



Rockland County Music Educators Association

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations! Your child has been selected to participate in the Junior All-County Music Festival. There were many students recommended, but only a select few can participate, and it is an honor to be chosen. Your child will be joining some of the best student musicians in Rockland County. This year's Festival will take place on **Friday, January 6, 2012** and **Saturday, January 7, 2012** with a snow date of **Sunday, January 8, 2012**. It will be held at **North Rockland High School**. Please contact your music teacher for information regarding transportation.

Along with honor comes responsibility. All students participating in the Festival are **required** to be present at **all** rehearsals and must attend for the **full length** of each rehearsal. There will be no exceptions for **any** reason. For security reasons, no student may leave the school during the Festival.

Prior to the weekend of the Festival, music teachers will be meeting with students to help them prepare the Festival music. Students must also practice outside of the regular school day, and are expected to prepare and learn their music before the first rehearsal.

The All-County Festival provides a challenging and rewarding experience for those who participate. Students are reminded that their school districts are judged by their conduct and performance at this Festival and are expected to act responsibly and respectfully.

Please check your calendar to be sure your child can attend all rehearsals and the concert and notify your music teacher immediately if your child cannot attend, so that a qualified alternate can be selected. If your child can participate, please sign the attached contract and return it to your music teacher. **Your child cannot attend without this contract being signed.** Details regarding the Festival are included with this letter. Any other questions you may have should be addressed to your child's music teacher.

Again, congratulations on the achievement of your child. We are all looking forward to a challenging and rewarding weekend of music.

Sincerely,

The RCMEA Executive Council

PLEASE NOTE: Due to copyright law, the use of videotaping is strictly prohibited.

JUNIOR ALL-COUNTY DETAILS

Rehearsal Schedule

Friday, 1/6/12: Rehearsals – 4:00 to 8:00 (with dinner break) - Arrive between 3:30 to 3:45

Saturday, 1/7/12: Rehearsals – 9:00 to 4:00 (with lunch break) – Arrive between 8:30 to 8:45

Students should check in with your District's music teacher chaperones upon arrival.

Pre-Ordered tickets

Pre-ordered meal and concert tickets will be distributed by teachers to students before the conclusion of Friday's rehearsal. If your child does not participate in the Festival for any reason, there will be no refunds for meal tickets or any registration fees. Concert tickets may be sold back only during the Festival weekend.

Additional Concert Tickets

Concert tickets (if available) will go on sale on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at the meal break on Friday evening.

Concert

Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at North Rockland High School. (Directions attached)

Concert Dress

Traditional black and white.

Boys – White shirt, Black pants

Girls – White Blouse, Black Pants/Skirt

All – Dark shoes, appropriate hosiery

Students must bring their concert attire with them on Saturday morning. Students may not leave the site.

Instruments, Music and Supplies

All students (except percussionists) must bring their own instruments, music and supplies.

Percussionists must bring their own sticks. Do not expect the hosting school to supply strings, reeds or instruments. All students should also bring a pencil to mark their music.

Note: Please instruct your child NOT to bring any unnecessary valuables, such as CD players, etc. The hosting school and the RCMEA will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items.

FYI

T-shirts (\$10) and CDs of the entire concert (\$15) can be purchased any time during the Festival weekend. We also have beanie babies (\$7) and musical bears (\$8) available. Proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund. **RCMEA accepts only cash or check.**

Weather Concerns

In the event of inclement weather, changes in the weekend schedule will be announced through the following outlets:

INTERNET: www.rcmea.org

PHONE: (914) 261 – 5570 (message will be posted on voicemail)

If Friday's rehearsal is cancelled, Saturday will remain a festival day, and the concert will proceed as scheduled. If Saturday has a delay, the concert will proceed as scheduled. If Saturday's rehearsal is cancelled, Sunday will be the make-up day, with rehearsals and the concert at the same times.