



Piano Notes

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“A painter paints pictures on canvas, but musicians paint their pictures on silence.”

~Leopold Stokowski.

Fall Recital

I'm really excited about the upcoming recital! You'll hear pieces by Beethoven, Mozart, Debussy, Grieg, Strauss, and Haydn!

Logistics

Our formal recital is held Saturday, October 16 at 4:30pm, at the [Brentwood United Methodist Church](#).

Performers should arrive 10 minutes prior to the recital. During any performance, remember to remain quietly seated.

Photos: There is **NO** flash photography. Why? It's tough enough to play a piece memorized with dozens of eyes staring at you. Any extra noise, flashes, etc. will be even more distracting! Please be mindful of the performers.

Special thanks to Shawn Fuson for taking (non-flash) pictures of each performer at our last recital, A Night At the Movies. He generously provided copies for each pianist. Thank you!

Reception: Refreshments are provided for the reception. You are welcome to bring treats too.

Quick Notes

- ♫ Lessons Resume October 11
- ♫ Fall Recital October 16 @ 4:30
- ♫ Tuition due October 25
- ♫ Group lessons November 22 & 23
- ♫ Christmas Concert December 11
- ♫ Christmas break December 20-31

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Preparing for the Recital

...is different than regular practice. When practicing, your child is zooming in on challenging parts, working small sections of the piece.

When preparing for a performance, the focus changes to acting as if the music is correct (even if it's not!) and never pausing. If a brain lapse does happen, the goal is to seamlessly jump to the next section of the piece.

Each day during practice, have your child play the piece once with the music and the metronome. Then, once with the music and no metronome (still counting though!). Lastly, play the piece memorized. This routine can be done once each day. Even if mistakes are made, have your child *keep going*, not jumping back to fix mistakes.

Recital Dress Since this is a formal recital, it's a good idea to do a "dress rehearsal" at home in the clothes you plan on wearing. Keep in mind to trim fingernails.

Gentlemen: should wear a dress shirt and nice slacks and shoes. Jeans or shorts are not appropriate.

Ladies: should wear nice clothes (skirts/dresses, dressy capris or slacks, and dressy shoes. If wearing a skirt or dress, make sure it's below your knees when sitting. (You don't want to have to think about anything but your music.) Jeans, shorts, or flip-flops are not appropriate. If you choose to wear high-heels, be sure to practice your music wearing them. It's best to avoid wearing rings for best finger dexterity.

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