

# Studio Notes

## Happy New Year!

I'm hoping all of my piano families are blessed with a joy-filled, COVID-free new year! My students and I will begin the new piano year by taking a look back at our accomplishments from 2020 and a look ahead to our goals for 2021. We will also begin choosing spring recital pieces. Speaking of which...



## Spring piano recital

**Sunday, April 25**, is the date we've reserved Oakwood Auditorium for our spring piano recital. As you know, anything on the calendar is uncertain due to the current pandemic. Even so, all of my piano students will select recital pieces and work on them as if the recital on April 26 is absolutely going to take place. **The recital will begin at 6 PM.** The theme of this year's spring recital is: **A Musical Pick-Me-Up**. Students will play pieces that bring smiles and bolster the spirits of those in attendance.



## Winners of the end-of-year practice contest:

**Gabi T**—\$15 Target gift card

**Nora S**—400-piece puzzle

**Owen R**—Lego Christmas Tree

## Piano lessons in a pandemic *(Read my Studio Policies for details.)*

- My piano families will choose virtual (online) piano lessons via **Google Duo**, in-person piano lessons, OR a combination of these.
- Should a safer-at-home order again be issued, ALL piano lessons will automatically revert to online lessons.
- Students coming to my home studio will sanitize their hands upon arriving and again when leaving.
- Students and teacher will wear face masks in the studio. Students' face masks must be in place upon arrival and stay in place throughout the lesson and departure.
- The piano will be sanitized between students.
- A second piano will be utilized by the teacher so she can play sections of music for students to hear or play duets with students.
- Each student will receive a mesh bag containing a pencil, highlighter, eraser, sticker sheet, game token, and 3-minute sand timer. **The bag must accompany students to in-person lessons.** Hopefully, this eliminates cross-contamination from students and teacher sharing lesson "equipment." **Virtual students must keep the bag close by at lesson time. Materials in the bag must be used for piano lessons only.**

## Dates to note—

- **January 4-7, 2021**—Piano lessons resume **VIRTUALLY**/Sem II piano payments are due
- **January 18-19**—**NO piano lessons** (MCPASD scheduled break)
- **Sunday, April 25, 2021**—Spring Recital at Oakwood Village Auditorium (West), 6 PM

## Absence policy reminder

Your child's lesson time is reserved exclusively for your child. Furthermore, like gymnastics, dance, or swimming, the tuition you pay is based on enrollment, not attendance. **Lessons you choose to miss will not be made up.** I do not give refunds or credits for missed lessons unless the missed lesson is a result of **my** absence. When you register your children for piano lessons, you are **committing them to an entire year** (*September through May*) of lessons **on the agreed upon day and at the agreed upon time.** **No refunds** will be given should your child drop piano after the annual or semester payment has been made.

## Note-able Quotable

*Talent* is good.  
*Practice* is better.  
*Passion* is best.

—Frank Lloyd Wright