Blanchard Piano Studio

January 2019 Newsletter

MTASM Ensemble Recitals

Ensemble Recitals be held Saturday, **January 26th, at 1:00 and 3:00 PM at Grace and Peace**. At 2:00 pm, Mrs. Beverly Babcock will give a master class to selected teams. If you'd like to play a duet or trio, please let Mrs. Blanchard know right away. We will also have a second piano available for piano duos. Here are the teams we have so far:

- Zoe Chorney and Izzie Chorney (Duet)
- Kristina Chan and Julia Nilsson (Duet)
- Kristina and Katrina Chan (Duet on Violins)
- Emma Levin and Mia Levin (Duet)
- Grace Wilson, Emma Levin and Mia Levin (Trio)
- Rachel Rioux and Clara Wilson (Duet)
- Andrew, Katherine and Rachel Rioux (Trio)
- Andy Loesch and Andrew Rioux (Duet)
- James Wort and Ellie Kate Loesch (Duet)
- Kristen Wort and Kayli Werner (Duet)
- Jared Werner and Nate Bankston (Duet)
- Jeremy Liang and Nate Corbin (Duet)
- Simon Bowling and Nate Corbin (Duet)
- Elizabeth Lawlin and Jane Liang (Duet)
- Alisa Gant and Katherine Morgan (Duet)
- Joseph Ensminger and Ezra Huckabee (Duet)
- Leah MacQuilliam and Emma Huckabee (Duet)
- Sophia Sobolewski and Marlin Smith (Duet)
- Selam Taylor and Sophie Russell (Duet)
- Sawyer Malisch and Simon Bowling (Duet)
- Kelvin Baldwin and Luke Beamon (Duet)

If you have a serious conflict with January 26th, there is an alternate date in Charles County on February 2nd. Duets can also be played at the February 16th Recitals. Teams should also consider playing at the MSMTA Ensemble Festival on Sunday, March 24th at the University of MD, College Park. The March 24th event counts toward your Distinguished Music Achievement Award points and you can participate competitively or noncompetitively.

The following dates and times have been set aside for duet practice with Mrs. Blanchard at Grace and Peace. Please let her know when you want to meet.

Friday, January 11: 4:00-5:00 pm
Friday, January 18: 4:00-6:00 pm
Friday, January 25: 4:00-6:00 pm

MSMTA High School Piano Exam

Our deadline is fast approaching for this event which is administered locally at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church on April 5th. Any high school student is eligible to participate. Memory of 12 minutes of repertoire from 3 historical periods is required. You will receive adjudications from two judges. Fee is $35 due at the time of registration. It will be included on your February invoice.

Student Activities

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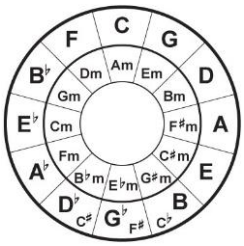
Mark your calendar:	Activity:
January 26 (Sat.)	*MTASM Ensemble Recitals and Ensemble Master Class ($25 per team) at Grace and Peace
February 2 (Sat.)	MTACC Ensemble Recitals and General Recitals in La Plata ($5) (Alternate ensemble event.)
February 16 (Sat.)	*MTASM General Recitals at St. Aloysius in Leonardtown
March 8 or 9 (Fri. or Sat.)	*MTASM Spring Festival at Grace and Peace (Duets / younger ages will play Fri. eve) ($13.50)
March 23 (Sat.)	*MSMTA Theory Testing at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park ($15) (1:00 pm)
March 24 (Sun.)	*MSMTA Ensemble Festival at University of MD, College Park ($10 per person, per ensemble)
April 5 (Fri.)	*MSMTA High School Piano Exam at Grace and Peace(morning) ($35)
April 5 (Fri.)	Blanchard Piano Studio Sonatina Recital at Grace and Peace
April 12 (Fri.)	Blanchard Piano Studio Master Class (pm) ($25-35, depending on your level.)
April 27-28 (Sat. -Sun.)	*MTACC Sonatina/Sonata Festival in La Plata ($15)
May 4 (Sat.)	*MSMTA Festival for Solo Piano in College Park ($15)
May 11 (Sat.)	*MTACC Scholarship Competitions ($15-20, depending on your age.)
May 18 (Sat.)	*MTASM Honors Competitions ($12.50-15.50, depending on your age.)
May 19 (Sun,)	*MSMTA Gottlieb Competition in Baltimore ($20)
May 31 (Fri.)	Royal Conservatory Assessments at Grace and Peace (Fees depend on level.)
June 8 (Sat.)	Blanchard Studio Awards and Recognition Recitals



Theory Class Dates are set for the following Fridays at Grace and Peace:

All Classes will run from **4:30-5:45 pm** and will include ear training.

February 8: Scales, Key Signatures, and Intervals
February 15: Chords I
February 22: Chords II
March 1: New Rest Component for 2019/Composers and Historical Period Characteristics
March 15: Theory Study Hall- Bring your theory book and questions
March 22: Terminology Drills

The **MSMTA Theory Testing is March 23** at 1:00 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Lexington Park.

For our choristers, here are some dates for your calendar:

Deo Cantamus Children's Choir (Ages 7-12): Rehearsals resume Wednesday, **January 16th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm** at Grace and Peace. Our Ministry Trip will be Sunday, **April 7th**, and our Community Concert will be Wednesday, **April 10th** which will be our final event of the semester.

Deo Adoramus Youth Choir (Teens): Rehearsals resume Wednesday, **January 16th from 4:00 to 5:00 pm** at Grace and Peace. Ministry Trip will be Sunday, **April 7th,** our Community Concert will be Wednesday, **April 10th** and your Joint Concert with Voices of Grace will be Thursday, **May 9th**, which will be our final event of the semester.

If you would like to sing with us or know someone who would like to join, just go to **www.gppopc.org** and click on the appropriate registration link on the home page under "Upcoming Events."