



TESSI Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2009

QUICK CALENDAR:

9/15/09 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 2 of 11
\$10 late fee as of 9/23*

10/4/09 -- RECITAL

*2:00pm
-- Carbondale Civic Center
*See the kitchen bulletin board
at TESSI for the refreshment
signup sheet*

10/15/09 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 3 of 11
\$10 late fee as of 10/23*

10/24/09 -

IFMC MUSIC OLYMPICS

Altgeld Hall - SIUC

11/15/09 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 4 of 11
\$10 late fee as of 11/23*

Week of November 23rd

*Thanksgiving Break –
see your teacher for their
specific schedule*

12/1/09 - Festival Fees Due

12/13/09 -- RECITAL

*-- Carbondale Civic Center
-- Time TBA*

12/15/09 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 5 of 11
\$10 late fee as of 12/23*

**** DECEMBER 22ND ****

Winter Break begins

*Lessons will resume
on January 4th, 2010*

FALL-ing back into the groove



Hello again – it's good to be back.

We hope you are enjoying the great weather and the outdoor activities that come with this time of year! There always seems to be so much going on in September and October that it is difficult to choose which events to attend.

By now, we have all hopefully settled into our weekly routines with school, practice and extra-curricular activities. It won't be long before we hold our first recital of the school year on Sunday, October 4th (2:00 pm). We are really looking forward to hearing all the students perform again – it's been a while!

We don't have a lot in the way of news to report in this issue, but we expect that to change as the weeks pass by and we hear from you about all the great things your kids are doing. Please be sure to keep us informed as we love to recognize our students' achievements outside of our little corner of their world.

A (somewhat) new look for TESSI

As you probably know by now, we were busy over the summer giving TESSI a minor facelift. Guitar lessons have been moved into the former violin studio, and the space is working out to be quite comfortable, especially for group classes.

The extra room gained by taking out a wall to connect the old guitar studio to the piano studio gives it a nice open feeling, and has really helped alleviate crowding issues with the Wiggles N' Tunes classes, which is a good thing as class enrollment has gone up significantly this session!

Other than that, some new paint colors and a few other little items were added here and there. We hope you like these changes as much as we do!



WELCOME !!

To these new TESSI piano students and their families

Eli Grenfell

Stephanye Calhoun

Alexandria Walker

Victoria Walker

Great to have you with us!



CONGRATULATIONS !!

Andrew Aaflaq

Cameron Hudgins

Nick Schlesinger

*Suzuki Guitar School
Book One Graduates!!*

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2010 NFMC Junior Festival

- Yes, it is already time to start planning for this!

The dates for the next Junior Festival are Saturday, Feb. 20th and Sunday, Feb. 21st, 2010. This is a week earlier than in prior years, due to other functions happening at the SIUC School of Music facilities. If your children are participating in Festival this year, be sure to keep these dates clear in your schedule!

*** Festival fees are due to your teacher by December 1st. ***

The Junior Festival is held each year under the auspices of the National Federation of Music Clubs, and organized by its state and local chapters. It provides an opportunity for young music students to perform and be evaluated on an individual basis by a panel of judges. See your teacher for more information!

Other Upcoming Events

The 2009 Music Olympics, presented by the Egyptian Chapter of the Illinois Federation of Music Clubs will take place on Saturday, October 24th at Altgeld Hall on the SIUC campus. The games will consist of a number of "events" taking students through various music theory and reading challenges. This is the first year for the Music Olympics. Best of luck to all TESSI students who plan to compete in the event!

The Classics for Kids program at SIUC continues its monthly series of free (and informal) concerts geared towards young children.

- Tues. Sep. 22nd - 10am – Shryock Auditorium (school age kids)
- Tues. Oct. 6th - 10am – Altgeld Hall Room 112 (Pre-K)
- Tues. Nov. 10th – 10am - Shryock Auditorium (school age kids)
- Tues. Dec. 1st - 10am – Altgeld Hall Room 112 (Pre-K)

This is a great program – it provides young children with exposure to classical music in a fun and informal environment. We hope you will take advantage of this fine (and free!) opportunity!

--- That's all until next time – thanks for reading!