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Dear parents and students,

Congratulations to our MMTA Pre-Primary winner Mila and Finalists Els, Logan, Colin, Evelyn, Camille, and Lizzy who will be in Finals for the State Piano Contest March 7th at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities! Thank you, students, for practicing hard at home and a big shout out to the parents for making music a priority in their students' lives! All students have grown and some made accelerated progress.

Registration is now open for Summer and Fall Semesters and it is time to make a decision about piano lessons for the 2026-2027 school year. Participation in the summer semester is required to hold your slot in the fall. **I will need the Summer Semester Registration Form, the 2026-2027 Registration Form, the \$35/student or \$50/family registration fee, and \$100 per student summer tuition deposit by March 5th to hold your fall slot.** These fees are non-refundable but the \$100 tuition deposit will apply to the tuition which is due on June 15th. Rates will increase starting July 6th to \$38.00 per 30-minute lesson, \$57.00 per 45-minute lesson, and \$76.00 per 1-hour lesson. These rates are competitive among MMTA-SPPTA-MMTF and other local teachers.

If you have a friend, neighbor or other family members who are interested in piano lessons please pass the word. *Your referrals are greatly appreciated.* I'm currently full but will always try to make room for committed students.

Studio Recitals have been set. These will all be at the Hanifl Performing Arts Center in White Bear Lake.

- **Summer Studio Concert will be Sunday, June 7th 6 p.m. call time & 6:45 recital.**
- **Halloween Coffee Concert will be Saturday, October 31st 8:45 a.m. call time & 9:30 recital.**
- **Holiday Coffee Concert will be Saturday, December 19th 8:30 a.m. call time & 9:15 recital.**

Also, the Richter Piano Studio is scheduled to perform at Marketfest on June 25th at 7:00 pm at the Gazebo stage.

Regular lessons in the summer are strongly encouraged, especially if students want to play big pieces for both recitals in the fall. As the students advance, we need to start earlier in the summer. It is also an excellent opportunity for students to learn without the added pressure of school. MMTA now has piano and theory exams in August, which many students opt to take then as they have more time. As always, the success of my students is the highest priority.

This has been an amazing year! I am so proud of each and every student!

Sincerely,

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