

September 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 5 Piano Class for Fall Festival
Students 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Oct 14-15 Fall Festival
MidAmerica Nazarene University

Oct 28 Piano Party—1:00—3:00 pm

Nov 4 Fall Recital - 4:30 pm
Schmitt Music

Nov 21-24 NO LESSONS
Thanksgiving Break

Dec 1, 2, or 3 Holiday Program
Union Station

Dec 16 Multi-Piano Rehearsal #1
Schmitt Music

Dec 25-Jan 5 NO LESSONS
Christmas Break

Jan 6 Multi-Piano Rehearsal #2
MidAmerica Nazarene University

Jan 7 Multi-Piano Concerts –MNU
2:00 pm & 4:00 pm

Jan 8 Lessons Resume

PRACTICE PROMPT CARDS

If you haven't already, take a look at your child's Practice Prompt Cards. These cards are designed for parents and students to work together to develop good practice strategies and have fun together! For brand new students, I will give their cards out when they have reached a level for them to be useful. To use them, just draw a card, read it together and do what it says! Just make a note of how many cards you completed on your assignment book and you will receive points for them.

PIANO PARTY—OCT 28TH

On Saturday, October 28th, there will be another piano party from 1:00—3:00 pm. This will be students' opportunity to practice their performance for the November 4th recital. **Please RSVP**, and plan to bring a simple snack to share and your music. We will perform, play games, and have a wonderful time!



PIANO NOTES



MUSIC GARDEN KICK-OFF PARTY!

On Saturday, September 16th, students gathered for a fun party where we met new students, ate snacks, learned about Bach and the Baroque Period, learned how to bow, performed and offered feedback on performances, played in a rhythm band, and played Flower Pot Note Toss! What a great start to the year!



HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The weekend of December 1, 2, or 3rd, students will perform Christmas/Holiday Music at Union Station in a 30 minute program. Students each play one piece which does not have to be memorized. I have requested Saturday afternoon, December 2nd so that is most likely when it will be. I will start signing students up very soon so please let me know whether or not you wish to participate. This is a fantastic event that is very festive and fun for the whole family!

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FALL RECITAL

The Fall Recital is Saturday, November 4th, at 4:30 pm at Schmitt Music, 119th & Metcalf. I am excited for students to perform! This date will come soon, so please practice your recital piece at every practice session and remember to work on the specific things we talk about in lessons. The party on October 28th will be our practice for the recital, so plan to be completely prepared and memorized by then.

Some tips for recital day:

1. Please arrive 15 minutes early to try out the piano.
2. Wear something nice.
3. Remember to adjust your bench and think before you play.
4. Enjoy your performance!
5. Please bow after your performance to say "thank you" to the audience.
6. Thank Schmitt for the opportunity to play on their incredible piano!

My students and I have worked together to choose their music so that it is something they enjoy playing! It will be a wonderful day of celebration!

FALL FESTIVAL

On October 14th and 15th, five students will participate in Fall Festival at MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, KS.

Fall Festival is a KCMTA (Kansas City Music Teachers Association) event where students perform for a judge and an audience and receive a rating and a certificate. This year the features the Baroque Period, music written from 1600—1750. I am very proud of my students and I know they will do well!