



# TESSI Newsletter

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## QUICK CALENDAR:

### 9/15/07 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 2 of 11 for the 2007-2008 school year  
\$10 late fee as of 9/23  
Remember the new fee schedule!*

### 10/14/07 -- Recitals

*1:30pm and 3:00pm  
-- Carbondale Civic Center  
\*See the kitchen bulletin board at TESSI for time assignments and refreshment signups*

### 10/15/07 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 3 of 11 for the 2007-2008 school year  
\$10 late fee as of 10/23*

### 11/4/07 -- 10 Piano Ensemble Concert

*See the sidebar on page 2 for more details*

### 11/15/07 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 4 of 11 for the 2007-2008 school year  
\$10 late fee as of 11/23*

### 12/2/07 -- Recitals

*12:00pm – Wiggles N' Tunes  
1:30pm and 3:00pm - Suzuki  
-- Carbondale Civic Center  
\*See the kitchen bulletin board at TESSI for time assignments and refreshment signups*

### 12/15/07 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 5 of 11 for the 2007-2008 school year  
\$10 late fee as of 12/23*

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## Listening / Practice

***Have we mentioned listening lately?*** Consider this, as we examine listening and it's direct link to progress.

- Suzuki Sensei called his approach the "Mother Tongue" method
- The sound of an instrument is its "Mother Tongue"
- The vocabulary of music "Mother Tongue" is the repertory (pieces)

As in spoken language, we have been immersed since birth in the exposure to our native speech. We absorb new native language automatically because we hear it all the time.

- In specific reference to internalizing music repertory Suzuki Sensei clarified "memorizing" sound: "Listening until we remember is not enough. We must listen until we cannot forget."
- Practice daily, until automatically responding, which leads to refinement and mastery. Practice is "reminding yourself how to do something".
- Learning something new is practice only in the sense of honing learning skills.

Consider these points; see how you progress at home.

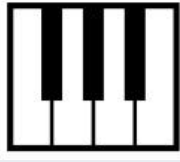
## Letter to Our Parents

Parents, you play a key role in Suzuki Talent Education.

- You provide enthusiastic support for the process of learning to play the instrument.
- You invest time and resources to give your child special opportunities available through music education the Suzuki way.

Perhaps you've wondered about success and achievement in your child, and we'd like to put forth ideas to help you. Assessing success and measuring where the child is, can only be determined by identifying the scale you are measuring:

Are your goals to bring music into your child's life, building strong discipline and work habits, building skills such as concentration and perseverance?



## 10 Piano

### Ensemble Concert

Sunday, Nov. 4th, 2007

2:00 and 4:00

Baldwin Piano & Organ Center  
200 N. Park Ave.  
Herrin IL

Featuring students and teachers from the Egyptian Chapter of the Illinois State Music Teacher's Association

\* Free & open to the public \*

Many thanks to **Baldwin Piano & Organ Center** for helping to make this recital possible.

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#### GO CATCH A SHOW!

Keep your eyes and ears open for the many live performances going on in the area during the fall season. Enjoy!

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Your child is the yardstick for measurement; your values give weight to assessing achievement in your child. By focusing on the process of establishing life long learning skills and being a positive role model, you will avoid the snags and snarls of comparing your child, striving for horizontal (one piece after another) rather than vertical (quality vs. quantity) measures of success.

As teachers, we embrace the "catch the student doing something right, then build on it" philosophy of educating. We focus on the unique, special qualities of each student, and champion the effort made in learning and mastery.

Thanks to the dedication of our parents to keep values at a very high plane, the only competitive issue is challenging all of us (Parents – Teachers – Students) to do our very best. Together we create reality. Ours is that every child can succeed in the supportive community that is TESSI.

### Going Away During Holidays and Vacations?

Be aware that those holidays may mean missed lessons unless you plan ahead.

This summer we had a fair amount of double swaps (2 lessons in one week) due to travel. The response was great!

"The lessons that week really helped because they stimulated our other days' practice."

"I had a great idea on how to tie one day's lesson to the next by reinforcing more consistently."

"I could see how eager my child was to have a lesson every day." (5 days in a row!)

"This was a crash course in every day practice and we want to keep it up."

### New students, referrals and thank you

Thanks to you, our best advertisements are the recommendations and referrals which you make.

This year, we are continuing our incentive to current TESSI families who recommend new students to our school.

- For each new student registration resulting from your referral, we will give you a one month \$10.00 tuition credit, or if you prefer, increase the scholarship fund by the same amount.
- Just let us know the names of your referral, and ask your referral to mention your name when they contact us.
- At the time of the new registration, we will follow up with you regarding the credit.

We hope that you will take advantage of this incentive, it's our way of thanking you for all the help you give us.

Contact Alyce Ward or your private teacher if you have questions about this promotion.