



## South Jersey Choral Directors Association

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Dear Elementary School Music Educator,

While in the midst of all your dedicated fall preparation, now is the time to think about participation in the 39th Annual SJCDA Elementary Choral Festival, conducted by **Polly Murray** who teaches K-5 at Elizabeth Haddon School and JF Tatem School in Haddonfield.

The festival will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2022 at Investors Bank Performing Arts Center at Washington Township High School in Sewell, NJ. Check-in begins at 9:00 am with the rehearsal running all day, followed by the concert at 4:00 pm. Your duties will conclude after the concert when your students have left with their parent(s) or appointed guardian.

This year, in addition to our rehearsal on **March 4th**, we are going to have *two online rehearsals* with Mrs. Murray to help your students to prepare their music. Links and details will be sent out in early 2023.

If you wish to participate, you must register on our website via [Jotforms](#) by **December 09, 2022**. Upon registering, you will receive an email from Mr. Guerrasio with a link for the parents of your participating singers to complete. Afterwards, you must mail the following to Matthew Guerrasio:

- **A check or purchase order for your music packets made out to SJCDA (please include your school's name(s) in the memo line).** If you need an invoice for the PO, you must reach out to Sarah Mickle at [smickle@pitman.k12.nj.us](mailto:smickle@pitman.k12.nj.us)
- **A copy of your current NAFME card**

**Music packets will be mailed after January 9th** and will include a link to the website for audio files of the voice parts, conductor notes, (also included on the website), and picture order forms. The director's packet, as well as each student packet, will be \$25. Please be reminded that the director's packet is not an optional purchase. **The student packets will not be sent unless money is included to purchase the director's packet.**

All students must be in grades 4, 5, or 6 in order to participate; there is a five student maximum per school. This year, we strongly urge you to select one student to sing descant; if you do not have one, it is fine to split the students up between soprano and alto. Due to space restrictions, all schools will be accepted in the order in which the applications (with full payment) are received. Participation in the festival is limited to a first-come, first-served basis, and we expect availability to fill very quickly. **Students MUST attend the entire rehearsal start to finish with their teacher or a NAFME proxy in order to participate in the concert.** If sending a NAFME certificated proxy, you must notify the Elementary Managers as soon as you know.

In addition, please select your most musical students to ensure the highest quality concert possible. The festival is a long day with limited rehearsal time. Much of the students' success depends on their musical ability, in addition to your assistance in learning and reviewing the music with them. Students will be expected to arrive prepared to sing their parts and be attentive to the conductor's

artistic expression and interpretation of all music. **All student names / info MUST be finalized by January 21, 2022 - there can be no student switches after that time.**

**Students will receive a festival shirt that they are required to wear for the concert.** Concert attire is as follows: festival shirt, black full-length pants, black socks (boys) / black or flesh-colored stockings (girls), black shoes (include flats, boots, dress shoes).

Sincerely yours in music,

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