



March, 2022

Dear parents and students,

Happy spring! Congratulations to our MMTA Finalists Crosby, Haley, Lillian, Skyler, and Mitch who will be in Finals for the State Piano Contest March 5th and 6th 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. Regular weekly lessons are strongly encouraged for continued progress. Summer lessons are a great opportunity for students to improve skills, get ahead, and have fun with piano without the added pressure of school work. **Students who take regular weekly lessons will receive priority in scheduling.** Everyone else will be scheduled after that schedule is made. **Also, it is time to make a decision about piano lessons for the 2022-2023 school year. I will need the Summer Semester Registration Form, the 2022-2023 Registration Form, and the \$30/student or \$45/family registration fee by April 1st to hold your time slot in the fall. Rates will increase starting June 27th to \$33.00 per 30-minute lesson, \$49.50 per 45 minute lesson, and \$66.00 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.* Right now I'm full but will always try to make room for committed students. Awesome!**

The summer studio Coffee Concert has been set for Saturday, June 11th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at Hanifl Performing Arts Center in the theater. Watch your emails for updates.

The **mandatory dress rehearsal** for the recital will be held on **Thursday, June 2nd, at 6:30 pm on Zoom.** **All students must attend the dress rehearsal in order to perform in the recital.**

I am very excited about this recital, and it's always the highlight of the year. An excellent goal: All students should have their piece learned and memorized three weeks before the recital. They can play for another event such as piano exams or perform for family, friends and pets. Open the windows and play for the neighbors. Be creative, have fun and as always, make it joyful!

More great news! The Richter Piano Studio is scheduled to perform at Marketfest on June 23rd at 7:00 pm at the Gazebo stage.

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

Sincerely,

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