

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

Quick Calendar

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due 11/15 - Payment 4/11

\$10 late fee after 11/23

THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 24th-30th

KLASSICS FOR KIDS

December 2nd – 10 am

Altgeld Hall Room 112

Dance / Holiday Sing

** TESSI RECITALS **

Sunday, December 14th

Civic Center Room 108

Wiggles N' Tunes: 12:30 P.M.

Piano & Guitar: 2:00 P.M.

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due 12/15 - Payment 5/11

\$10 late fee after 12/23

** WINTER BREAK **

Sunday, December 21st -

January 4th, 2009

CLASSES RESUME 1/5/09



JUNIOR FESTIVAL

Save these dates:

February 21-22, 2009

(Saturday/Sunday)

Fees Due December 1st

To your teacher



Thanks (giving)

Hello again!

Well, the holiday season is fast approaching, and everything that entails.

Since Thanksgiving is the next event on the calendar, let's all be thankful that the election season is finally over! OK, just kidding (sort of).

In any case, things are going to get even busier than usual, so be sure to take note of the calendar items in the sidebar on this page. In particular, the dates for the Thanksgiving and winter

holiday breaks.

In addition, if you are participating in **Junior Festival**, be prepared to get your fees turned in to your teacher by December 1st, order sheet music if you haven't already, and most of all – have a plan for practicing during the breaks.

Keeping this short and sweet. We are thankful for the privilege of working with you and your children, who inspire and amaze us in so many ways. Just see the second page for examples!

Happy Holidays!

December 14th Recital

We have decided to stay with **2:00 p.m.** as show time for the upcoming recital on Sunday, December 14th, and we are looking forward to a great concert.

As there were a handful of families that could not attend the October recital, this one will probably be a fairly full program.

Rumor has it that the guitar students and Mr. Stoecker are scheming something special that could possibly involve ALL the guitar students performing onstage together at the same time.

It would seem highly likely that some

holiday music could be part of the program as well, so the concert should be a fitting way to head into our last week of lessons before the winter break begins. (see calendar for dates)

Also, at **12:30 P.M.** Teacher Alyce and her crew of Wiggles will take the stage to present a selection of songs from the **Wiggles N' Tunes** curriculum. These Wiggles "recitals" provide a much-needed opportunity for grandparents and other relatives to see the young ones in action, as space at TESSI often can't accommodate that.



Welcome New Students

Cali Clough, guitar
Natalie Schlesinger, guitar
Milla Croissier, piano
(missed you last newsletter)

Congratulations!



Joseph Steinbock (piano), who made his Bar Mitzvah on November 1st, 2008.



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

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Student News Items !!

We love to recognize our students' achievements, whether related to TESSI or in some other area of their lives. We are pleased to have received several submissions of news items after the last newsletter, and hope this will become a trend. Big thanks to those families who contributed! If you have news to share with us, please send an 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.)

Carbondale High School Marching Terriers

Maria Carvell (junior - soloist, trumpet) and **Dara Weaver-Holmes** (color guard), members of The Carbondale High School Marching Terriers, have been quite busy performing this year's field show, "Chase", across southern Illinois. The show concept is music comprised of famous tunes from the first album recorded by the fusion jazz/rock band Chase, whose leader, Bill Chase, died in a plane crash on August 9, 1974.

Marching band is very challenging, but very rewarding. The students work hard as a team while competing in the field shows. Students gain by expanding their music skills and making new friends. The group will end their traveling season with an overnight trip to the St. Genevieve Marching Festival in Missouri.

Congratulations Maria & Dara!



(pictured above, Maria Carvell)



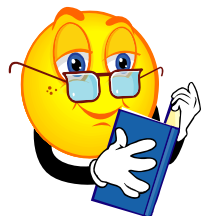
A Gentleman and a Scholar

James Medwedeff (piano), was named "Outstanding Student of the Quarter" at Murphysboro Middle School and also made the 8th grade Scholar Bowl team.

Way to go, James!

Bookin' It

Michael Stucky set a Carbondale New School record for most pages read (from the start of school in August until the end of September) by reading 3,698 pages. (WOW !!)



Also, Michael's 5th and 6th grade soccer team took 2nd place at the Carbondale Kick-It Soccer tournament in October.

Way to be on the ball Michael!

