

WCSMA

Westchester County School Music Association

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Happy Spring, WCSMA members!

I sincerely hope that your school year is ending well. It truly seems just like yesterday when I saw you all at our open house in October. Thank you all for helping out at our Area All-State, Elementary, and Intermediate All-County rehearsals and concerts and at our All-County Jazz concert. It was great to see so many of you at our NYSSMA solo and Majors Festivals as well. We have had a very busy and successful year!

I am happy to report that WCSMA has now cleared all but the last hurdle in our quest to become an official tax-exempt organization. We are hoping to receive final approval from the IRS in the coming months. Obtaining this will help to insure that WCSMA remains a stable and viable organization in the years to come.

Thank you all for sending in so many recommendations for the *Administrator of the Year Award* and for the *Milton A. Williams Scholarships* for summer music study. This year's Administrator of the Year will be Dr. Edward Kliszus, the Superintendent of the Port Chester School District. Our scholarship recipients are Lily Sands, a student at Sleepy Hollow High School, and Emmalie Tello, a student at Port Chester High School. Please come and meet these extraordinary people at our End-of-the-Year/Retirement dinner on June 11. If you haven't yet sent in your reservation, please do so as soon as you can.

Also, if you are retiring this year or if you know of a WCSMA member who is retiring this year and have not yet notified us, please let me know as soon as possible. Honoring our retiring members at the end of the

year retirement dinner is a very special event for WCSMA. We wouldn't want to miss anyone!

As I come to the end of my two year term as WCSMA's president, I would very much like to thank our Board members and general membership for all of the help that you have given me in presiding over this wonderful organization. I have been so impressed with the depth of commitment and professionalism of our members. I wish our new president, Kathleen Coletta, the best of luck and know that she will be a great success. I am looking forward to continuing to serve WCSMA as a past-president. Enjoy your students and have a happy and productive end of the school year. I hope to see you all at our end of the year retirement dinner.

Bill Eckfeld

WCSMA 2012-2013 Calendar

Tuesday, October 2, 2012
WCSMA Open House
 Sam's of Gedney Way, White Plains
 4:00-6:00 PM
 (Board of Dir. Meeting to follow)

Wednesday, October 24, 2012
Area All-State Pre-Rehearsal
 White Plains High School
 4:00- 9:15 PM

Wednesday, November 7, 2012
Area All-State Rehearsal
 White Plains High School
 4:00-9:15 PM

Thursday, November 8, 2012
Area All-State Rehearsal
 SUNY Purchase
 9:00AM-3:30PM

Concert 8:00 PM

**BAND, ORCHESTRA,
 CHORUS All-COUNTY
 FESTIVAL DATES**

Saturday, November 17, 2012
 (Snow Date Sat., December 8)
**Elementary All-County String
 Auditions**
 Mamaroneck Avenue School
 8:30 - 11:30 AM

Saturday, December 8, 2012
 (Snow Date Sat., December 15)
**Elementary All-County Band
 Auditions**
 Location TBA
 8:30 - 11:30 AM

Tuesday, February 12, 2013
 (Snow Date Thurs., February 14)
All-County Chorus Rehearsal
 Location TBA 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 13, 2013
 (Snow Date Thurs., February 14)
**All-County Band/Orchestra
 Rehearsal**
 Seven Bridges MS, Chappaqua
 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 12, 2013
 (Snow Date Fri., March 14)
All-County Chorus Rehearsal
 Location TBA
 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 14, 2013
 (Snow Date Fri., March 15)
**All-County Band/Orchestra
 Rehearsal**
 Seven Bridges MS, Chappaqua
 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Saturday, March 16, 2013
**Elementary and Intermediate
 All-County Music Festival**
 SUNY Purchase Performing Arts
 Center
 Band Concert 11:00 AM
 Choral Concert 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 17, 2013
**Elementary and Intermediate
 All-County Music Festival**
 SUNY Purchase Performing Arts
 Center
 Orchestra Concert 11:00 AM

**SENIOR HIGH ALL-
 COUNTY JAZZ FESTIVAL
 DATES**

Saturday, January 5, 2013
**All-County Jazz Band
 Auditions**
 Location TBA
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 (Snow Date Monday, January 7,
 3:30 - 7:30 PM)

Wednesday, February 27, 2013
 (Snow Date Thurs., Feb. 28)
**All-County Jazz Band
 Rehearsal**
 Location TBA
 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Tuesday, March 12, 2013
 (Snow Date Wed., March 13)
**All-County Jazz Band
 Rehearsal**
 Location TBA
 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Wednesday, March 13, 2013
 (Snow Date Thurs., March 14)
**All-County Jazz Band
 Rehearsal**
 Location TBA
 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Friday, March 15, 2013
**Senior High All-County Jazz
 Concert**
 (Snow Date Mon., March 18)
 Location TBA
 8:00 p.m. (Clinic 6:15-7:15)

