



## PMEA Communication / December Update

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanzaa and a joyous holiday season to you all! Just a reminder that the PMEA Executive Office will be closed for the holidays from Friday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Dec. 31 and will reopen Monday, January 3. Here are a few more items we want to bring to your attention before we all break for the holidays.

### Approaching Deadlines

Application and further information for all awards can be found in the [Scholarships and Awards section](#) under the Documents menu option at [www.pmea.net](http://www.pmea.net).

**January 1** - Nominations are due for the third class of the *PMEA Hall of Fame*. The PMEA Hall of Fame was created to honor music educators who, by virtue of their contributions, are recognized as being the most highly regarded professional leaders in music education in the state of Pennsylvania. The award may be presented to active or retired members or may be awarded posthumously.

**January 15** - Applications for the *William Nash Continuing Education Scholarship* must be postmarked by this date and mailed to the PMEA Executive Office. This scholarship provides one thousand dollars per one school year to a person in their first, second or third year of teaching who has been accepted into an accredited music graduate program.

**February 1** - Were you a first year teacher in the fall of 1985 or prior to 1985? PMEA's *25 Year Award* recognizes music teachers, elementary through college/university, who have taught 25 years (or more) with at least 15 years of teaching in PA. Honorees will be recognized in a ceremony during the PMEA All-State concerts and in a special feature in *PMEA News*.

PMEA encourages all interested applicants who meet the criteria to apply. If you have any questions, please call the PMEA office at 610-562-9757 or toll free at 888-919-7632.

### Make Plans Now to Attend the 2011 PMEA Annual Conference in Hershey

Keep your eyes out for the Winter issue of *PMEA News*, which should be in your mailbox very soon, if it hasn't already arrived. There you will find a tentative schedule, session descriptions and a conference session pull-out to submit to your administration with your request to attend. Online registration is also available by logging in to the PMEA website and selecting the [Online Event Registration](#) link. Select the 2011 PMEA Annual In-service Conference option to register and be sure to check out the **Description** and **Program/Session** links at the top of that page for more details. All other information, including a printable registration form and hotel information, can be found in the [PMEA Annual Conference](#) section of the website under the **Events** menu option.

### Need a Reason to Attend the Conference? Volunteer!

Volunteers are needed to preside over sessions during the annual conference (introduce the speaker, make sure he/she has everything he/she needs for his/her session) and to serve as chaperones for the 2011 All-State Ensembles. If you are interested in presiding, please send an email to Abi Young at [abiyoung@pmea.net](mailto:abiyoung@pmea.net) or complete the [Online Form](#) located in the PMEA Annual Conference section of the website under the Events menu option. Those interested in chaperoning should complete the [All-State Chaperone Form](#) also located in the conference section of the site, or in the All-State section under the Festivals menu option, and submit it to Chaperone Chair Ralph Egid.

### **Looking ahead to 2011 . . .**

The 2011 festival season gets underway with District Chorus festivals to be held January 13-15. District Orchestra will follow over the weekend of January 27-29 and District Band will take place February 10-12. Please contact your local PMEA district if you have questions regarding any of these events.