

Quarter Notes

Welcome!

Welcome to my piano studio at Westside Christian School! We've got a fun year ahead with the theme "**Shake, Rattle, Rock, and Roll!**"



The Plan

Students will again begin this piano year by attempting to get to the piano for 30 consecutive days. After 30 days of making daily time to practice (see the attached sheet entitled **Roll a Die**), a practice habit should be developing.

Since you may have weekend travel plans which could disrupt the 30 days of consecutive practice, please note that a few of the daily activities may take place away from the piano. You may not be near a piano, but your child can still fulfill the 30 day practice requirement by labeling note names or tapping rhythms. ***One activity involves taking a video of your child playing an assigned piece, then sending the video to me.*** Only one task box per day should be completed, crossed off, and dated. A parent signature is required for prizes to be awarded.

Once this first challenge has been met, students will move on to other practice challenges. Prizes I look forward to awarding this year include shakes donated by Chick-fil-A, maracas, Pop Rocks[®], and wooden dice games.

If your child misses a practice day, encourage your child to try again with a new challenge sheet and a renewed determination to meet the 30-day challenge. It's worth it. **Practice = Progress.**

Attachments

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

- My weekly piano schedule at WCS (*note your child's piano lesson day and time*)
- My WCS 2024-2025 piano calendar
- **Roll a Die 30 Days of Consecutive Practice Challenge** sheet (one per child)

Piano Performances

With the exception of **KiddyKeys** students and my students in kindergarten and first grade, students in the piano program (Grades 2-8) will be assigned at least one date to play for a Wednesday chapel service. Spring recital performances will take place throughout the school day during Fine Arts Week (March 26-28). If you wish to attend these during-the-school-day recitals, plan ahead! No weekend recitals will be held this year.

Dates to note—

- **September 3-5**—Piano lessons begin
- **October 2-3**—No piano lessons
- **October 22-24**—No piano lessons
- **November 26-28**—No piano lessons

Piano Grades and Progress Reports

All students in the Elective Music Program (EMP) receive semester grades on their report cards. Students will be graded on the following scale: **A**=Advanced, **S**=Successful, **P**=Progressing, **E**=Emerging, **N**=Needs Improvement. Additionally, progress reports are prepared to be shared by classroom teachers at Parent-Teacher Conferences in October and February.

Note-able Quotable

88 KEYS, 10 FINGERS, NO PROBLEM.