



Important Dates:

November 1	Tuition due	
November 11	Veteran's Day	Studio Open
November 25 - 30	Thanksgiving Holiday	Studio Closed (Tues- Sun)
December 1	Tuition due	
December 5	Studio Holiday Recital	6:00 pm Methuen, MA
December 6	MVMTA Holiday Concert	2:00 pm Andover, MA
December 19 - January 4	Holiday Break	Studio Closed
January 1	Tuition due	
January 5, 2015	Classes resume	
January 15	Guild registration & payments due	

We are on Facebook! Be sure to “like” Donovan Piano Studio to see pictures of studio activities, interesting & fun articles and videos.

The Key Signature flash contest was so successful!! Prizes are being given out this week. The winners were: Grades 1-8 who named the major keys: 1st place: *Catie Vasilenko* 1:08, 2nd place : *Renee Muir* 1:25 and 3rd place: *Owen Ferguson* 1:32. The high school kids named major and minor keys: 1st place : *Nhan Nguyen* 1:42, 2nd place: *Michelle Muir* 2:04 and 3rd place: *Daniel Gealow* 2:27 Great work everyone!!

Halloween Piano Party This was our most successful (and fun!!) piano party this year! 11 students attended. The costumes were amazing (take a look at them on the studio facebook page , Donovan Piano Studio. There were great performances of Halloween themed songs, fun games and delicious witches hat cookies and graveyard pudding cups. Congratulations to *Braeden Mathison, Owen Ferguson, Liam Mulcahy, Lily Mathison, Catie Vasilenko, Michelle Muir, Carter Mathson, Sophie Da Silveira, Renee Muir and Kayla Pham*

The Adult Piano group will hold their fall workshop on Wednesday, November 18th. We will attend a tour of the Mason-Hamlin piano factory in the morning, have lunch at the studio and perform solos and duets for the afternoon. The adult group should meet at the studio by 9:30 am.

Studio Holiday Recital December 5th 6:00 pm Nevin Memorial Library, Methuen
A flyer with information and directions will be sent home this month.

Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association Winter Recital will be held on Dec. 6th 2:00 pm at the Memorial Library Andover. Students who have been invited to perform should have their \$10 fee in by Monday, Nov. 26th.

American Piano Teacher’s Guild Audition information will be emailed with the December newsletter. Auditions are usually held mid-May in Atkinson, NH. Guild registration and payments are due on 1/15/14. Please contact me if you have any questions about whether or not your child should take part in the auditions this year.

The Prepping for Performance Incentive Project is kicking into high gear with the attendance of the Halloween and holiday performances. There are many ways to earn performance points. Look for the composer of the week on the studio website, (donovanmusicstudios.com) a new composer is listed each Sunday, perform for your family, school or church, attend professional concerts and attend all studio activities. Let's start filling up the board!!!

Happy November birthdays to:

Gayle Pelland 11/5 and Braeden Mathison 11/8

