

2012 CJMEA Intermediate Orchestra

January 28, 2012

Dear Band/Orchestra Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance into the 2012 CJMEA Intermediate Orchestra! 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

Mrs. Patty Gonsky, *Symphonic Orchestra Conductor*
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Mrs. Penny Martin, *Intermediate Orchestra Chairperson*
John Adams Middle School, Edison, NJ
(908) 812-8626 – *Students call this number if you are delayed in getting to rehearsal on February 4th or February 11th*
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SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS

Sat 2/4/12	South Plainfield Middle School (<i>Snacks & Drinks available for purchase</i>)	9:00am-1:00pm
Sat 2/11/12	Piscataway High School	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 (Report Time 2:00)
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STRING ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS

Sat 2/11/12	Piscataway High School (Snacks & Drinks available for purchase)	9:00am-1:00pm
Sat 2/18/12	TBA 9:00am-1:00pm	
Fri 3/2/12	<i>Hammar skjold Middle School, East Brunswick, NJ (Snow Make-up Only)</i>	5:00pm-9:00pm
Sat 3/3/12	<i>Hammar skjold Middle School, East Brunswick, NJ</i>	9:00am-1:00pm
Sat 3/10/12	Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School, Summit, NJ	9:00am-1:00pm

PERFORMANCE

Sun 3/11/12	Monroe Township Middle School (Snacks & Drinks available for purchase)	3:00pm (Report Time 2:00)
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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
- Extra Reeds/Strings
- **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!**
- Mutes if necessary
- Cork Grease
- Valve Oil
- Rock Stops
- Rosin

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

For directions to rehearsal and concert sites, please visit the school websites.
We look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Musically yours,

The CJMEA Intermediate Orchestra Committee