

Piano Rapture

Rapture /rap-chur/ n. extreme happiness and delight in something



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JANUARY PIANO NEWS

ICE CREAM PARTY!!!:

It's almost here! For group lessons this month we will be taking our theory and ear-training tests and follow those up with an ice cream party! Most students have a theory strips book they have been doing theory from, others have worksheets or piano books I have been giving assignments from. Students started "earning" their ice cream and toppings back in September. For every 15 theory strip pages they earn a scoop of ice cream or ice cream topping! Please help your student prepare for their tests and earn more toppings by reminding them to get their theory page done. We will also be spending about 5-10 minutes of each lesson working on ear-training exercises. Any extra time they can spend working on ear-training at home would be so helpful. I will send home a paper at each students' next lesson with ways to do this

FESTIVALS:

It is time to start considering whether to participate in any festivals this year. Most festivals are in March and I expect to start receiving information and registration forms this month. Most festivals require one or two memorized pieces from the "Classical" literature. Those participating in AIM could use their AIM pieces. Festivals are a great performance experience to have and often include recitals afterwards where students can hear the top performers in each division play. I know that students who listen to live performances become better performers themselves and have a greater appreciation for music. Please start considering whether you would like to participate in any festivals this year.

WINTER/SPRING CALENDAR:

Please make note of the dates listed on the next page of this newsletter. Especially mark the date and time of AIM Day (if you are participating in AIM) and the Spring Recital. This calendar can also be found on my website.

WINTER/SPRING CALENDAR:

January:

2-3: Private lessons, tuition due

8-10: Private lessons

15-17: Private lessons

22-24: Private Lessons

29: Group Lessons, theory and ear-training tests & ice cream party

29-31: Make-up lessons

February:

5-7: Private lessons, tuition due

12-14: Private lessons

19-21: Private lessons

26: Group lessons

26-28: Make-up lessons

March:

5-7: Private lessons, tuition due

12-14: Private lessons

19-21: Private lessons

24: AIM DAY

26: Group lessons

26-28: Make-up lessons

April:

2-4: Spring Break, no lessons

9-11: Private lessons, tuition due

16-18: Private lessons

23: Group lessons

23-25: Make-up lessons

30: Private lessons

May:

1-2: Private lessons, tuition due

3: SPRING RECITAL!!! 6:30 p.m.

7-9: Private lessons

14-16: Private lessons

21: Group lessons

21-23: Make-up lessons

28-30: Make-up lessons for Monday students that were shorted a lesson in January