



Donovan Studio October 2015 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 1		Tuition due
October 12	Monday	Columbus Day studio closed
October 31	Friday	Happy Halloween!!
November 1	Sunday	Studio Halloween Piano Party 2:00 pm
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November 11	Wednesday	Veteran's Day studio open
November 24- 29		Thanksgiving Holiday studio closed
December 5	Saturday	Holiday Recital 6:00 pm ****please note: this is a date & time change from the original calendar
December 6	Sunday	MVMTA Winter Recital 2:00pm

www.donovanmusicstudios.com The studio website has finally been updated and I encourage you to check it out. I write a blog every few days and there will be student photos in the gallery. Weather issues, cancellations and calendar changes will be highlighted on the home page. ***I am going to award students an additional 25 points for the performance project once a week if they check out the website and email or bring in the name of the composer of the month. This name may be placed in different spots throughout the site.

“LIKE” us on Facebook! Donovan Piano Studio

The studio has an active Facebook page with articles that I hope are of interest to the students and families as well as ones that are funny or fascinating. I also post photos of students and activities going on in the studio. Please be sure to “like” the studio facebook page Donovan Piano Studio



Halloween Piano Party This first piano party will be held at the studio on

Sunday, Nov. 1st at 2:00. ***Please note that this event is NOT listed on the original calendar. I may add an additional party for High school level at 5:00 if there is a large amount of signups. This party is for students only, costumes are encouraged!!! *The deadline to sign up for the party is Oct. 21st.* **The recital fee is \$5.00.** There will be refreshments served so please let me know of any allergies or dietary restrictions. The students are all working on scary and fun songs to perform for each other.

Swap List: Every student who is signed up for the swap list has a copy of the list in the student binder with all the contact information needed.



Noteflash! Every September we do a month long competition to see who can name their notes the fastest! The competition has been fierce and fast! The winners are:

1st place: Michelle Muir named 44 note cards including up to 4 leger lines in 58 seconds!!

2nd : Nhan Nguyen at 1:03 and **3rd** was a tie between **Melhem Antar & Siuyan Tran** at 1:08.

The beginners group did staff notes only. **1st place** goes to **Kayla Pham** with a time of 1:09, **2nd: Jack Mottram** at 1:21 and **3rd : Sophie DaSilveira** at 1:36 . Prizes will be given out this week and we will begin the Kay signature flash competition!

KITS: Students: please remember to do the work a few sections at a time so that you are not trying to rush through and finish the day of your lesson. Learning to write music neatly is an important part of being a musician.



Memorizing Maniacs: Students can earn a sticker on the Maniacs Chart in the studio for each piece they memorize. It would help the students so much if parents would also ask to hear a piece by memory at home. All students should be maintaining a repertoire (memory) list of pieces that they can play by memory for use at Guild, school events or to entertain family and friends.



Prepping for Performance Students can earn points towards winning by performing in different locations , participating in studio recitals and piano parties , attending concerts or even watching a movie. Now you can also earn points by looking for the composer of the month on the studio webpage.

Holiday Concert: Please mark the date of **Saturday, December 5 at 6:00pm** for our annual holiday recital. Information and directions will be sent home next month.

Tuition: The 3rd tuition installment was due on October 1st. Please make checks out to: Alice Donovan. Add a \$10 late fee if the payment is not received by 10/8 *Thank you!*

Happy October

Birthdays to:

10/13 Liam Mulcahy

10/19 Georgia Mathison

