

2012 CJMEA Intermediate Band

January 28, 2012

Dear Band Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance into the 2012 CJMEA Intermediate Band! On behalf of the entire committee, we commend you on the hard work, dedication and commitment you have put into this outstanding accomplishment. Please read this letter in its entirety as it provides information that will address many frequently asked questions.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Alexander Bocchino, *Conductor*

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Mr. Steven Hanna, *Manager*

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Mrs. Meagen Spatz, *Intermediate Band Co-chairperson*

Rahway Middle School & High School, Rahway, NJ
(908) 304-3531 – *Students call this number if you are delayed in getting to rehearsal on February 4th or February 11th*
k8band@cjmea.org – *Please use email for all other questions*

Mrs. Celeste Zazzali, *Intermediate Band Co-chairperson*

Allen W. Roberts Elementary, New Providence, NJ
(856) 237-3574: *Students call this number if you are delayed in getting to rehearsal on February 17th, February 18th, March 2nd (snow make-up), March 3rd or March 4th*
k8band@cjmea.org – *Please use email for all other questions*

REHEARSALS

Sat 2/4/12	South Plainfield Middle School (<i>Snacks & Drinks available for purchase</i>)	9:00am-1:00pm
Sat 2/11/12	Branchburg Middle School (<i>Snacks & Drinks available for purchase</i>)	9:00am-1:00pm
Fri 2/17/12	Edison High School (<i>Pizza, Snacks & Drinks available for purchase</i>)	5:00pm-9:00pm
Sat 2/18/12	Edison High School (<i>Subs, Snacks & Drinks available for purchase</i>)	9:00am-1:00pm
Fri 3/2/12	Monroe Township Middle School (<i>Snow Make-up Only</i>)	5:00pm-9:00pm
Sat 3/3/12	Monroe Township Middle School (<i>Pizza, Snacks & Drinks available for purchase</i>)	9:00am-1:00pm

PERFORMANCE

Sun 3/4/12	Monroe Township Middle School (<i>Snacks & Drinks available for purchase</i>)	3:00pm (<i>Report Time 2:00</i>)
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**Tickets will be sold only at the door –
\$10 for General Admission, \$5 for Students & Seniors**

ITEMS TO BRING TO REHEARSALS

- \$15 Acceptance Fee
 - Cash or money order made payable to CJMEA
 - *No personal checks from parents will be accepted.*
 - *Only director or school checks will be accepted.*
- Instrument
- Music Folder (provided at first rehearsal)
- Folding Music Stand
- Pencils
- Tuner
- **Percussion Equipment: percussionists will be contacted by the manager prior to the first rehearsal to make arrangements. Transportable percussion equipment is the responsibility of the student; large percussion equipment will be provided.**
- Bagged Lunch or snack money - **No One May Leave the Rehearsal Site!**

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is required at every minute of every rehearsal. Academic or sports competitions are not acceptable excuses for missing rehearsals. Only ONE excused absence will be permitted. Acceptable reasons for an excused absence are: a concert with your own school music ensemble (copy of the program required), a death in the family (a phone call or note from parent required), or illness (a note from the doctor or school nurse required). ONE UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FOR ANY REASON WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE GROUP AND FORFEIT YOUR ELEGIBILITY FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. These are the same conditions that you agreed upon when signing your application, so please do not ask for any exceptions.

CJMEA attendance policy further states:

1. Students shall attend all rehearsals unless an excuse is necessitated by illness, accident, or death in the family. Family vacations, participation in other performing groups or commitments are not excused. (Prior contact with the manager is needed to seek approval.) Lateness to, and leaving early from a rehearsal equates to an absence.
2. Attendance at the dress rehearsal is mandatory.
3. Any unexcused absence or more than one excused absence shall result in the student being dismissed from the group.
4. A student dropped from the group in line with #3 or missing the concert for an inexcusable reason shall be ineligible to audition for Region II in the succeeding year.
5. Students must understand that rehearsal times are approximate and that no one may leave a rehearsal until dismissed by the director. Failure to comply constitutes an unexcused absence.

All absences must be reported to the ensemble manager by email prior to the rehearsal.

WEATHER EMERGENCIES

The CJMEA Website will post all scheduling changes: <http://www.cjmea.org>
In the event of inclement weather, check the website AFTER 6:00 a.m. for delays or cancellations.

CONCERT ATTIRE

Ladies: Long Black Skirt or Black Dress Pants; White Long-Sleeved Blouse & Black Dress Shoes

Gentlemen: Black Dress Pants; White Long-Sleeved Dress Shirt; Long Dark Tie; Black Socks & Black Dress Shoes

REHEARSAL SITES & DIRECTIONS

Use the following addresses for directions which can be acquired through the GPS source of your choice:

Saturday, February 4th South Plainfield Middle School
2201 Plainfield Ave
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Saturday, February 11th Branchburg Central Middle School
220 Baird Road
Branchburg, NJ 08876

Friday, February 17th & Saturday, February 18th
Edison High School
50 Boulevard of Eagles
Edison, NJ 08817

Friday, March 2nd (Snow Make-up), Saturday, March 3rd & Sunday, March 4th (concert)
Monroe Township Middle School
1629 Perrineville Road
Monroe Twp, NJ 08831

We look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Musically yours,

The CJMEA Intermediate Band Committee