

JACQUI'S PIANO STUDIO

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Have you thought about all we did in the last year? Piano Lessons here in the studio means much more than regular private lessons!

It's been an Amazing Year

It's hard to believe all that we have done in the past year at the studio. It's been a few months since I put out an official newsletter instead of an email, but it's been a busy time in the studio and I wanted to make sure you know about all the things the students and I are doing behind the scenes to make this the best year in piano yet!

So, I hope you'll take a minute and read about all that we've accomplished in the last year and

even a few things that you might see in the year ahead.

I look forward to another great year of music learning and music making!

Thank you to everyone that sent over gifts before and after the arrival of baby Gunnar! I have the best piano parents!!!

WHAT WE DID...

1. SUMMERJAM 2016
2. HALLOWEEN PIANO BASH
3. PERFORMANCE CLASSES
4. WINTER RECITAL
5. MASTER CLASS WITH ALEXANDER PEPPE
6. TWO SENIOR RECITALS
7. PHONE AND SKYPE LESSONS TO KEEP MISSED LESSONS TO A MINIMUM
8. NIGHT AT THE MOVIES RECITAL
9. THEORY GAMES AND IPAD WORK
10. 100 DAY PRACTICE CHALLENGE
11. 40 PIECE CHALLENGE
12. MOVED TO A NEW STUDIO
13. ADDED A NEW TEACHER IN KINDERMUSIK STUDIO



This Years Calendar 2017/2018

September 1: Registration Fee &
September Tuition Due (Start of
school year!)

September 16 : Summerjam, 2:00

Oct. 28 : Halloween Piano Bash

Nov. 20-26 : No Lessons

Dec. 24-Jan 6th: No Lessons

Feb. 18-23 : No Lessons

March 3: Monster Festival,
8:30AM-8PM

April 15-20: No Lessons

May 5: Senior Recitals

June 23: End of Year Recitals,
2PM and 5:00PM

*I have attached a calendar you can
print

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MEREDITH

Meredith just finished her senior year and will be leaving us soon to go to college. I have enjoyed having Meredith in my studio for many years and I will miss her sweet spirit and beautiful smile! Meredith was one of my very first students back in 2008!! She studied voice and piano with me over the years. She has always had a passion for music and I know she will continue singing and playing throughout her life 😊



JASMINE

Jasmine is off to study new things this year and I will miss her as well. I appreciate her flexible and cooperative spirit to learn and try new things, her steady practice and progress, and her quest to find and appreciate the “best” things in life. Jasmine loves musical theatre and singing as well as piano. She and her dad are quite the duo! I know she will have amazing adventures throughout her life and will share her gift of music with others!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of my AWESOME piano parents out there!! I’m so lucky to have a group of people who VALUE music education in their children lives. I’m truly blessed to be able to share my passion of music with your children.

There has been tons of research into the amazing benefits of taking piano lessons such as an improvement in academic skills, refinement of patience and discipline (especially in a world of technology and instant gratification!), self-esteem boost, cultivation of social skills, confidence in front a group, not to mention an outlet for the rest of their lives! I’ve never heard an adult say “I’m glad I gave up learning the piano”. I usually hear “I wish I stuck with it!” Learning an instrument is one of the only things that uses the entire brain while practicing. It is such a treat to see that magical moment when a student is beaming with pride at their recital, or they finally can comfortably play through a challenging section in a piece of their music.

So thank you for investing in your child’s music education and thank you for trusting me with this job! I’m humbled and grateful to all my piano parents.

Summer Lessons in the Studio!



Special Projects:

There have been quite a few duets between siblings, family members, and friends within the studio! There are also two trios going on! Some students are working on composing, a PoP SoNG, singing something, singing and playing the piano at the same time, learning a Classical Piece, working on pieces that come with coloring pages, and playing music with recorded back tracks. Students HAVE NOT been working on scales, technique, theory (besides games --shh don't tell them it's theory!), or their lesson books. It's a more laid-back time of year and it has been a blast!

Theory Games:

I have printed off 4 new theory games and students have been playing the new games or picking some of the games I already have. They are reviewing concepts and having fun while doing it 😊

Piano Maestro:

Piano Maestro is an IPAD APP. Students pick a song that they like and they learn it on the Ipad. The app actually hears what they are playing and knows if they are making mistakes.

They have been continually learning a piece of music all summer and hopefully will finish it by the end of Summer Session.

Note Rush

Note Rush is also an app that can hear students playing notes. It puts a note on the staff up and students must play that exact note. There are 5 levels and everyone is hoping to beat level 5!

Piano Olympics

Our Practice incentive this year is THE PIANO OLYMPICS. Students have a hand-out in their binder with 10 events. If students complete 10 events by June 1st, they will receive a gold medal at the end-of-year recital. If they complete 9 events, they will receive a silver medal and if they complete 8 events they will receive a bronze. If they complete any less than 8 they will not be awarded. So far students are hyped up about participating!



What's Happening this year?

2017/2018 Lessons:

- Lessons start up Sunday September 3rd!
 - I will send out Lesson Reminders
 - Please Fill out the studio policy—This will be emailed to you through Google Forms
 - A Registration Fee of \$55 per student will be due September 1st.
 - This fee covers all books and materials for the year.
 - This system is MUCH easier than charging small fees all year for books and materials.
 - Please put studio events into your calendars
 - **Performance Classes (Group Classes)**
 - Group classes will be a little different this year. Instead of group classes being on Saturdays, I will be holding them during specific weeks throughout the year. There will be **no regular lessons during these weeks.**
 - I will be as accommodating as I can with days and times
 - There will be 3-4 students in each class and you will have a couple options for classes.
 - **Performance class weeks:**
 - 10/22-10/27
 - 2/4-2/9
 - 5/20-5/25
 - **Make-Up Lesson Days**
 - Tuesday 11/21
 - Tuesday 2/20
 - Thursday 2/22
 - Tuesday 4/15
 - Thursday 4/20
- Register ON-LINE

Lesson Rates

- Lessons will be going up \$3 a lesson due to an increase in expenses.
- Monthly tuition will go up approximately \$12.00 a month and you

will see this when you get the studio policy in your email.

On-Line Account

- Once set up on your account you can...
 - Pay your bill
 - Input your bank info so you don't have to pay a fee
 - Set up automatic monthly payments
 - Check events on the on-line calendar
 - Cancel and reschedule lessons
 - Check invoices
 - See the most recent Studio News and blogs
 - Read the newsletters
 - Check out lesson notes
- **If you don't know how to access your account, please email me. This system makes cancelling your lessons a lot easier! As soon as you cancel the lesson becomes available to other families.**

PHEW THERE IS A LOT HAPPENING! I'm so excited to see you all this Fall! Remember, the SUMMERJAM and the PIANOBASH is coming quickly so please put these events in your calendar. They are always so much fun!

