

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*) warmly welcome our new piano families and bid our returning families a sincere welcome back!

How did Mrs. Lund and Mrs. Hunter spend their summer "vacation"?

"How DO piano teachers spend their summer break?" Well, we taught many students piano lessons at our homes. (In case you hadn't heard, summer lessons are more relaxed than school year lessons and are usually built around a fun theme!) We also spent much of our summer break planning recitals, attending workshops for piano teachers, concocting creative piano contests, making/laminating music games and searching for and ordering music our students will enjoy playing for their lessons and for recitals.



Reformation 500 sacred fall piano recital

Our fall piano recital will take place on **Friday, November 17, at 5:30 PM** in the sanctuary of St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Therefore, the hymns and hymn arrangements played at this recital will commemorate the music of Martin Luther and other Lutheran composers. Please mark the date on your calendar! Your family and friends are cordially invited to attend! Details about **more special events** taking place on the evening of November 17 will be forthcoming.



First quarter piano payments due **September 8, and September 13-14**

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 8, 13-14**
- First quarter ends—**October 20**
- No piano lessons—**October 25-27** (Teachers' conference)
- **Reformation 500** (sacred recital)—**November 17, 5:30 pm** in the church sanctuary
- Fine Arts Fair at Lakeside Lutheran High School—**Saturday, April 14, 2018**
- Spring Recital—**Saturday, April 21**, 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 make-up 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.