TESSI Newsletter

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Quick Calendar

RECITALS

Sunday, February 13

Carbondale Civic Center 1:30pm - Piano & Guitar 3:00pm - Piano & Guitar

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due 2/15 - Payment 7/11 \$10 late fee after 2/22

SPRING BREAK

Monday March 14 thru Sunday March 20

** SEE YOUR TEACHER FOR THEIR SCHEDULE ***

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due 3/15 – Payment 8/11 \$10 late fee after 3/22

AIM EXAMS

(Achievement In Music)

Participating piano students

Saturday, March 26

Altgeld Hall - SIUC Individual times TBA

RECITALS

Sunday, April 10

Carbondale Civic Center Time(s) TBA

GOLD CUP RECITALS

Students receiving Gold Cups this year perform

Sunday, May 1

Old Baptist Foundation - SIUC
Times TBA

Festival is Coming Soon!



We are now less than a month away from the National Federation of Music Clubs annual Junior Festival event.

The Festival will take place on February 19th and 20th in Altgeld Hall and the Old Baptist Foundation on the SIUC campus.

If you are a piano student, see Ms. Ward for the day/time slots of your events.

Guitar students will all perform on

Saturday the 19th at 11:00 am in Altgeld room 301. (same room as last year)

Plan ahead to have sufficient time to find parking, walk to the music buildings,

find your room and get ready to perform. Guitarists need to allow extra time for instruments to adjust to room temperature and to get tuned.

Piano students: If you have not picked up your music from Baldwin Piano/Organ in Herrin please do so ASAP. This was indicated to you in writing only if Alyce does NOT have the original music to loan to you.

Guitar students: Be sure to have your Suzuki book with the piece(s) you will be performing. Dave will have the original music for all non-Suzuki pieces.

February Recital, and Weather Closings

February Recital:

Sunday, Feb. 13th at the Civic Center. Guitar and Piano at 1:30pm. Guitar and Piano at 3:00pm.

We are having two recitals to allow enough time for students doing Junior Festival to perform all of their pieces.

A refreshment sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen at TESSI.

Please be sure to inform your teacher if cannot participate at the recital. Junior Festival participants – this is your last chance to perform your pieces in front of an audience before the big day. Make every effort to be at this one!

Winter School Closings:

This is probably starting to sound like a broken record, but with the weather we have had so far this winter, it bears repeating. If Carbondale schools are closed due to weather, TESSI will be closed as well. (look for this to be posted on KFVS-12 in the morning).

We know that road conditions may be greatly improved later in the day, and we will do our best to contact you if we feel it will be possible for us to have afternoon and/or evening lessons on days that schools have been closed.

Weather closings are inconvenient for everyone, so thanks for understanding.



Wiggles N' Tunes gift certificates are still available for the preschooler on your gift list!



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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Student News

Congratulations to

Heartland Christian Conference Winners!

7th-12 Grade Category

Jayci Noble

12th grade, 1st Place in piano

Jasmine Noble

7th grade, 2nd Place in piano

Andrew Aaflaq

7th grade, 1st Place in guitar

Great work everyone!

Thank You!

For cards, flowers, prayers, food, presents, and most of all, your flexibility with lesson schedule cancellations, changes and weekend make-ups (piano and guitar families), during this difficult time for the Ward/Stoecker family.

Piano Families:

Please remember that my immune system will be extremely comprised for the next 4 months. Please do not bring any sick students, parents or family members to the lesson if you/they are sick to any degree. Please make use of my schedule to trade with another student.

Thanks for your understanding.

- Alyce

Rest In Peace

We are greatly saddened by the untimely death of Frank Longay, one of the pioneers of the Suzuki method for guitar. I feel so very, very fortunate to have met Frank. I cannot adequately express what an amazing person he was, so I am including this by MaryLou Roberts, a wonderful Suzuki Guitar teacher and director of the Ann Arbor Suzuki Guitar Institute:

"Frank Longay, one of the co-founders of the Suzuki Guitar Method, passed away suddenly this past Wednesday evening. He was a very dedicated teacher, mentor, and friend, who brought his strength of heart and detailed understanding to many teachers, parents and students around the world. Frank worked - and reworked - and revised the materials for all 9 Suzuki Guitar Books, supervised the recordings and is the composer of With Steady Hands and Meadow Minuet, the last two pieces in Book 1. His school in San Jose, CA won an award for excellent teaching, community building, and parent training, raising the bar for Suzuki teachers everywhere. So many teachers benefited from his experience..."

Thanks for everything, Frank.

- Dave