

Spring Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents and Students,

Today is my first day back after April Break and it is ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL out. I'm so excited (as I'm sure many of you are) for the warm weather during the upcoming Spring and Summer Months.

The newsletter is jam packed with information about the upcoming events so please make sure to check it out and put important dates in your calendars.

Students are preparing for the Ensembles Recital this coming June. Group classes will be at the end of May and we will be practicing for the recital. I'm really looking forward to this event as I will have the entire studio at one recital since the kids will be performing duets, trios, two piano, and three piano pieces.

I am also going to be preparing end-of-year videos next month and sending them out along with a "progress report". Student progress is important and what better way to show that than a video! Parents will receive an email packed with some photos, a video, and some notes about how the year has gone. I will make suggestions about practice routines, instrument upgrades if needed, and give a basic summary on what the next year will bring.

I'm also scheduling for Summer and the 2017/2018 school year. I am going to be taking Fridays off next year so the scheduling is a bit challenging. The earlier you can fill out the scheduling google form the better! I do have a waiting list and will take students who enroll in the summer first. If you would like to hold a time over the summer and can't do lessons, let me know and I will continue to bill you for July and August.

Happy SPRING everyone!

Jacqui



Upcoming Events

May 5

Delaney Clifford Senior Recital
2pm Stanidsh Congo Church

June 23

ENSEMBLES RECITAL
2PM Saco First Parish

Group Class Week

There will be no regular lessons during the week of May 20th-May 25th (except for Saturday lessons with Scout)
Group Class Schedule on p.

Missed Lessons

Please remember that there is two missed lessons INCLUDED in you monthly tuition. It is up to you to get onto the online calendar and grab a lesson that is available if you would like a make up lesson. Feel free to let me know if you need your online password.

Please remember that even though students may miss a lesson, there is a lot more that goes into a lesson than just lesson time. I will still be lesson planning and preparing materials for future lessons.

Meet the Pianist

Clara Geci

Age 17

How Long have you played the Piano?

I've been playing the piano for about 5 or 6 years

What are the greatest challenges in your piano study?

My greatest challenges are finding time to practice and playing Jazz and Blues songs with rhythms I don't like.

What is your favorite part of your piano study?

I like working on Classical pieces and learning Theory.

Do you enjoy performing? What do you get out of performing?

I don't enjoy performing although it has helped me gain more confidence in performing or speaking in front of others.

How often do you practice? What is your practice routine?

I usually practice around 3 or 4 times a week depending on my schedule and mostly work on sections of pieces of music that I'm having trouble with.

What kind of music do you listen to? Who are your favorite artists/composers?

My favorite composers to play pieces by are Bach, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky. I usually listen to rap music or more alternative pop songs. For example, some of my favorite artists are Childish Gambino, Khalid, and Quinn XCII

What advice would you give to someone who is just starting to study the piano?

Practice frequently and find music you enjoy playing. This is probably the best way to practice and have fun playing the piano.

What are some other likes and dislikes you have. Tell me a little bit about yourself.

I like hiking, skiing, and being outdoors in general as well as hanging out with my friends and going to bakeries to eat yummy food!



About Clara Graduation

Clara will be graduating from Falmouth High School this May 2018. She is graduating valedictorian of her class and will be speaking at Graduation! While she doesn't love performing, she told me it has helped her prepare for events such as this! Congratulations Clara 😊

College

Clara has been accepted to Middlebury College in Vermont and will be going in September 2018 to work on her Bachelors Degree in International Politics.

Lessons

When Clara started lessons with me 6 years ago, she had already learned the entire first method book of songs before we even started lessons! She is extremely motivated and loves a challenge. I have so much enjoyed working with her and am going to miss her so much! I will always remember her love of theory!



Summer Lessons 2018

Creative Projects

Summer Session:

- Summer Session guarantees a spot in the fall.
- Registration for Summer and Fall has already started. Please let me know if you have not received a google form in the mail!
- If you can not do lessons in the summer and would like to pay to hold your spot, please let me know.
- I do have a waiting list and will be filling times accordingly

Summer Projects:

- Learning a PoPuLaR song from the radio using sheet music, a lead sheet, or learning by rote.
- Composing a piece and putting it down on paper, into the computer, and printed to give out to other students in the studio (with permission from the composer of course!)
- 4-hand, 1 piano duet
- 4-hand, 2 piano duet
- Learning a Jazz and Blues and playing it with a recorded band in the background
- Accompaniment: Accompanying a solo singer, duo, trio, or instrumentalist
- Singing a piece of music with Jacqui accompanying and being the back up singer. Enjoying some voice lessons along with that.
- Arranging a piece for choir, band, a solo, duo or trio
- Theory project: Diving into musical analysis
- Garage Band Medley
- Preparing to play a GIG at a coffee shop, restaurant, wedding, funeral, etc and then actually doing one.
- Coming up with your own creative project and having it approved by Jacqui

