



November, 2011

Dear parents and students,

The Holidays are just around the corner and so is the piano recital! Practice hard everybody because it comes up quickly! The recital is set for **Saturday December 10th at 2:30 p.m.** It will be held in the **Black Box Theater at Mahtomedi High School in the Chataque Fine Arts Center.** I am looking forward to seeing all the students perform in this beautiful intimate setting which is sure to put everyone in the Holiday spirit! Out of respect for everyone please plan to stay for the entire program.

All students should arrive at least 15 minutes early and be in their seats ready to perform, so that we can begin promptly. You can also enjoy prelude music before the recital. Dress is semi-formal (girls may wear dresses and boys may wear dress pants, but please refrain from jeans or tennis shoes if possible). Students may bring their music to study, but all solos should be played from memory. Students are allowed to use their music for duets/trios/quartets if needed. Refreshments will be served following each recital. It would be greatly appreciated if you sign up with me to bring something (cookies, bars, cheese/meat/cracker tray, or apple cider). If any parents would be willing to help out during the recitals, please talk to me. I do need at least 2 volunteers to help out with refreshments/clean-up afterwards. I also need 1 or 2 parents that can assist the students in finding their assigned seats as well as sit with them during the program. It is important that everyone is quietly listening and respectful to one another at the recital. My hope is to make the Holiday recital a special memory for all during this joyous season. Best of luck to everyone! Happy practicing!

The **mandatory dress rehearsal** for the recitals will be held on **Sunday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Black Box Theater. Please plan accordingly. This is very important in order to be sure that the recital will run smoothly and it is also a chance to practice on the grand piano. We will be going over last minute questions and concerns. The cost is \$10 per student, payable with December lessons. This fee is to cover the expenses and my time and involvement in both the rehearsals and the recital!

There are many other opportunities for students to perform in more recitals sponsored by the SPPTA and MMTF and earn awards! There will also be a recital (date and time tbd) at the Presbyterian Homes of North Oaks for students who are competing in the MMTA state contest and for anyone else who wants to share their talent! What a wonderful opportunity to provide service! The residents love to see the kids and are so appreciative when we come.

Also, please remember that the deadline for registration for the MMTA competition is **December 1st**. The registration fee of **\$18** per student will be due with December lessons for those students planning to compete.

I greatly appreciate your referrals and would like to take on a few more students if anyone knows of someone looking for a piano teacher.

Also, if you are interested in entertainment for any holiday parties please keep me in mind. I have my own traveling piano and sound system! Best of wishes for the coming Holiday season!!

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