



OCMEA 2020-2021

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Dear OCMEA members,

These are unprecedented times and I hope everyone is well and safe. As the school year begins, our schools, classrooms, and schedules have been massively altered. I know that all OCMEA members will rise to the occasion and do everything they can to continue to educate and support our students. This year will be full of uncertainties and OCMEA will be vigilant in advocating for our member schools and facilitating the musical experiences that so greatly benefit the students of Orange County. A couple of notes:

- We are no longer using Solochair and will be implementing a new system this year, Da Capo. More information will follow from Katie Lucas.
- High School All County auditions have been cancelled and the OCMEA board is working on a system for nominations.
- The OCMEA Mixer has been cancelled.
- NYSSMA has put together a great resource page for lessons of all levels.
 - <https://www.nyssma.org/advocacy/nyssma-covid-19-guidance/nyssma-best-practices-committee/>

Without doubt, things will change throughout the year and I will be sending out email notifications as needed. OCMEA is more than our All County festivals, and we will do what we can to support each other and our students.

Best,