

# Quarter Notes

## Welcome to a *new and exciting* piano year!

The piano teachers of Westside Christian School's Piano Program, Mrs. **Kris Lund** (After School Piano Program Lead Teacher) and Mrs. **Karen Hunter** (School Piano Program Lead Teacher) bid our new piano families a warm welcome and our returning families a sincere welcome back! We spent much of our summer break planning recitals, concocting creative piano contests, and searching for music our students will enjoy playing. We're looking forward to lots of progress and delightful performances by our students.

## Songs Through the Seasons of the Church Year

Our fall piano recital will take place on **Saturday, November 19, at 9 AM** in the sanctuary of St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Traditionally, the fall recital is a sacred recital—and this year's theme is in keeping with that tradition. Students will play sacred songs/hymns that correspond with the various seasons of the church year—songs they may also play for worship services or for chapel at Westside Christian School. Please mark the date on your calendar! Your family and friends are cordially invited to attend!



## First quarter piano payments due September 14-16

Families pay for piano lessons on a quarterly basis. To make budgeting for lessons easier for our piano families, we divide the total cost of lessons for the year into four equal payments. Cost for a 30-minute piano lesson remains \$18. The first quarter payment also includes a \$15 per student materials fee and may include a music fee. Westside's piano teachers are independent contractors, so billing procedures may vary slightly from teacher to teacher. **Piano payments are due at the first piano lesson of each quarter.** Clip an envelope containing the payment into your child's piano folder or drop it into the drop box in the atrium. Make sure the envelope is labeled with your child's piano teacher's name. Thanks!

## Dates to note:

- Piano lessons begin/piano payments due—**September 14-16**
- No piano lessons—**Friday, September 30**
- First quarter ends—**October 21**
- No piano lessons—**October 26-28** (Teachers' conference)
- Songs through the Seasons of the Church Year (recital)—**November 19, 9 AM**, in the sanctuary at St. Andrew
- Spring Recital—**Saturday, April 8**, at Oakwood Village Auditorium (West)

## Absence policy

One week will be reserved at the end of the second semester for make-up lessons. Please note: *Teachers may opt to make up lessons in groups rather than as private lessons.* Students may make up **one missed (excused) absence per year**. Missed lesson reasons include: illness, family emergency, or snow day. "Forgot my books" **does not** qualify for a lesson makeup nor does absence due to a family vacation. *To be eligible for a make-up lesson, families must notify the piano teacher in advance of the absence (sick days included).* Please call the piano teacher at home or call the school and ask the secretary to notify the piano teacher if the student is **sick on a lesson day**. **No credit will be given if more than one lesson per year is missed.** Exceptions: an injury that prevents the student from playing or a long-term illness.

If the piano teacher is absent for any reason, lessons will either be credited on the next quarter's statement (in case of illness) or (in the case of a teacher's vacation) advance notice will be given and families will not be billed for those lessons.

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**No practice**

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