

Hello Region I Orchestra Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! My name is Kim Chiesa, and I am the new Region I Orchestra Division Chair. I have been teaching and involved in the Region I Orchestra Division for the past seven years, and I am looking forward to beginning this year as the Paramus Middle School Orchestra Director. I am looking forward to ensuring that you and your students have a musically rewarding year.

We have adjusted our previously scheduled dates to better serve you and your students. Please be sure to check our calendar for the changes. If you would like a PDF of all of the new orchestra dates please email me and I would be happy to send it to you.

I would like to welcome this year's High School Orchestra Director, Dr. James Anderson, who is the Director of Orchestras at the University of Delaware. I would also like to welcome back our Junior High School Orchestra Director, Jack Rosenberg, Leonia High School's Orchestra Director. Both programs should be fun and exciting for String, Wind, Brass, and Percussion students.

We will be holding festivals for HS and JHS Orchestra on Thursday, April 19th, 2018 and will also be holding the Elementary Honors Orchestra on Saturday April 28th, 2018. More information will be sent out as these festivals get closer.

If you are interested in assisting the Region I Orchestra Division by hosting an event, managing an orchestra, or coaching a sectional, please email me at orchestra@njsma.com. I look forward to collaborating with you on a fantastic year of Region I Orchestra in 2017-2018!

Kim Chiesa
Orchestra Division Chair