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**April Newsletter 2016**

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**Important Dates:**

<b>April 1</b>	<b>Tuition Due</b>	
<b>April 17 - 24</b>	<b>Spring break</b>	<b>Studio Closed</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Tuition due</b>	
<b>May 14</b>	<b>Guild Auditions</b>	<b>Atkinson, NH</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Sunday MVMTA Honors Recital</b>	<b>2:00 Andover</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Adult student recital</b>	<b>7:00 at the studio</b>
<b>May 30</b>	<b>Monday Memorial Day</b>	<b>Studio Closed</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Tuition due</b>	
<b>June 18</b>	<b>Friday Spring Recital</b>	<b>5:30 UU Church Haverhill</b>
<b>June 24</b>	<b>Friday Spring session ends</b>	
<b>July 5</b>	<b>Tuesday Summer Session begins</b>	

**April Vacation week: 4/17– 4/24** The studio will be closed for classes during the week.

**MVMTA Honors Recital:** Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. This will be held at the Memorial Hall Library in Andover, MA. I will be presenting up to three students in this recital. Students must perform at the intermediate level and up and all music is performed by memory.

**The National Piano Teachers Guild Audition Saturday, May 14**

Auditions will be held on Maple Avenue in Atkinson, NH at the studio of Jeannette Lambert.

**Notices will be sent home this week with the student's audition time & directions to the site.**

Please let me know if you have NOT received the notice.

Students need to practice all their guild pieces and scales DAILY by memory. **Students should be reviewing ALL their audition pieces along with scales & cadences at home every day. They should practice with the music open to correct and then again by memory.** Parents can help by asking to hear the pieces.

**Adult Recital:** The annual recital of the adult students will be held at the studio on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7:00pm. Performers may bring a guest and are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert for the reception following the recital.

**Spring Recital:** Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 18th at 5:30pm** for our annual Spring Recital. All students are invited to perform. The recital is held at the Universalist-Unitarian Church in Haverhill. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available only at the studio beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. A flyer with more information will be sent out next month.

**Special note to parents:** We have a very busy recital/audition season coming up. You can help ensure your child's success by doing the following things:

- 1: Be sure that students arrive on time for their lesson with clean nails cut short & with all the materials necessary for their lesson.
2. Encourage the student to read over the instructions in the notebook daily.
3. **Daily practice is a must!** Better progress is made by short daily progress than by one or two longer practices during the week. Make out practice charts & post them where the whole family can encourage the student to practice.
4. Provide a quiet, well lit practice space for your student with a working instrument.
5. Ask to hear the music being performed for guild & for the recital. Arrange home performances for family & friends.

**The best thing you can do is to *encourage, encourage, encourage!***

### **Summer Classes:**

Summer session is Tuesdays, Wednesdays Thursdays, July 5- August 19.

I am now taking registrations for the summer session. All students are required to attend at least 5 classes during the summer in order to secure their lesson time in the 2014- 2015 schedules. You may call or email me with your time & date preferences.

**Classes are available: Tuesdays 8:30 am- 12:15 and 2:00-7:00pm**

**Wednesdays 8:30 am-12:15 and 2:00-7:00pm**

**Thursdays 8:30 am-12:15 and 2:00- 4:00pm**

You may choose any 5 weeks that work best with your summer schedule. Class times will be filled on a first come basis.

**Prepping for Performance** The monthly challenges have really boosted the rankings! Keep up the good work!\_Keep checking for the Composer of the week on the studio website.

**Piano Maestro:**Students who have ipads at home should try to do at least 10 minutes of Piano Maestro a day to strengthen their sight reading and rhythmic skills and also to HAVE FUN! Don't forget that you get 100 bonus points during the month of May by becoming the Piano Maestro star student of the week!

**Congratulations to Scarlett Blum who has been the "Star of the Week",(averaging about 3 hours per week) for the past 5 weeks!!**

**Tuition:** Tuition for April was due on April 1st. Payments not received at the studio by April 7<sup>th</sup> should include a \$10 late fee.

**Happy April Birthdays!! :**

**Lily Mathison 4/7 Rachel Bucher 4/12,  
Amy Ferguson 4/25 Henry Hadley 4/26 Scarlett Blum 4/27**