



# OCMEA 2021-2022

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Dear OCMEA colleagues,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year! This year we will continue to weather and persevere during this pandemic that constantly morphs and changes our programs and classrooms. We are hoping for more normalcy in which we can bring back All-County festivals and in person performances across the county. Please look for updates from me throughout the year. Here are some updates for the coming year:

- Welcome to our new incoming Secretary, Deanna Feuerbach! Big thank you to Allegra Smith, our outgoing secretary, who has been a huge part of our Executive Board for years!
  - [deanna.feuerbach@pinebushschools.org](mailto:deanna.feuerbach@pinebushschools.org)
- We will be using **Da Capo** this year for all OCMEA festivals
  - <https://ocmea.dacapomusicfestivals.com/>
- If you still have previous All-County music from the 2020 festivals, please have it returned to Peter Giorgio
- OCMEA is creating a county-wide district performance calendar. Please send your concert dates and locations to Dan Walker
  - [Daniel.walker@vcsdny.org](mailto:Daniel.walker@vcsdny.org)
- **OCMEA Collective Council** has been meeting for the past year to converse on topics such as Advocacy, Best Practices, Safety, etc. Please check in with your district representatives for debriefs from those meetings.
- Welcome to our new colleagues joining us within our OCMEA districts!

I hope the summer has given you all some respite from last year and has given you the time to recharge and spend time with family and friends, and we look forward to seeing you all!

Best,