



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 Dec. 24 through January 1 and will reopen Monday, January 4. Here are a few more items we want to bring to your attention before we all break for the holidays.

Don't Wait - Make Plans Now to Attend the 2010 PMEA Annual Conference in Pittsburgh

Keep your eyes out for the Winter issue of *PMEA News*. 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. All other information can be found in the [PMEA Annual Conference](#) section of the website under the **Events** menu option. This year's conference will feature keynote speakers Peter Boonshaft, MENC President Barbara Geer and Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser and *Cello Fury* and *Straight No Chaser* will be providing the Thursday night entertainment. So mark your calendars now for the 2010 PMEA Annual Conference, April 22-24, with a sneak peak of the exhibit hall on April 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

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 they need for their session) and to serve as chaperones for the 2010 All-State Ensembles. If you are interested in presiding, please send an email to Abi Young at abiyoung@pmea.net or complete the form located in the [PMEA Annual Conference](#) section of the website under the Events menu option. Those interested in chaperoning should also complete this form and submit it to the All-State Chaperone Coordinator, Steve Leopold.

Approaching Deadlines

The All-State Jazz information and application can be found in the [All-State section of the website](#) under the **Events** menu option. 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.

December 18 (This Friday) - All-State Jazz and Vocal Jazz audition DVD's are due. Submissions should be mailed to the PMEA All-State Coordinator, Dave Cree.

January 1 - Nominations are due for the second class of the *PMEA Hall of Fame*. The PMEA Hall of Fame was created last year 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 members, 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 1984 or prior to 1984? 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 the Summer Issue of *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.

Looking ahead to 2010 . . .

The 2010 festival season gets underway with District Orchestra festivals to be held January 14-16. District Chorus will follow over the weekend of January 28-30 and District Band will take place February 11 - 13. Please contact your local PMEA district if you have questions regarding any of these events.