

Talent Education School of Southern Illinois, (618) 457-6300



Quick Calendar

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due **11/15** – Payment 4/11

\$10 late fee after 11/22

Thanksgiving Week

Week of November 21st

*** *Be sure to see your teacher for their schedule* ***

RECITAL

Sunday, December 4

Carbondale Civic Center
Room 108

1:30 pm - Piano and Guitar

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due **12/15** – Payment 5/11

\$10 late fee after 12/22

WINTER BREAK

Dec 19th thru Jan 1st
classes resume Jan 2nd

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due **1/15** – Payment 6/11

\$10 late fee after 1/22

Sunday, February 12

Carbondale Civic Center
Room 108

Times TBA (2 recitals)

NFMC Junior Festival:

Saturday/Sunday,
February 18th-19th
SIUC Campus

AIM Exams:

Saturday, March 31st

Wrapping Up The Year

At least we're not wrapping gifts yet, though that will come soon enough! Most of the leaves have fallen, darkness comes early, and Thanksgiving is right around the corner, with the winter holidays not far behind.

This will be an odd December for TESSI and the Ward-Stoecker family (see below), but we are thankful to reach the last phase of Alyce's recovery, and look forward to enjoying a quiet Christmas at home (no travel!) for the time since the year Anthony was born, which should be a nice change.

Even though Teacher Alyce will be gone the first half of December, the show must go on, and so our last **recital** of the year will

take place as scheduled on **December 4th at 1:30pm**. Mr. Dave will be running the recital, and he thanks you in advance for arriving early enough to get started on time!

With the disruption to schedules in an already busy month, we ask that you stay involved with your child's practice, especially if they are playing in Junior Festival this year. For those who are, here is a reminder about Festival fees:

Festival fees are due to your teacher (and payable to your teacher) no later than December 1, 2011. (see your teacher for amount owed)

Happy Holidays everyone!

December - Important Info

Alyce will NOT be teaching the entire month of December. Many of Alyce's students have already made up one or both lessons that they will miss, and some will be making lessons up in the coming weeks.

Thanksgiving week is not included in the 40-week calendar and is an off-week for some. Please check with Alyce if you are unsure if you will have a lesson during Thanksgiving week. If you plan to travel the entire week, be sure to let her know as she will be using Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week to take care of some remaining make-ups.

December tuitions are still due on the 15th (late after the 22nd), even though you will

not be having lessons. You may pay both months in November, you may post date your December payment, or you can mail in your December payment before December 23rd to avoid a late fee.

As always...thanks to everyone for their flexibility during this last phase of my cancer journey... I appreciate your willingness to change your schedules to meet my (and my family's) needs. *(guitar students too!)*

- Alyce Ward

*Note: **Guitar students WILL have lessons in December, but some schedule changes will be necessary. I will work that out with those families that will be affected.***

- Dave Stoecker

WELCOME !!



Kaitlyn Ting

New piano student

Kevin Hensold-Speir

Returning guitar student!



A Place where Music is the Language and Fun is the Way of Life!

Open slots are available for preschoolers ages 8-months thru 4 years.

See Teacher Alyce

Send Us Your News !!

If you have news to share, please send e-mail to newsletter@tessimusic.org with your submission, and we'll include it in the next issue.

(You can also deliver them to us in person.)

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Winter Break

TESSI will officially close for the last two weeks of December and reopen on January 2nd.

(Mr. Dave will most likely teach some guitar make-up lessons the week of December 19th)

Voice Lessons

Bethany Henning, our newest addition to TESSI is taking voice students. If you know of anyone that is interested in voice lessons, she can be reached at: 630-229-3969



Wiggles N' Tunes KiddyKeys

Wiggles N' Tunes and KiddyKeys classes both begin new sessions starting in January.

To all TESSI families:

We are offering a \$10 tuition credit for any/every student that enrolls in either program because of your referral.

Thanks for spreading the word!

Weather Reminder

Reminder that when Carbondale Public Schools are closed because of inclement weather, TESSI will also close. If in doubt check KFVS Channel 12 or contact your teacher.



Too Busy To Practice?

These days, our lives are "overscheduled". Our kids are involved in many different things. Lots of homework. Appointments. Parents have to juggle jobs, shuffling kids to and from activities, and make time for meals and helping with school work. Music practice can easily become the thing that gets bumped back until the "more important" things are taken care of. How can we make this work?

Parents: While you may often have to drop you kids off at lessons, and leave practicing up to them to do on their own, don't expect much in the way of results unless you follow up. Ask them what they are working on each week. Ask them what they have practiced each day. Ask them to show you, by playing for you!

There are other things you can do. Help them stay organized, and make sure they have all their music, books, and other needed accessories when they come to lessons. Send a notebook for music lessons with them, so we can write down what they should be working on!

Students: You might think that your teacher won't notice if you didn't practice enough. We will. We want you to succeed, because music is unlike anything else in life. No two people experience it the same way. Your music is uniquely yours, and always will be, for your whole life. It is part of YOU.

Ten minutes of good practice every day is certainly better than none, and still better than hours of crammed in practice once a week. You only hold yourself back by not making time to practice. Dividing practice into small chunks 2-3 times a day can be easier to get done regularly.

Can you spare 10 minutes at a time?