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Dear parents and students,

Congratulations to our MMTA Finalists Colin, Evelyn, Renee, Arthur, Lizzy, Haley, Maisie, Isaiah and Mitch who will be in Finals for the State Piano Contest March 8th and 9th at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities! Thank you, students, for practicing hard at home and a big shout out to the parents for making music a priority in their students' lives! All students have grown and some made accelerated progress.

Registration is now open for Summer and Fall Semesters and it is time to make a decision about piano lessons for the 2025-2026 school year. Participation in the summer semester is required to hold your slot in the fall. **I will need the Summer Semester Registration Form, the 2025-2026 Registration Form, the \$35/student or \$50/family registration fee, and \$100 per student summer tuition deposit by March 20th to hold your fall slot.** These fees are non-refundable but the \$100 tuition deposit will apply to the tuition which is due on June 16th. Rates will increase starting June 25th to \$37.00 per 30-minute lesson, \$55.50 per 45-minute lesson, and \$74.00 per 1-hour lesson. These rates are competitive among MMTA-SPPTA-MMTF and other local teachers.

If you have a friend, neighbor or other family members who are interested in piano lessons please pass the word. *Your referrals are greatly appreciated.* I'm currently full but will always try to make room for committed students. Awesome!

The summer studio Coffee Concert has been set for Saturday, June 7th from 8:45 to 11:30 am at Hanifl Performing Arts Center in the theater. I am very excited about this recital, and it's always the highlight of the year. **All students should have their piece learned three weeks before the recital.** Memorization is encouraged but not required. Watch your emails for updates.

There will be no dress rehearsal. They can play for another event such as piano exams or perform for family, friends and pets. Open the windows and play for the neighbors. Be creative, have fun and as always, make it joyful!

More great news! The Richter Piano Studio is scheduled to perform at Marketfest on June 26th at 7:00 pm at the Gazebo stage.

This has been an amazing year! I am so proud of each and every student! See you soon.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Richter NCTM

