottom</b>

Please note that students are not permitted to leave the rehearsal sites for any reason until the rehearsal is completed. This includes any student 18 years of age or older. Members are expected to attend all rehearsals on time and remain until the end of the rehearsal. The only acceptable excuses for absence are family calamity or illness verified by a doctor's note. If you have to miss you must call the region phone (609-457-0590) prior to the start of the rehearsal.

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In the event of inclement weather, the schedule may be altered. Any changes will be available at 609-457-0590 or on the web site ([www.sjboda.org](http://www.sjboda.org)). If the weather is questionable, check before you leave for the rehearsal. We will also email you and your directors at the email address provided at registration. If you have registered for the Remind text messaging service, the information will come that way as well.

Please remember that our guest conductors expect a lot from you. Please arrive at the rehearsals ready to play by the announced starting times. Please prepare your music prior to the rehearsals and come eager to learn and improve.

We will look forward to seeing you on Dec. 21st at Cinnaminson and again, congratulations on a successful audition.

**Rehearsal and Performance Schedules**

Students must attend all rehearsals. The String ensemble, Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble Band/Wind Ensemble December 21st rehearsal is at Cinnaminson HS. All January rehearsals and concerts are in Wilson Hall at Rowan University and the Chamber ensemble location is Penns Grove High School. Directions to each of these schools will be on the SJBODA website.

Senior High Orchestra/Junior High String Ensemble Dates

Saturday, December 21, 2019	Rehearsal	Cinnaminson HS	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday, January 3, 2020	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:00 AM - <b>4:00 PM</b>
Saturday, January 4, 2020	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:00 AM - <b>4:00 PM</b>
Sunday, January 5, 2020	Concert	Rowan University	2:00 report/3:00 concert

Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble

Saturday, December 21, 2019	Rehearsal	Cinnaminson HS	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<i>(Wind Ensemble members not in orchestra will be dismissed at NOON - Chamber at 12:30)</i>			
Friday, January 10, 2020	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:00 AM - <b>4:00 PM</b>
Saturday, January 11, 2020	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:00 AM - <b>4:00 PM</b>
Sunday, January 12, 2020	Concert	Rowan University	2:00 report/3:00 concert

Chamber Ensembles

Saturday, December 21, 2019	Meeting	Cinnaminson HS	Noon - 12:30 PM
Wednesday, January 15, 2020	Rehearsal	Penns Grove HS	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, January 22, 2020	Rehearsal	Penns Grove HS	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Snow Date
Monday, February 3, 2020	Rehearsal	Penns Grove HS	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Tuesday, February 4, 2020	Concert	Penns Grove HS	6:30 rep./7:30 concert
Wednesday, February 5, 2020	Concert	Snow Date - same times as February 4th concert	



South Jersey Band and Orchestra Director Association

December 15th, 2019

Congratulations on being accepted into the South Jersey Band and Orchestra Directors Association Honors ensemble!

In an attempt to keep everybody informed regarding upcoming rehearsals, performances, or inclement weather, we have our social media pages on Facebook by searching "SJBODA (South Jersey Band and Orchestra Directors Association), on Twitter "@sjboda", and on Instagram "@sjboda\_official." We also utilize Remind to send text updates to your phone. Remind, however, has a limit on the number of people who can join each group. Due to this obstacle, SJBODA has created multiple Remind accounts to service the needs of all students who have been accepted into the various ensembles.

Please sign up for the ensemble(s) that you have been accepted into only, and please limit your sign up to **one per household**. Please make sure that either one parent or the student are the only ones who sign up.

To sign up for our Remind service, please include the text below in your message field to the phone number "81010."

High School Wind Ensemble	<b>@sjbodawe</b>	<i>WE = Wind Ensemble</i>
High School Symphonic Band	<b>@sjbodasb</b>	<i>SB = Symphonic Band</i>
High School Orchestra	<b>@sjbodaosr</b>	<i>OSR = Orchestra Sr. High</i>
Junior High Strings	<b>@sjbodasjr</b>	<i>SJR = Strings Jr. High</i>
Chamber Ensembles	<b>@sjbodach</b>	<i>CH = Chamber</i>

Please note that if we reach capacity due to too many numbers per household signing up, not all students or households will be afforded the luxury of the text notifications.

Musically,

Ken Rafter  
SJBODA President