

# Quarter Notes

## Welcome to a positively priceless 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! It's our privilege to present the "Year of the P's." Pirates, Peanuts™, Penguins and Performance will figure prominently this year, as well as the music of composers like Pachelbel. We're predicting a phenomenal year for our prodigies—and we count it a privilege to teach all of our students at Westside Christian School.



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

In addition to teaching private lessons at our home studios, we spent much of our summer break planning the fall and spring recitals, we attended a workshop for piano teachers hosted by Heid Music, we created piano contests for the upcoming year, we made and laminated music games/activities, and we searched for music that fits our "Year of the P's" theme. Plus, we're pumped to present a piano program for preschoolers called **KiddyKeys**. **KiddyKeys** classes will take place after the preschool day has ended (either 11:30 AM or 3 PM on Wednesdays or Thursdays). If you know of a family that may be interested in our **KiddyKeys** program, feel free to pass the information on.

## Family Favorite Hymns sacred fall piano recital

Our fall piano recital will take place on **Sunday, November 18, at 4:00 PM** in the sanctuary of St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Many families call a specific hymn a **favorite** because it's routinely sung at significant family events—family reunions/gatherings, baptisms, weddings, or funerals. Our piano students will be asked to discover a significant hymn in their family's history by talking with parents, grandparents, and other family members. At Kick-Off (or sooner, if possible), piano students will be given a card on which they will name their family's favorite hymn and specify the reason it's become the family's favorite hymn. At that point, the piano teacher can begin her search for an appropriately-leveled arrangement of the student's family favorite hymn. To avoid numerous renditions of "Amazing Grace," students should begin their research **as soon as possible**. Invite your entire family and friends to attend this sure-to-be sentimental sacred recital!

## First quarter piano payments

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 is \$20. **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 due dates and billing procedures may vary slightly from teacher to teacher. 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—**August 29 & 30**
- No piano lessons—**September 12 & 13, October 4** (Mrs. Hunter will be out of town)
- No piano lessons—**October 24 & 25** (Teachers' conference)
- **Family Favorite Hymns** recital—**November 18, 4:00 pm** in the church sanctuary
- Fine Arts Fair at Lakeside Lutheran High School—**Saturday, April 6, 2018**
- Spring Recital—**Saturday, April 13, at 9 AM** 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.** Exception: a long-term illness. If the piano teacher is absent, lessons will either be credited on the next quarter's statement (in case of illness) or advance notice of the absence will be given and families will not be billed for those lessons.