

Nova Scotia Junior Wind Ensemble 2011-2012

Spring Letter

We're all looking forward to our second exciting weekend in March (23rd -25th). We are being hosted by Sarah Keddy and her band students at Pine Ridge School in beautiful Kingston! How nice for us to be in the valley in the spring!

Included in this mailout:

- Schedule for the March weekend, directions and other important info. Please read carefully and contact one of the committee members if you have any questions.
- New music
- Links to YouTube sites for your music. Diane Clark, our conductor, would like you to pre-listen to the pieces so they're cemented in your brain and you can have quicker success at playing the repertoire.

Music

Please bring all your music from the fall weekend. You should bring all the music from the November weekend as well as the following pieces that were not previously performed:

Fanfare, Ode and Festival

If you are missing any pieces or pages, please contact Katelyn at katelyn@nsjwe.ca

We welcome back our conductor, Diane Clarke! I know you had a fantastic weekend in November under her direction and we're so lucky to get a second weekend with her! Diane has asked that in preparation, you listen to a few recordings of your pieces. This will help cement the pieces in your minds!

YouTube Links for Repertoire Listening:

Linden Lea- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzeSir2dwow>

Serengeti- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_H-OljhzC4

Barnum and Bailey's favorite- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bl3PnedTEGs>

An Irish party in third class- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tuGcd-QhQqQ>

Here are some things to keep in mind about the weekend.

As before, please bring a **music stand**, clearly marked with your name, with you if you can. All musicians must have a **pencil**. Woodwinds, please make sure you have extra **reeds**, and any other supplies you may need for the weekend. Brass players, check your music to see if you need **mutes** and make sure that you have what you need (if you don't have your own mute, ask your band teacher). Percussionists please bring sticks. Mallets will be available but you may wish to bring your own.

Member information:

Confirmation of attendance

By now you should have confirmed your attendance for the March 23rd – 25th weekend and have requested a billet if you require one. This has been taken care of by Helen Bannerman, our auditions and personnel coordinator. Please contact Helen **immediately** if there has been any change in your status (for example, if you no longer need a billet). If you cannot attend due to an unexpected emergency, we may be able to find a replacement to fill your chair, but will need adequate notice. *It is important to give proper notice, as one empty chair will affect the whole ensemble.*

When and Where

A schedule of rehearsals and activities is at the end of this letter.

The host school is Pine Ridge Middle School and the host director is Sarah Keddy. We are meeting starting Friday, March 23 until Sunday, March 25th.

Uniform

Please remember to bring your uniform sweatshirt with you. If you come without your uniform (or are unable to find one before the concert) you will be unable to perform.

In case you forgot, the uniform for NSJWE concerts is:

- **black** dress pants or long skirt
- **black** dress shoes
- **black** socks or stockings
- **white** collared shirt
- NSJWE sweatshirt

Please make sure you arrive at the weekend with the proper clothing. We feel it's important that a group of this musical caliber present a professional image in concert.

(Just pack your uniform components in your bag; you can wear whatever is comfortable for most of the weekend rehearsals and social event.)

Group Photo

On Sunday, just prior to the concert, we will take a group photo of the band in concert dress. These will be mailed to you once they are printed. Copies must be ordered and prepaid (\$25 per photo) before you leave on Sunday.

Billeting Students

If you have requested a billet, you will be paired up with your host family at the end of Friday night's session. Please ensure that Helen (our personnel coordinator) is informed of any special dietary needs or pertinent medical conditions well in advance of the weekend so that we can match you with an appropriate billet. We will have a phone list available for your parents when they drop you off so they know how to reach you. Please bring a sleeping bag and a small gift for your host family.

Expectations

-You are expected to arrive at the weekend able to play your parts well. The rehearsal time will be devoted to interpreting the music, not learning parts. Remember, this is a provincial ensemble, not your school band. We have less than two days to make wonderful music happen. The ensemble is counting on you!

-High standards of rehearsal etiquette are expected. Arrive early for each rehearsal and work hard to maintain your focus throughout the rehearsal. Remember to turn off all cell phones during rehearsals.

-Come prepared to work hard, make new friends, learn new stuff, and have fun!

You will probably be amazed by what the group will accomplish in the course of the weekend!

Looking forward to seeing you in March!

NSJWE Committee:

Helen Bannerman, Personnel Coordinator (helen@nsjwe.ca) - *contact for change in attendance, billet information*

Danielle Dove, manager (danielle@nsjwe.ca) *in charge of clinicians and equipment*

Katelyn Montgomery, librarian (katelyn@nsjwe.ca) *in charge of sheet music*

Maggie Helms, Chair, Treasurer (maggie@nsjwe.ca) - *contact for financial, sweatshirt and all other concerns*

Exciting News!

We are working on a new website of our very own and it's coming soon! It should be up and running around March 17th. The address will be nsjwe.ca and the general inquires email is nsjwe.board@gmail.com. If anyone has any photos they'd like Katelyn to add to our website, please forward them to her at katelyn@nsjwe.ca

NSJWE Checklist:

- ☐ Instrument
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Music Stand, labeled with your name (if you have one)
- ☐ Pencil
- ☐ Mutes/reeds/etc
- ☐ Uniform (see above)
- ☐ casual clothes for rehearsals and warm clothes in case it's chilly (it's March!)

If you're billeting:

- ☐ Sleeping Bag
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Small gift for host

Directions

to Pine Ridge Middle School, 625 Pine Ridge Avenue, Kingston

If you're travelling from anywhere east of Kingston, take Hwy # 101 WEST

If you're travelling from anywhere west of Kingston, take Hwy #101 EAST

- Take exit 17E for Bishop Mountain Road toward Kingston/Greenwood
- Turn LEFT on to Maple Street
- Take the 1st RIGHT on to Pine Ridge Ave
- Take the 1st RIGHT on to Wind Ridge Road
- Wind Ridge Road turns right and becomes Laurel Street. Pine Ridge Middle School is at the end of that street!

Schedule for Nova Scotia Junior Wind Ensemble Weekend
March 23-25, 2012

Friday, March 23rd

6:00 pm Registration at Pine Ridge Middle School

6:30 Full Rehearsal

8:30 Rehearsal over, home with billet families or own parents

Saturday, March 24th

8:45 am Arrive at Pine Ridge Middle School

9:00 Rehearsal

10:30 Break

10:45 Rehearsal

12:00 Bag Lunch (provided by billets/parents)

12:30 Sectionals

2:00 Break

2:15 Rehearsal

3:45 Social Time (Bowling at the Greenwood Base) & Supper – NSJWE will
order pizza!

6:00 Rehearsal

7:30 Home with billets/parents

Sunday, March 25th

9:00 a.m. Rehearsal at Pine Ridge Middle School

11:30 Change into uniform/group photo

12:00 Lunch (to be provided by billets/parents)

12:45 Ready for concert

1:00 Combined concert with PRMS Band

2:00 Clean up and home