



TESSI Newsletter

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FEBRUARY - MARCH 2010

QUICK CALENDAR:

2/14/10 -- RECITAL

Carbondale Civic Center

Piano and Guitar - 1:30 pm

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**See kitchen bulletin board at TESSI for refreshment signup*

2/15/10 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 7 of 11
\$10 late fee as of 2/23*

Week of Monday, March 8th

Spring Break –

see your teacher for their specific schedule

SAT-SUN 2/20 - 2/21/2010

NFMC JUNIOR FESTIVAL

-- SIUC CAMPUS

- Schedule TBA very soon

3/15/10 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 8 of 11
\$10 late fee as of 3/23*

4/18/10 -- RECITALS

Carbondale Civic Center

Times TBA

4/15/10 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 9 of 11
\$10 late fee as of 4/23*

Sunday, 5/2/2010

GOLD CUP RECITAL

-- Old Baptist Foundation

-- SIUC - Time(s) TBA

5/15/2010 -- Tuition Due

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

Music Month !!

February will be a big month for music making!

Students have put so much effort into getting ready for the annual NFMC Junior Festival, and it is almost time for the big weekend! We will once again provide a "dress rehearsal" for students by having them perform their festival selections at our recitals on February 14th. Note that there are two recitals to allow each student participating in the festival to perform both of their solo pieces, as well as a good number of duets.



Recital times are 1:30 and 3:00 pm. Please be sure to consult with your teacher regarding which recital you will attend. We try to balance out the programs so each recital will not run too long.

2010 NFMC Junior Festival information

The dates for the next Junior Festival are Saturday, Feb. 20th and Sunday, Feb. 21st, 2010. If your children are participating in Festival this year, be sure these dates are clear in your schedule!

Parents, please remember that your child must bring the original sheet music with them to the Festival. **NO PHOTOCOPIES.** Your child's selections should have each measure carefully numbered in pencil, otherwise the score should be clean and free of added performance notes. *Several piano students still need to pick up their music from Baldwin Piano & Organ in Herrin. (closed Sunday and Monday)*

The Festival will be held at SIUC in Altgeld Hall and the Old Baptist Foundation as usual. We should be receiving the detailed schedule with your child's performance times any day now, and we will let you know the where's and when's just as soon as possible. We are greatly looking forward to hearing everyone again!



WELCOME !!

Will Bruns (piano)

who is joining us temporarily while his regular teacher is away for three months

STUFF FOR SALE!!



We have extra tote bags, T-shirts and sweatshirts available for purchase.

- Totes \$5,
- Tshirts \$12/\$15 (youth/Adult)
- Sweatshirts \$20.

If paying by check, please be sure to include tax (x .0775)

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Other Items of Note

- **Snow Days** - Just another reminder that TESSI will be closed if Carbondale public schools are closed. Check KFVS Channel 12 in the early AM for announcements.
- **Spring Break** - Our break is the week of Monday March 8th (same as SIUC). Those piano students with Monday lessons should note that they WILL have lessons on the 8th to make up for the Memorial Day holiday. See Ms. Ward for any questions. *Guitar students (Fri-Sat) should check with Mr. Stoecker to schedule make up lessons for a conflict he will have in April.*
- **TUITION PAYMENTS** - We hate to keep harping on this, but PLEASE make your tuition payments on time. Tuition is due on the 15th of each month, and late as of the 23rd. Thank you to all of you who stay on top of this. We really appreciate it!

Student News (and Kudos!)

It's time once again to celebrate our students for all that they do, musical or otherwise. Without further ado...

Tiffany Chou – Book 5 Piano graduate

Even more impressive - Tiffany was accepted to Washington University in St. Louis on a full 4-year scholarship! She will be majoring in Environmental Science.

Joseph Steinbock - Book 4 Piano Graduate

Srinivas Panchmukhi & Anthony Stoecker – both earned the rank of Second Dan (2nd degree black belt) in Tae Kwon Do.

Jasmine Noble - 1st Place in HCC (Heartland Christian Conference) in Piano for 4th-6th grade. Jasmine received 300 out of 300 points. WOW!

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE !!!

That's all until April – thanks for reading!