



In Touch at TESSI



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Welcome Back!

Greetings, hello, and welcome to the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year.

We've successfully completed the first year at TESSI --thanks to your patience, understanding and consistent support. Through thick and thin, drought and...er...floods, we've made it. And so have all of you, and we're ready to move forward!

In passing, we'd like to congratulate all of the June 11th recital performers. Not only was the playing very good, we had an excellent audience. We originally had arranged for seating for 100, but somewhat into the program, we had to add an additional 50 chairs. Luckily the chairs were on hand, but we were down to our last printed program.

We apologize for the length of the recital. As you know, we usually split performers into two separate recitals. With the number of families who were not attending due to vacations etc. we had thought that there would not be enough music for two recitals. We will evaluate this more carefully should we see a need to consolidate recitals in the future.

We are so pleased that the hard work and commitment on the part of all of our students was so warmly recognized by the listeners. Good job, everyone!

We're looking forward to new students coming into our ongoing Wiggles N' Tunes classes, adults beginning the Talent Education experience through parent Preparatory Class, and the transfer students who are joining us from other locales.

So, tune up those guitars, rosin those bows and dust off those keys, start singing in the shower and flex those fingers-Let's get going!

Warmly,
Joyce Nelson, Alyce Ward, Dave Stoecker

Calendar Dates to Know...

- ◆ **Sunday, August 15th** **1st Tuition payment due**
\$10.00 late fee assessed after 8/22
- ◆ **Monday, August 21st** **2006-2007 school year begins**
*- violin, guitar, piano lessons, group repertory, Wiggles N' Tunes, and Parent Preparatory classes. **Consult with your teacher for YOUR specific class schedules***
- ◆ **Sunday, October 15th** **TESSI Recitals**
1:30 and 3:00 pm, Carbondale Civic Center, Room 108
- ◆ **Thursday, November 23rd** **Thanksgiving Holiday**
Consult with your teacher about class schedules for the week
- ◆ **Sunday, December 10th** **TESSI Recitals**
1:30 and 3:00 pm, Carbondale Civic Center, Room 108
- ◆ **Sunday, February 18th** **TESSI Recitals**
1:30 and 3:00 pm, Carbondale Civic Center, Room 108
- ◆ **Sunday, May 20th** **TESSI Recitals**
1:30 and 3:00 pm, Carbondale Civic Center, Room 108

Word of Mouth is Golden!

Many of our students come to us through your personal referrals. You are a great resource for promoting TESSI and we thank you. At the beginning of each school year there are classes which have enrollment availability. These are **Parent Preparatory** class and **Wiggles N' Tunes**^o.

- **Wiggles N' Tunes**^o classes are age specific, ranging from eight months to age 5.
- **Parent Preparatory** class bridges the transition from **Wiggles N' Tunes**^o to instrumental lessons.
- **Parent Prep class** is also an entry-level enrollment for families whose children are not "Wiggles" graduates, and/or are over 5 years of age.

Most of your referrals are for parents of children beginning Kindergarten (age 6) or older. We want you to know that we also accept transfer students, especially those who have moved into the area, and want to continue lessons in Talent Education.

So, please feel free to continue referring students. You're doing a great job!

Good Idea, Great Results...

Share your Story at "Parent Prep"...

Dear Parents:

How would you feel if you were invited to share your insights and experiences with other adults who know little to nothing about music, music lessons, and learning styles? Would you have appreciated having the opportunity to talk with other adults when you were beginning lessons a-la-Suzuki?

Our entry-level **Parent Preparatory class** provides an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and understanding with our newest families.

We meet Monday evenings for 45 minutes (6:15 - 7:00pm)

If you can make the time to attend one (or more) of these weekly sessions, your presence, and sharing will be very helpful to our newest TESSI community members. You may be able to help others understand the impact of music education on children, and families if you share your story.

You are always welcome on Monday evenings. Please come. I look forward to seeing you then.

Thanks,
Joyce Nelson



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We're on the Web!

www.tessimusic.org

Check it out! You can now find program information, policies, tuition schedules, downloadable forms, prior newsletters, old recital programs and more.

Know of any good music-related web sites? Let us know so we can compile an excellent list of online resources for students and parents alike.

Tell your teacher or e-mail any suggestions to:
webmaster@tessimusic.org

Thanks!

Tuition Payment & Registration Reminders

- Fall deposits and registration forms were due June 15th. (July 15th if you took summer school.)
- If a registration form is included with this newsletter, please fill out, sign, and return it a.s.a.p.
- If you have not turned in your deposit (down payment of \$100 per child) that is also indicated in this letter with any late fees due.
- Please note that payment #1 is due August 15th and late after Aug. 22nd. Unless your lesson begins on Monday Aug. 21 or Tuesday Aug. 22 payments will be late unless they are mailed and postmarked before Wednesday Aug. 23rd, or you drop them off at TESSI before then.
- As always, checks to Joyce and Alyce should be made payable to TESSI. Guitar tuition checks are payable to David Stoecker.

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