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### **WINTER/SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026**

In the next two weeks decisions will be made concerning what events each student wants to enter and how many pieces. Please observe the due dates for the fees involved and mark the dates for the events you are doing on your calendars. Please fill out the two identical forms in the back of this newsletter - put one in a safe place and return the other one to me.

**TMTF STUDENT RECITAL:** Each participating teacher may enter 6 students. Each student is allowed to play one memorized piece. Families are invited and printed programs are provided. This semester's recital is Sunday, 2/15, 2:30 at Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk.

**LEVELS OF PROGRESS:** Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> or Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> Marsh School of Music or ODU. Times start as early as 9:00 on Saturday & 1:30 on Sunday running to 5:30-ish. Times are scheduled after the registration is received - time requests will be honored at the time of registration (Jan. 15) but the audition time will not be changed after it is scheduled. The \$15 fee is due to me by Jan. 10. Any checks can be made out to me as I write one large check when turning in registration.

**HS SENIORS RECITAL:** This will take place at ODU in Chandler Recital Hall Sunday, 5/17 (time TBD). Each participant plays one piece. The deadline is 5/1.

**HONORS RECITAL AUDITIONS:** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Marsh School of Music – Virginia Beach. Again, if you have an impossible time during either afternoon, let me know as your time can be scheduled around a conflict. After scheduling is done, no changes will be made. The date for your level will not be known until registrations are in, so for now, keep both dates open. This is a competition against other students in your level from level 4 on up. This is the one with the dress code: boys - coat and tie, girls - dress or skirt (no slacks allowed!). Those not complying will not be permitted to play!! For those who make it, the Honors Recital will be Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> in Chandler Recital Hall, ODU.

**NATIONAL PIANO GUILD AUDITIONS:** Fees are due Jan. 10th so I can send everyone's registration in early and request Saturday times. The audition times are Mon.-Sat. 9:30- 5:30 for the last 2 weeks in June in VB, or early June at ODU. Let me know which you prefer: ODU early June or VB later in June. Scheduling is done on a first come first served basis. Make out any checks to me, as I send 1 check for all. Fees are:

2-3 pieces - \$36.00

4-6 pieces - \$40.00  
10-14 pieces - \$42.00  
15-20 pieces - \$48.00  
Bach, Sonatina, or Sonata programs - \$45.00 + \$24.00 plaque fee  
HS Diploma programs - \$68.00

**Studio Recitals for Winter/Spring Semester:** Sat., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:00, 6:00 or 7:00 (adults only); Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – 5:00, 6:00 or 7:00 (adults only); March 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:00, 6:00 or 7:00 (adults only), April 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:00, 6:00 or 7:00 (adults only) and May 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:00, 6:00, or 7:00 (adults only).

Lessons will be cancelled on the following dates: March 9-14 Spring Break (in Ohio with my Mother and sister, and Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> – NACUSA concert at CVUU Church in VB at 1:00), Thursday, 3/19 – playing a concert of music by living composers at Campbell University in NC, and Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day). Other dates may come up due to judging or Hardwick Chamber Ensemble/TCC concerts. I will keep you posted.

**Post-Pandemic COVID-19 PRACTICES:** students have the option for face-to-face lessons at the studio or continue online for as long as you wish.

1. For face-to-face lessons, I will ask students to do the following:
  - a. Do not come for your lesson if you have a cough, fever, or have tested positive for COVID. You may have an online lesson if you wish.
  - b. On entering the studio, use the hand sanitizer provided.
  - c. The sitting room is open for family members to come in and wait on their student.
2. What I will continue before & after each lesson:
  - a. Wipe down the keys with Clorox wipes.
  - b. Use hand sanitizer.
  - c. Run air purifier in the studio.
  - d. If either I or Mr. Winsor have a cough, fever, or have tested positive for COVID, I will cancel your face-to-face lesson. If I cancel, I will let you know if an online lesson is feasible that day.
  - e. I will be touching the student for tension and position checks again. Let me know if you do NOT want me touching you or your student.
3. Online lessons will still be available for those who prefer it, or if either of us has a cold, or if you are uneasy with the weather.
4. The PayPal option on my website is now a permanent fixture for those that prefer to use that option. Many of the Fall Semester Practice Chart students have successfully reached week 14 of the 18 week semester in the practice chart. If they get through mid January, they will have made it through the semester and will get their trophies (or composer busts or studio shirts) or honorable mention ribbons. Check the studio bulletin board for the results. Congratulations to all these hard-working students (and parents!). If you want to participate second semester, let me know during January so your name can be added to the new chart. Students who earn trophies this semester will get an order form in January to let me know what they want - trophy or composer bust. Awards will be handed out at the February recitals.