SUMMERJAM

- Summerjam will be on Saturday September 15th @Saco First Parish.
- 2PM

ENSEMBLES RECITAL

Saturday June 23rd

2PM

SACO FIRST PARISH

- 🎵 All students in the studio are encouraged to participate in the recital. There are so many **benefits** to performing in recitals. Students have worked hard all year on their music and this performance **gives students the recognition they deserve for their hard work**. It also shows them that their family **values music** and values how much time and effort they have put into their study. It also allows them to **see other students** that have been playing longer and **inspires** them to keep practicing. It is **not easy** to play the piano. It takes hours and hours of hard work and practice. Let's give them a chance to share their hard work with their friends and family!
- 🎵 This year students are preparing one, two and in some cases three pieces of music to play in the recital. Students are playing duets, trios, two piano duets, and three piano duets. Some students have already played their music in the Monster Festival while others are just preparing their music now. There are some parents and siblings that will be participating as well!!
- 🎵 It is important that students who are participating in the event are there since other kids will be relying on them for their part. It is also important that families stay for the entire recital to support all the kids playing. I know it is a busy time of year so please let me know ahead of time if you absolutely cannot stay for the whole thing.
- 🎵 Students should dress in dressy clothes for the recital. I am hoping everyone will bring a goody or beverage for a reception afterwards. I will have a sign-up sheet in the studio as the event gets closer!
- 🎵 **Students participating in the recital will sit in the front three pews at the church so they can quickly get up front when it is their turn to perform.**
- 🎵 **REHEARSAL:**
There will be a rehearsal on Saturday June 16th. I will have a schedule out to parents as the event gets closer.
- 🎵 Questions or concerns? Please email me at jsavage@maine-piano.com

GROUP CLASS WEEK

Sunday May 20th-Friday May 25th

****THERE ARE NO REGULAR LESSONS THIS WEEK (Except for Saturday morning lessons)**

Sunday May 20th:

- 2-3:30PM: Emily S, Josie W, Jacquelin S, Sam S. Aden A
- 3:30-5PM: Lucy D, Winnie D, Braeden S, Rianna S, Sara T, Will T

Monday May 21st:

- 4PM-5PM: Jack C, Amelia T, Georgina S, Emre G, Alex H
- 5PM-6PM: Ruby D, Jillian T, Zahira Z, Quinn C
- 6PM-7:30PM: Ethan A, Kameron A, Pyper W

Tuesday May 22nd:

- 4:00PM-5:30PM: Tucker A, Eve L, Alex S, Delaney C
- 5:30PM-7PM: Selene B, Saoirse F, Justin R, Frankie S, Kineo S, Alex S, Jackson D

Wednesday May 23rd:

- 4PM-5PM: Harrison B, Kelsey M, Saige L

Friday May 25th:

- 2-3:30: Jia C, Isla N, Carol Anne L, Katherine D

****This is best possible scenario for classes because of recital practice**

****If Dates and times do not work for you, please let me know and I will put students in a class with similar age/level**

****Some Classes are 90 min. and some are 60 min. so please make sure you have the correct time**

****I would like time to have a party at the end with goodies!!**



What's happening in the studio??

Spring Birthdays

April

6-Isla Norton
10-Aden Ali
16-Eve Leque
28-Rianna Skaggs
28-Braeden Skaggs

May

9-Jia Chase
22-Jacqui Savage
29-Alex hachem

June

16-Amelia Tu
18-Tucker Austin
20-Jackson Darus
22-Ruby Driscoll

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

100 Day Practice WINNERS

1. Winnie Dubail
2. Lucy Dubail
3. Amelia Tu
4. Josie Welch
5. Lannie LaMontagne
6. Anna Di Cristofaro
7. Saige Lombardo
8. Saoirse Farrell
9. Isla Norton

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Ensembles Rehearsal

For Everyone that is participating in the recital!

DATE: Saturday June 16th

TIME: All Day (schedule will be emailed in advance)

PLACE: Saco First Parish

This rehearsal is important so that students know where to be and what piano/keyboard to play on.

PIANO OLYMPICS INFO

- ☞ There should be a PIANO OLYMPICS check list in student's binders
- ☞ If students do listening assignments or read piano explorers, **please check off** what they have done.
- ☞ If students do all 10 events they will receive a **GOLD** medal at the ENSEMBLES Recital, 9 events they will receive a **Silver**, and 8 events a **Bronze**. Any less and they will not be awarded
- ☞ I am starting the process of ordering awards so please check these off so I know who will be in the running for medals.