

# Quarter Notes

## Final day of piano lessons in Semester I (December 9)

Traditionally, the semester's final week of piano lessons in my studio is a Music Skills Acceleration Day (AKA **Game Day**). A lot of thought and time goes into the planning of the activities in which students participate to ensure that they're reviewing music concepts they should know. We enjoy a mini-Christmas party, too.

**Younger students** will review note names/note values using a teacher-created Uno Game, they'll revisit simple rhythms using familiar Christmas phrases, they'll review their piano key names with two games, and they'll tap cups to the tune of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

**Older students** will review the circle of 5ths, they'll attempt to identify Christmas carols by seeing a bar or two of music, they'll review note names by playing Crazy Eighths, they may attempt to play a Lead Sheet of a Christmas carol, and they'll also tap cups to a more difficult arrangement of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

All Game Day lessons will take place in small groups on Thursday, December 9 (due to the recording of the children's Christmas service taking place throughout the day on Wednesday, December 8). Check a previous email from me to see when your child's group lesson will take place.

## Just Bead It!

Bead chains are growing in the piano room (AKA Nursing Moms' Room). Stop in to appreciate my students' great practice habits!

## Spring piano recital — *Just for Fun!*

Plans remain in place for a secular spring piano recital on **Saturday, March 26, 2022, 10:30 AM, at Oakwood Village Auditorium on Mineral Point Road**. All students in our WCS piano program are expected to participate in this recital. Work has begun on students' **Just for Fun!** spring recital pieces.



## Snow days/Sick days

Thanks to technology, cancelling piano lessons for inclement weather and illness is no longer necessary. Should a snow day be called, lessons can still take place as scheduled via the **Google Duo** app. If your child is absent from school due to quarantine or minor illness, lessons can still take place virtually. Email me (karenhunterpiano@gmail.com) or text me (608-354-1827) if you'd like to make a temporary change to virtual lessons via **Google Duo**.

## Piano lessons in a pandemic

- Westside Christian School piano lessons take place in-person unless quarantine is required. Lessons then revert to virtual via **Google Duo**.
- Should a safer-at-home order again be issued, ALL piano lessons will automatically revert to virtual lessons.
- Students commit to a full school year of piano lessons whether they are virtual or in-person. There are NO refunds.
- Frequent hand sanitizing (students and teacher) and piano key-sanitizing takes place.
- Students and teacher will wear face masks in the piano room. Students' face masks must be in place upon arrival and stay in place throughout the lesson and departure.

## Dates to note—

- **December 9**—Final day of piano in 2021
- **January 12-13, 2022**—Piano lessons resume
- **Saturday, March 26, Spring Recital** at Oakwood Village Auditorium (West)

## Absence policy

A **Flex Week** is scheduled at the end of the second semester to make up **ONE** lesson a student may have missed due to illness, family emergency, snow day, school assembly, or field trip. **No credit will be given if more than one lesson per year is missed.**