Spring 2013
**NYSSMA Majors
 (Instrumental)**
 Croton-Harmon

Friday/Saturday, Spring 2013
**NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble
 Evaluation Festival (Up-
 County)**
 Ossining

April 19, 20, 2013
**NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble
 Evaluation Festival (Down-
 County)**
 Mamaroneck High School

May 17, 18, 2013
NYSSMA Piano Festival
 Lakeland High School

June, 2013
End-of-Year Retirement Dinner
 Sam's of Gedney Way
 6:00-9:30 (Dinner 7:00)

WESTCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION
END-OF-THE-YEAR/RETIREMENT DINNER

AT
SAM'S OF GEDNEY WAY
(The Private Oak Room)

52 Gedney Way
White Plains, NY 10605

ON
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012

6 PM Cocktail Hour
7 PM Dinner

DEADLINE HAS PASSED BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE.
PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE ASAP!

Come and join us at the WCSMA End-of-the-Year dinner, honoring *Administrator of the Year*, our *Milton A. Williams Scholarship* winners and the following retirees:

Judith Benjamin, (White Plains), **Barbara Carlsen**, (Chappaqua), **Alan Fennell**, (Pleasantville), **Robert Freeberg**, (New Rochelle), **Geri Hennings**, (Harrison), **Suzanne Rossini**, (Somers), and **Annette Vaccaro**, (Lakeland).

The price for the dinner is **\$50.00** per person, which includes appetizers, unlimited beer, wine, and soda, dinner, and dessert. There will be a cash bar for mixed drinks.

RETURN THE FORM BELOW WITH A CHECK,
PAYABLE TO **WCSMA**

NAME: _____

*The dinner buffet will
include fish, pasta, meat, and vegetable entrees.*

PHONE: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please email for mailing address:
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NOTES FROM OUR CHORAL COORDINATOR

Congratulations to all of the Choral teachers who prepared their students for our Choral Festival this year! We had hundreds of students in both the Elementary and Intermediate Choirs and they did a splendid job! Keep your eyes posted on the website as it will soon be undergoing major construction. You will find information about our 2013 Choral Festival by early September!

This year we will be looking for teachers from Westchester who would like to be considered for the guest conductor position with the Intermediate Chorus. Please do not hesitate to send me an email before the end of this school year if you are interested. I would be happy to provide you with the information we are looking for from prospective guest conductors. Also, if you are not interested in conducting, but would like to recommend someone from our county, please forward their name and information as well.

I wish you all best of luck as the year comes to a close and thank you all for your support of our choral Festival and the amazing things you do each and every day for our students. Have a happy and healthy summer!!

Jennifer Irlen

NOTES FROM OUR BAND AND ORCHESTRA COORDINATORS

We want to thank and congratulate everyone who helped with the All-County Band and Orchestra Festivals. Special thanks to the chairpersons: Elliot Semel, Elementary Band Chair; Ira Jenkins, Intermediate Band Chair, Christine Chu, Elementary Orchestra Chair, and Katherine Sinsabaugh, Intermediate Orchestra Chair. We also want to recognize the great work of our in-county elementary conductors Bradley Morrison and Karen Landers, as well as our guest intermediate conductors Kevin Johnson and Emmett Drake. We also want to acknowledge the Croton-Harmon School District and the Chappaqua School District for use of their facilities for audition and rehearsal spaces, and to the outstanding staff at SUNY Purchase who helped to keep our performances running smoothly. There were many other people who also gave their time and effort, you know who you are, and you have our heartfelt thanks for making this a very successful year.

Lisa Sable, Band Coordinator
Sara O'Brien, Orchestra Coordinator

NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

The 2012-2013 Elementary Solo Audition List is now available on the WCSMA website. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to those who served on the committee to revise the string solos. Thank you to Marcia Bean, Suzanne Greene, Lynn Kraut, Mary Ann Meade, Robert Schwartz, Nancy Torrente, and many others who provided feedback on the current lists. Band revisions will continue throughout the upcoming school year and will be published next year. Please [click here](#) to view the current list.

Due to an unexpected resignation, we're looking for someone to fill the position of Corresponding Secretary. Our newsletter is the primary responsibility of this position, as well as attendance at monthly Board meetings. This publication is currently produced with Pages, an Apple program. Please send me an e-mail if you are interested.

We also need someone to serve as Area All State Coordinator. Although on the current ballot as President-Elect, John Catoliato has graciously agreed to fill the position as an interim, until a replacement is found. Please consider taking on this very important role on the Board of Directors.

Kathleen Coletta, President-Elect
kcoletta@wcsma.org

May 31, 2012

Dear WCSMA Colleagues:

As another festival season gets ready to draw to a close, I hope that all of you have had successful and helpful adjudications for all of your students. I know that this year's hosts worked diligently to ensure that Westchester County students and teachers had well-organized and well-run festivals.

