



# North Jersey School Music Association

Region I of the New Jersey Music Educators Association

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January 7, 2012

Dear Region I Mixed Chorus Member,

Congratulations! You have been selected to represent your high school as a member of the 2012 Region I Mixed Chorus. It is an honor and privilege to perform in an ensemble that is composed of the best singers in the northern part of our state. We have high expectations for the performance on Saturday, February 11, and the success for that program will depend on your focus and attention during the next few weeks of rehearsal. Please read and follow the guidelines below:

1. Please allow enough travel time to be at the rehearsal site to check-in on time. An 'on-time' check-in means at least 5 – 10 minutes BEFORE the rehearsal is scheduled to start.
2. Be sure you understand the Region Attendance Policy which has changed in the last few years. Rehearsal time is limited and every minute can make the difference between a mediocre performance and a truly outstanding one.

## 2012 Attendance Policy

**You are expected to attend all rehearsals in their entirety. One absence is permitted from an evening rehearsal and excuse notes are no longer required. Attendance at the entire full day rehearsal and entire Saturday rehearsal is mandatory. Missing any part of a rehearsal will count as a complete absence.**

1. Always have your music, two pencils, and water with you.
2. Be proud to be a singer! That means always thinking about how to make the music come alive.
3. Watch and listen to the conductor. Your focus will maximize our progress during rehearsal time.
4. Listen carefully to all of the announcements! The manager will provide information regarding rehearsals, dinner, tickets, pictures, recording, concert dress and a wealth of other important items.
5. Spend time with your music outside of region rehearsal. The faster we master the notes, the quicker we can begin to make music.

A few words about rehearsal times and locations:

Thursday, January 26 – Kinnelon High School 4pm – 9pm;  
***\$25 music purchase and participation fee per student is due –  
Checks payable to NJSMA- One check per school!***

Wednesday, February 1 – Kinnelon High School 4pm – 9pm; **Feb 2 – snow date**

Tuesday, February 7 – Kinnelon High School 4pm – 9pm

Thursday, February 9 – Chatham High School 9am – 4pm; ticket sales at this rehearsal  
***Please do not arrive before 8:45am-  
Bring your robes!***

Saturday, February 11 – Secaucus High School 10am; dress rehearsal  
***Bring lunch and robes! Concert begins at 4pm***

We are thrilled to be associated with such a talented group! If you enjoy singing and accept the responsibilities that go along with performing in a select ensemble, we know that you will have a memorable and rewarding experience.

Mr. Steve Bell  
*Conductor*

Mrs. Jessica Pomeroy  
*Mixed Chorus Manager*