



September 2015 Newsletter Studio

Donovan Piano

Important Dates

- Sept. 1 2nd Tuition payment due
Sept. 14 Classes begin **WELCOME BACK!!!!!!!**
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Oct. 12 Columbus Day Studio closed
Oct. 31 **Happy Halloween!**

Welcome back to piano lessons!

I am very excited about the goals we will work towards this year. The 2015-2016 Incentive Project, The KITS Theory test, Guild auditions, MVMTA recitals, studio recitals, piano parties and spring performance.

This year we will continue with sight reading, memorizing maniacs, and memorized repertoire review. Start reviewing your staff notes because we will begin the **NOTE FLASH CHALLENGE** at the first class! The top 5 students with the fastest note reading time, win prizes!

Students should arrive at their first class with all their materials for class and fingernails cut short.

2015-2016 Incentive Project: Prepping for Performance

Please take a look at the performance list and have your student explain the project to you. (email me if you have any questions)

KITS: I hope that all of you will continue with the KITS theory books. Since everyone is working on KITS at their own pace this

year, I will order the workbooks as each student finishes the test & is ready to go on to the next level. The cost for the workbook and testing materials is \$11.00

The 2nd Tuition payment was due on September 1st.

Please make checks out to **Alice Donovan** and tuition can be mailed to 31 Upland Avenue, Bradford, MA 01835. Payments received after 9/8 must include a \$10 late fee. Thank you.

Swap List: Participating families will receive the swap list at the first lesson. I'll put it in the student binders along with the studio calendar. Please take a look at the swap list rules.

We are on FACEBOOK! Be sure to "like" the studio facebook page (Donovan Piano Studio) to see student pictures, interesting and fun articles and practicing tips. Please send student musical/performing accomplishments to me so that I can publish it on our facebook page.

***Piano practice can be a very lonely time for students.
Family involvement is very important. Remember to
monitor the length of time spent at the piano, go over the
written practice instructions with your child, provide a
quiet practice time, a well-tuned piano, good lighting and
give verbal encouragement during the practice.
The rewards will be amazing!***



**Happy September Birthday!!
Valerie Osborne (9/2)**