TESSI Newsletter

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Quick Calendar

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due **5/15** - Payment 10/11 \$10 late fee after 5/22

CARBONDALE MUSIC COALITION

Membership drive May 25th, 4:00 - 8:30pm Varsity Center for the Arts

RECITAL

Sunday, June 2nd

Carbondale Civic Center

12:30 pm: Wiggles N' Tunes 2:00 pm: instruments & vocals

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Due 6/15 - Payment 11/11 (Final payment for 2012-13) \$10 late fee after 6/22

REGISTRATION FORMS DUE

Completed TESSI registration forms for the 2013-2014 school year are due on 6/15.

2013-2014 PREPAYMENTS

Due 7/15 – \$100 prepayment of tuition per student, plus recital & accompanying fees as applicable - see news

\$10 late fee after 7/22

** Signed contracts and down payments reserve your child's spot on your teacher's schedule for the 2013-2014 year.

2013-2014 LESSONS BEGIN

Private lessons, KiddyKeys and Wiggles N' Tunes classes begin the week of Aug. 12th.

2013-14 PMTS BEGIN 8/15.

Year End Notes

Time does seem to fly. We are entering the final month of the TESSI school year, and this will be our last newsletter until we resume lessons and classes in August. Read on for important reminders about our school calendar as we finish up the year. We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer!

Payment #10 due May 15th*

Be sure to get your payment in by the 22nd!

Final Recital: Sunday, June 2nd

We're looking forward to hearing students play one last time before the summer. We know there will be some families that won't be able to attend, but there will still be plenty of great music from all studios!

Wiggles N' Tunes at 12:30 Instruments and Vocals at 2:00

Final tuition payment due June 15th*

Also due June 15th:

Registration forms for the 2013-2014 year, completely filled out and signed.

Due July 15th*

Down payments for 2013/2014 school year as follows:

\$100 tuition per child \$25 recital fee per child \$10 accompaniment fees (violin/voice only) \$10 setup fee (new students only)

We are not increasing tuition rates, but are raising recital fees to \$25 per student per year (that covers all 5 recitals)

Signed contracts and down payments reserve your child's spot on your teacher's schedule for the 2013-2014 year.

* (Late fees apply after the 22nd of each month)

Thanks to all for a great year of music!

Support Local Music!

There is a lot of great music being created and performed locally, and we thank you for making TESSI a part of it. We'd like to make you aware of a new local non-profit organization formed to further showcase, strengthen and promote Carbondale's vibrant music scene by partnering with local musicians, bands, music businesses, and the community.

TESSI just recently joined the Carbondale Music Coalition, which is holding a membership drive event on Saturday, May 25th from 4:00-8:30pm at the Varsity Center for the Arts. This membership drive is focused on kids, family, and our music educators.

There will be 2 contests for kids 17 and under who can try to win either a drum set or a

guitar, with prizes donated by the Practice Pad and Mike's Music.

Also featuring live music from The Burning Hotels (11 yr. olds), TESSI string students, and Mr. Swamp Fox.

There will be a silent auction in addition to other raffles and prizes.

Entry is free for CMC members and anyone 17 and under. \$5 for non-members, or join up at the event!

For more info, see CMC's <u>Facebook</u> page.

SI Music Festival (<u>www.sifest.com</u>)

Don't forget that the Southern Illinois Music Festival will be getting underway on June 4th and will feature over three dozen concerts at venues all around Southern Illinois.

TESSI Families:

We are offering a \$10 tuition credit for any/every student that enrolls in either of our Pre-K programs because of your referral. Thanks for spreading the word!



2-1/2 - 5 years

Welcome To

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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Summer Lessons

Please see your teacher about their availability for extra lessons over the summer. The TESSI 40-week year ends on June 15th.

The 2013-2014 40-week school year begins August 12th. Any lessons in between June 15th and August 12th are considered extra lessons and will require you to fill out a prorated lesson contract.

Student News

Congratulations to all piano students that participated in the **AIM** (Achievement in Music) exams. The following students all passed their AIM exams (performance and theory) on March 23rd at SIU:

- Milla Croissier Level 1A
- Sofia Aaflaq Level 1C
- Alex Baughman Level 2
- Joshua Cheng Level 2
- Eli Grenfell: Level 3
- Samara Steinbock: Level 4
- Katie Mechler: Level 4
- Anthony Stoecker Level 7

All of the above students received scores of 90% or higher on both the performance and theory exams!

Anthony Stoecker also received a monetary award given to students at Level 7 and above with a score of 90% or higher. *Hard work pays!*

2013 Gold Cup

The 2013 Festival Cup recitals were held on Sunday, May 5th at 1:00 and 3:00pm. Each year, students receiving a cup are invited to perform at the recital.

2013 was another good Junior Festival year for TESSI students, with six piano and guitar students earning one or more cups each.

Please join us in congratulating this year's students who earned cups:

Nick Mechler Guitar Solo 1st Cup Samara Steinbock Guitar Solo 1st Cup Samara Steinbock Piano Solo 3rd Cup Caitlin Sherwood Piano Solo 4th Cup Radia Lahlou Piano Duet 2nd Cup Caitlin Sherwood Piano Duet 2nd Cup Jasmine Noble Piano Duet 3rd Cup Anthony Stoecker Piano Duet 3rd Cup

Monetary awards (given to all students receiving a 3rd cup or higher) were earned by:

Caitlin, Jasmine and Anthony

Receiving special recognition from the National Federation of Music Clubs:

Caitlin Sherwood, for achieving 12 consecutive superior ratings!!



Have a Great **Summer!**