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## Local Events

- ◆ **Klassics For Kids Concerts**  
Tuesday, December 5th, 10am  
Saturday, January 20th, 10am
- ◆ **TESSI Recitals**  
December 10th, 1:30 & 3:00pm

## Welcome New Students!

Please join us in welcoming some new students who have begun individual lessons this semester:

*Violin* - Samuel Gregory, Blake Darnstaedt, Daniel Song, and Isabel Kuczynski. *Piano* - Chris Gregory, Gabriel Cope, Adam and Radia Lahlou. *Guitar* - Ethan Russell

We're very happy to have you with us !!

## Fundraising Items Available

There are a few extra shirts and tote bags for sale after our last order. See the lists on or by your teacher's door for sizes, colors and prices. Items are on display at TESSI. Also, we have a large stock of white coffee mugs (*great Christmas gifts!*) with the TESSI logo printed on them. Mugs are \$2.00 each plus tax. *Contact A Ward.*

## Important Reminders

### TUITION:

- ◆ Tuition payments are due on the 15th of each month, and late after the 22nd. See your teacher's studio door or bulletin board for a list of past-due amounts. Please discuss any payment issues with us, and understand that your tuition payments are the sole source of financial support for TESSI and the teachers.
- ◆ The brochure box outside our entrance should not be used to drop your tuition payments. It is not secure, and we generally don't look inside it until it needs to be restocked. If you will not be able to drop your payment inside at TESSI before it is late, please mail it in.

### BREAK SCHEDULES:

- ◆ Be sure to confirm schedules for the week of the Thanksgiving holiday and for the winter break with your private teacher. Schedules are likely to vary with each teacher.

### WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:

- ◆ As stated in TESSI policies, when Carbondale public schools are closed due to inclement weather, TESSI will also be closed. Lessons will not be made up. If in doubt (i.e. if weather improves markedly by the afternoon), call TESSI and check the greeting for an announcement.

### PARENTAL SUPERVISION:

- ◆ By ensuring that young children are supervised at all times at the TESSI facility, you help to maintain a positive and orderly learning environment. Please help your child clean up after themselves in the bathroom and kitchen areas, and see to it that supplies, informational materials and teachers' belongings remain in their proper place. Your help is essential - thanks!
- ◆ We do understand that it can be difficult to juggle multiple children during lessons and classes, and that there may be occasional circumstances where you are unable to monitor children for short periods of time. Please consult with your teacher at such times so we can be aware and work with you to find a solution that avoids disruption to the learning environment at TESSI. We very much appreciate your consideration.



## New Student Referral Promotion

Word of mouth has always been our best advertisement - thanks to YOU! We very much appreciate all the good things TESSI families have been saying to interested members of the community. We are seeking to fill up enrollment in guitar, Parent Prep (*with emphasis on the aforementioned instrument*), and Wiggles N' Tunes (*which by nature has a higher turnover rate than that of individual lesson students*). There is currently a waiting list for piano lessons.

We are offering an incentive to current TESSI families who refer new families to our school. For each new student registration resulting from your referral, we will give you a \$10.00 tuition credit, or if you prefer, increase the scholarship fund accordingly.

Just let us know the names of anyone you have referred, and ask those you referred to mention *your* name when they contact us. Upon registration we will follow up with you regarding the credit.

Please feel free to take some brochures to distribute. For Wiggles N' Tunes, we have a free trial-class coupon you can give out so parents and their young children can have first-hand experience of what the class is about. Don't forget that our web site can answer many of the initial questions that parents of prospective students will have. We plan to provide even more information there soon.

We hope you will take advantage of this incentive. We have had many referrals come from our TESSI families in the past, so in the future we will give you a little something in return for all the help you give us.

Contact your private teacher, or Alyce Ward with any questions about this promotion. Again, thanks for all you do!

### CONGRATULATIONS !!

#### Book Graduations

##### Piano:

Caitlin Sherwood (Bk1)

Abby Gregory (Bk2)

Joseph Steinbock (Bk3)

##### Guitar:

Matthew Garwin (Bk2)

##### Violin:

Quincey Howell (Bk1)

Breck Warren (Bk1)

Tori Greer (Bk2)

Angel Song (Bk2)

Chris Gregory (Bk2)

## Calendar

- ◆ Thursday, November 24th                      Thanksgiving Holiday  
*Consult with your teacher regarding class schedules for the week*
- ◆ Tuesday, December 5th                      Klassics for Kids Concert  
*10:00am, Altgeld Hall Room 112, SIUC*
- ◆ Sunday, December 10th                      TESSI Recitals  
*1:30 and 3:00 pm, Carbondale Civic Center, Room 108*
- ◆ Saturday, January 20th                      Klassics for Kids Concert  
*10:00am, Altgeld Hall Room 112, SIUC*
- ◆ Sunday, February 18th, 2007                      TESSI Recitals  
*1:30 and 3:00 pm, Carbondale Civic Center, Room 108*

*For more information about Klassics for Kids:*

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