

## Student Information Letter - December 9, 2023

Dear South Jersey Band/Orchestra/Chamber Ensemble Member,

Congratulations on your successful audition. The 2024 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.

You should plan to bring your instrument, a music stand, and 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. 16th 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 - \$10.00    Students - \$5.00

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 required 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.**

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. Please encourage your students to register for the band app using the enclosed QR links for up-to-date announcements.

Please remember that our guest conductors expect a lot from you. You should arrive at the January 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. 16th at Cinnaminson and, again, congratulations on a successful audition.

## Rehearsal and Performance Schedules

Students must attend all rehearsals. The String ensemble, Orchestras, Symphonic Bands and Wind Ensemble rehearsal on December 16th 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 16, 2022	Rehearsal	Cinnaminson HS	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday, January 5, 2024	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday, January 6, 2024	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, January 7, 2024	Concert	Rowan University	TBA afternoon

### Symphonic Bands/Wind Ensemble

Saturday, December 16, 2023	Rehearsal	Cinnaminson HS	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wind Ensemble is dismissed at 11:45			
Chamber Ensembles have a short meeting at noon			
Friday, January 12, 2024	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday, January 13, 2024	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, January 14, 2024	Concert	Rowan University	TBA afternoon

### Chamber Ensembles

Saturday, December 16, 2022	Meeting	Cinnaminson HS	Noon - 12:30PM
Wednesday, January 17, 2024	Rehearsal	Penns Grove HS	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, January 24, 2024	Rehearsal	Penns Grove HS	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM <u>Snow Date</u>
Tuesday, February 6, 2024	Rehearsal	Penns Grove HS	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	Concert	Penns Grove HS	6:30 rep./7:30 concert
Thursday, February 8, 2024	Concert	Snow Date - same times as February 7th concert	