Believe it or not, we are already planning next year's festival season. We have dates in place for the Piano Festival and for Down-County!

- ***Down County (including Jazz, Vocal Jazz, Harp, and Guitar) will be held at Mamaroneck HS on April 19 & 20.***
- ***The Piano Only festival will be held at Lakeland HS on May 17 & 18***
- ***Up-County will be held at Ossining HS, dates will be forthcoming.***
- ***Majors are scheduled to be at Croton-Harmon next year and we are currently working to create a schedule.***

As you plan for next year, please keep in mind the following dates for Area All-State:

Wednesday, October 24, 4:00pm-9:15pm, Rehearsal at White Plains HS ·

Wednesday, November 7, 4:00pm-9:15pm, Rehearsal at White Plains HS

Thursday, November 8, 9:00am-3:30pm, Rehearsal at SUNY Purchase

Thursday, November 8, 8:00pm, Concert at SUNY Purchase

We will be using Solochair for all application and registration again this year. **PLEASE KEEP YOUR STUDENTS' REGISTRATION NUMBERS FROM THIS YEAR'S NYSSMA EVALUATION!** They make your registration/application process much easier. John Catoliato, the Interim Area All-State Chairperson, and I will send you more information in late August.

I wish you all the best for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year and a restful and joyful summer. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns. My contact information can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Warmly,

Adam Shatraw
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Rotation of Festival Sites

Westchester County
 NYSSMA
 2011 – 2021

The following chart is the scheduled rotation for NYSSMA Evaluation Festivals to be held in Zone 11, Westchester County. You may want to begin planning for your festival now. Securing dates well into the future and working with your district in a timely fashion will help insure a successful festival.

The following districts who participate in NYSSMA may be called upon to assist districts with their festivals. They are not scheduled in the rotation due to the size of their facilities, or other extenuating circumstances: Yonkers; Peekskill; Keio Academy; Rippowam Cisqua; Immaculate Conception School; St. Joseph School, Bronxville; The Masters School; Greenburgh; Sacred Heart; Maria Regina HS; The Harvey School; School of the Holy Child; French-American School; Pocantico Hills; Sacred Heart; Iona Prep; Ursuline; Blessed Sacrament; St. Augustine; Pelham; St. Pius X; JFK Catholic; Archbishop Stepinac; St. Columbanus; St. Patrick in Yorktown.

Year	Down-County	Up-County	Major Organizations
2010	Edgemont/Scarsdale	Byram Hills	Irvington
2011	Pelham	Hendrick Hudson	Bedford
2012	Port Chester	Briarcliff	Blind Brook
2013	Mamaroneck	Ossining	Croton-Harmon
2014	Rye Neck	Chappaqua	Hackley
2015	Dobbs Ferry	Elmsford	North Salem
2016	Harrison	Katonah/Lewisboro	Valhalla
2017	Rye City	Somers	Bronxville
2018	White Plains	Mt. Pleasant	Eastchester
2019	Ardsley	Pleasantville	Tuckahoe
2020	New Rochelle	Yorktown	Hastings-on-Hudson
2021	Scarsdale	Tarrytown	Byram Hills

Division of Schools for Zone 11 NYSSMA Festivals 2013

Up County: Bedford, Briarcliff Manor, Byram Hills, Chappaqua, Croton-Harmon, Elmsford, Hackley School, Hastings-on-Hudson, Hendrick Hudson, Irvington, John F. Kennedy HS, Katonah-Lewisboro, Lakeland, Mount Pleasant-Cottage, Mount Pleasant, North Salem, Ossining, Peekskill, Pleasantville, Pocantico Hills, Rippowam Cisqua, Somers, St. Patrick’s Parochial-Bedford, St. Patrick’s Parochial-Yorktown Hgts., St. Theresa’s School, Transfiguration School, UFSD of the Tarrytowns, Valhalla, Yorktown.

Down County: Archbishop Stepinac HS, Ardsley, Blind Brook Rye, Bronxville, Clearview School, Dobbs Ferry, Eastchester, Edgemont-Greenburgh, French-American School, Good Counsel Academy, Greenburgh, Harrison, Immaculate Conception, Iona Prep, Iona Grammar, Keio Academy, Mamaroneck, Masters School, Mt. Vernon City, New Rochelle City, Our Lady of Victory School, Pelham, Port Chester-Rye, Rye City, Rye Country Day School, Rye Neck, Sacred Heart Grade School, Scarsdale, Solomon Schechter, St. Columbanus, St. John the Baptist, Thornton-Donovan School, Tuckahoe, Ursuline School, White Plains City, The Chapel School, St. Joseph’s School, St. Pius X School-Scarsdale, School of the Holy Child, Yonkers City.

WCSMA Board of Directors

2011-2012

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