

Dear Grand Rapids Suzuki Piano Families!

Week of Sept. 8, 2014

Welcome to a new musical academic year this bright autumn. I hope you all had a refreshing summer and are ready to get to started working this fall.

Highlights of this summer were Blue Lake Suzuki Family Camp. Faculty members and campers enjoyed the animal theme including performing "Carnival of the Animals."

The Classical Era was explored in my Music History Class at St. Cecilia Camp. I got to perform a piano duet version of Haydn's "Drumroll" Symphony!

Our Suzuki Mini Camp focused on Improvisation. Duet partners created unique improvisations, complete with their own titles.

At our Class Lesson & Pool Party improv students performed their pieces in a "world premiere."

Intensive Week students learned how to apply Mrs. Crosser's Practice Tips and made great strides accomplishing Big Goals!

Our Parent Meet Up kicked off the new season with the topic: "Preparing for Practice." We had a great turn out. New and experienced parents were oriented, motivated and inspired to begin their new piano year as Suzuki parents! We discussed steps to create a positive and productive piano experience even before the student sits on the piano bench!

It is, indeed, a privilege to work with your children and have you as part of our Suzuki Family. Best wishes to each of you for a year of developing abilities and growing fine human beings.

~Mrs. Crosser

Today we:

1. Review repertoire with attention to our main point.
2. Commit to N.F.M.C. and Sonatina/Sonata events so that appropriate music may be ordered. Events include solo, hymn, duet, theory, concerto, accompaniment. I will be ordering festival music this week.
3. Report Summer Sight Reading. If you made your goal, Congratulations! Please sign your name on the following sheet indicating the total number of pages you sight read. You will be acknowledged at our October Class Lesson. (Monday, Oct. 13)
4. Receive your copy of 2014–2015 Tuition Fee Schedule & Piano Calendar. Take home your personal copy this week. Be sure to KEEP THIS as it will steer the entire piano year. Save the recital date of April 22 now.

Announcements:

1. St. Cecilia Club Kick-Off is Friday, Sept. 26, at 4:00 p.m. with scholarship winners, including our own Maya Boone, performing! Returning St. Cecilia Club members received an student application for Clubs via email. New students may pick up an application for club membership Sept. 26 or on line. Membership dues of \$15 for each student are required. Make checks payable to Mrs. Crosser during September.
2. Our first Class Lesson is Monday, October 13. We will perform duets, trios, or Suzuki selections in ensemble. The schedule of class times will be posted later.
3. Be sure to read this newsletter each week for updates and important information. Please sign the back of each letter after reading.