

# Mrs V's KEY ISSUES

## Piano Notes for December

### "PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT"

Practicing 100 minutes per week, one or more weeks, in November were: KATHY MOORE, WOODY GROSS, GUS GROSS, MYLO GROSS, TANISHA THAKKU, Joaquin Courtney, HELEN NICHOLSON, MATTHEW NICHOLSON, MATT PENDELTON, AMBER CHONG, Ella Simon, Brinley Simon, Jeena Pahlajani, LIZZIE SANDERS, Jocie Nabeth, Suhaas Movva, MIA IGLEHEART. NAOMI SALINAS, Miles Salinas, JODY KNIGHT, GEORGIA SCOTT, Simone Scott, MELANIE VANDERSCHAAF, Harper Chan, Brayden Chao, AUNDREA KHIM, Sophia Stoutenburg, LYDIA VEROSKY, and CAIDEN MALDANALDO. Students who practiced at least 100 minutes per week, each week, the ENTIRE month (for which they will receive PIANO DOLLARS) are listed in capital letters. Congratulations!!!

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday, December 11th, there will be a party at Ice & Field at The Crossover. (The original party time was not available at this facility. Those students with lessons on Sunday during the party please contact me via email for makeup times, the choices being either Saturday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> or Saturday evening Dec 10<sup>th</sup>). Invitations are being handed out this week with the following details. The party is from 12:30-2:45pm. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided, along with other refreshments and hot cocoa. Students have free admission. Performances in the party room are for students only. However, family members may come along to enjoy ice time as long as they pay the admission fee. Please let me know ASAP via email or written note if your child will NOT be attending (email [vschaaf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vschaaf@sbcglobal.net)). If your child cannot attend, a tape of his/her performance in front of friends will be required instead BEFORE the party. Thanks!

### CHRISTMAS BREAK

There will be no lessons Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> through Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. Enjoy the holidays!

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

November students of the month are GEORGIA SCOTT and LIZZIE SANDERS! Both girls are new beginners and have jumped into lessons with wonderful, regular practice habits! WAY TO PLAY!! Be sure to congratulate them when you see them at this weekend's Christmas party!

### STAR PERFORMERS!!!

STAR PERFORMER 2022-2023 T-shirts have been ordered! If you can play your "rep" piece at a performance level during your next lesson, it's not too late to earn a T-shirt! This year's Star Performer T-shirts will be handed out as soon as I receive them. A STAR PERFORMER performance will be scheduled January 28<sup>th</sup> at an area nursing home. Students who earned the T-shirt are invited to wear those T-shirts and then come perform their "rep" pieces for the residents there. Parents are welcome to stay and listen. So students, please keep those "rep" pieces polished over the holidays!!!

### PIANO GUILD UPDATE

Piano Guild dues should be sent in by Dec 18<sup>th</sup> this month. Checks should be made payable to me (I then send one BIG check to Piano Guild Headquarters). Also, students entering Piano Guild at the National level (7 pieces by memory and 3 musicianship phases) should try to have four pieces completely memorized by the end of December.



**Merry Christmas!**