Remember to bring in at least 3 concert programs or ticket stubs to qualify for this semester's Certificate of Participation. Many area concerts are free and open to the public or available at a minimum fee. I will be playing several concerts this semester and will keep you posted about dates and times. For weekly information, look in the Daily Break of Thursday's Virginian Pilot, the Va. Beach Beacon, Chesapeake Clipper, Portfolio Magazine, and listen to WHRO FM. You can go to [www.artsongupdate/Calendar](http://www.artsongupdate/Calendar) and sign up for weekly notices. NACUSA – MA will present their next concert Saturday, 3/14, 1:00 at Coastal Virginia UU Church, 809 S. Military Hwy, VB (I will be performing)- free. I will perform in the Scherzo Music Club scholarship fund raiser concert on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm at Royster Presbyterian in Norfolk. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$0 for students. The Hardwick Chamber Ensemble will perform Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Coastal Virginia UU Church at 3:00. This concert of music by Mendelssohn will be free and open to the public. The spring VB Chorale concert will be Saturday, 5/17 at 7:00 pm at Sandler Center. Let me know if you want tickets ahead of time. This will be a concert of America in honor of the country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Just a reminder of my "snow" policy - if the weather is what you consider bad, please stay in. Since there is such a wide range in what people consider safe driving conditions, and also varying distances for people to come, each needs to make that decision. (Since I learned to drive in northern Ohio, I may not have the same concept of reasonable driving conditions. Those of you who grew up here or further south do not want me making that decision for you!) I will be here for those who wish to come. An online lesson is possible or make-up times will be found for those who cannot come.

Remember to wear your gloves to your lesson on these cold days!! Even young muscles become stiff in the cold.

Many of you have inquired about the humidifier in the studio. Humidity levels in your home effect the health of your piano. My tuner wants the humidity of the studio to remain between 40% & 60%. Damage is actually done to the instrument when the humidity dips below 30%. (He has also warned me that if you crank your humidifier so high that you end up with condensation on your windows, turn it down as that will do damage to your house.) Higher humidity levels in your home during the winter months are also good for the people!

Check out this semester's dates on the studio calendar in this newsletter and on the studio's web site. We will NOT participate in the VMTA Theory Testing this year due to an unresolved major problem at the state level.

## WINSOR PIANO STUDIO Winter/Spring Semester 2026

### *January*

January 2nd - lessons resume

January 10th - deadline for entry fees for spring semester events

Saturday, January 24th - studio recitals - 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm (adults only)

### *February*

Saturday, February 14th - studio recitals - 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm (adults only)

Sunday, February 15th - City Wide Recital - 2:30 pm, Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk

### *March*

Saturday, March 7th or Sunday, March 8th - Levels of Progress, Marsh School of Music or ODU

Sunday, March 8th - performing in the Scherzo Music Club Scholarship Fund Raising Concert - Royster Presbyterian Church at 3:00 - \$10 tickets for adults, students free.

Monday, March 9th - Saturday, March 14th - studio spring break

Saturday, March 14th - NACUSA-MA concert, 1:00, Coastal Virginia Unitarian/Universalist Church, 809 S. Military Hwy, VB

Saturday, March 28th - studio recitals - 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm (adults only) ents free.

### *April*

Saturday, April 18th - studio recitals - 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm (adults only)

Sunday April 19th - Hardwick Chamber Ensemble concert at C-VUU, Virginia Beach, 3:00 - free and open to the public

Saturday, Apr. 25th & Sunday, Apr. 26th - Honors Recital Auditions - Marsh School of Music

### *May*

Studio Recitals - Saturday, May 9th - 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm (adults only)

Saturday, May 16th - VB Chorale Concert, 5/16 at Sandler Center, Virginia Beach, 7:00 pm concert - let me know if you want tickets (\$25 before the concert - \$35 at the door)

Sunday, May 17th - Honors Recitals & HS Seniors Recitals at ODU (Sat., 5/16 - AM rehearsal in Chandler Hall)

Monday, May 25th - no lessons - Memorial Day

### *June*

June Recitals will be announced in May in the Summer Newsletter - at that point we should have our Guild dates.

# WINSOR PIANO STUDIO

## EVENTS CHART 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt due (1/10): \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents and Students:** Please complete this chart and return one copy to me with the applicable event fees by January 13. Keep the other copy for your information. All deadlines will be strictly followed, so please be prompt. Circle your preferred location for Levels of Progress.

EVENT	TEACHER SUGGESTS	LEVEL	DATE	LOCATION	FEE	DEADLINE	YES OR NO?
TMTF Student Recital			2/15	Royster Presby., Norfolk	\$0	1/25	
Levels of Progress			3/7 or 8	Marsh Sch, ODU.	\$15.00	1/10	
**Honors Audition			4/26 or 4/27	Marsh Sch of Music	\$0	3/1	
Guild Auditions			Early June? Late June?	ODU Marsh School		1/10	
HS Sr Recital			5/17	ODU	\$0	5/1	

\*\*We won't know which date for each level until the scheduling is done, so please keep both dates open at this point. This site is not able to accommodate all the levels on the same day and decisions cannot be made until the chair has the numbers for each level.

