

Student Information Letter - December 13, 2025

Dear South Jersey Band/Orchestra/Chamber Ensemble Member,

Congratulations on your successful audition. The 2026 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. 20st 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 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 dress requirements for the concerts are:

Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble and HS Orchestra:

Dark Suit, White Shirt, Tie or Long Black Dress; Dark Shoes

Junior High String Ensemble:

White top, black bottom, or Long Black Dress; Dark Shoes;

Tie is optional

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). 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. This also allows us to reach them should we have to change a schedule due to weather conditions.

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. 20th 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 20 is at Cinnaminson HS. All January rehearsals and concerts are in Wilson Hall at Rowan University and the Chamber ensemble location is Pitman High School. Directions to each of these schools will be on the SJBODA website.

Senior High Orchestra/Junior High String Ensemble Dates

Saturday, December 20, 2025	Rehearsal	Cinnaminson HS	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday, January 9, 2026	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday, January 10, 2026	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Sunday, January 11, 2026	Concert	Rowan University	2 PM and 3:30 PM

Symphonic Bands/Wind Ensemble

Saturday, December 20, 2025	Rehearsal	Cinnaminson HS	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wind Ensemble is dismissed at 11:45			
Chamber Ensembles have a short meeting at 12:00			
Friday, January 16, 2026	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday, January 17, 2026	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Sunday, January 18, 2026	Concert	Rowan University	2 PM and 3:30 PM

Chamber Ensembles

Saturday, December 20, 2025	Meeting	Cinnaminson HS	Noon - 12:30PM
Wednesday, January 21, 2026	Rehearsal	Pitman HS	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, January 28, 2026	Rehearsal	Pitman HS	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM <u>Snow Date</u>
Tuesday, February 3, 2026	Rehearsal	Pitman HS	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, February 4, 2026	Concert	Pitman HS	6:30 rep./7:00 concert
Thursday, February 5, 2026	Concert	Snow Date - same times as February 4 th concert	