

Quarter Notes

Welcome!

Welcome to my piano studio at Westside Christian School! We've got a fun year ahead with the theme "*I Spy...*"



The Mission

Students will begin this piano year by attempting to “crack the practice code.” Their mission is to practice piano for 30 consecutive days. After 30 days of making daily time to practice (see the attached sheet entitled **30 Days of Consecutive Practice Challenge**), a practice habit should be developing. The goal is to make your child an independent, faithful practicer. Once this first challenge has been met, students will move on to other practice challenges and will begin to practice according to the **Weekly Practice Schedule** (also attached) that they've created with a parent's help. The **Weekly Practice Schedule** encourages students to make time five days per week to practice piano. The minutes per day your child should practice varies by age and level of ability.

As you can see from the **30 Days of Consecutive Practice Challenge** sheet, the student doesn't need to practice each assigned piece every day for the initial 30 days. Because some weekdays and weekends are busier than others, I've included some easy practice days and even some days “practice” can take place away from the piano (think **travel days**).

If your child misses a practice day, the mission has failed. Encourage your child to try again with a new challenge sheet and a renewed determination to meet the 30-day challenge.

Attachments

Attached to this newsletter, you'll find the following *important* items:

- My weekly piano schedule + my students' chapel dates
- My 2022-2023 piano calendar
- **Parent/Student Agreement** (one per child) - **Bring completed agreement to first lesson!**
- **Weekly Practice Schedule** (one per child) - **Bring completed schedule to first lesson!**
- **30 Days of Consecutive Practice Challenge** sheet (one per child) - **Return completed sheet when the 30-day challenge has been met.** A parent signature is required for prizes to be awarded. It should take 30 days to meet this challenge. Only one task box per day should be completed and crossed off.

Piano Performances

With the exception of KiddyKeys students and kindergarteners, students in the piano program will be assigned at least one date to play for a Wednesday chapel service. Spring recital performances will take place during the school day during Fine Arts Week (April 12-13). Details can be found on the bottom of the 2022-2023 piano calendar.

Dates to note—

- Piano lessons begin—**August 31/September 1**
- No piano lessons—**October 5-6, 13, 26-28**

Note-able Quotable

THE BEST PLAYERS ARE ON THE BENCH.