

New Ulm Suzuki School of Music Newsletter November 2018

Parent Class

This week Monday – November 12 – from 4:30-5:15 (kids will be taken care of in their group lessons or note-reading) in the sanctuary we will be having another parent class during group lesson time. We want all parents to attend – new and veteran. We will have several announcements and reminders along with discussion. Please plan to attend.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are still in need of several volunteers for our upcoming events – Suzuki Workshop and Twinkle Gala. Here is a list of what we need. Please consider volunteering your time – we need your help. Watch for the reminder email to come this week so you can sign up.

Suzuki Workshop – Violin/Viola and Piano – November 17

Craft/Activity Coordinator – 1 volunteer – 5 volunteer hours

- 9:00-12:00 plus planning time before hand – you will choose and coordinate the craft/activity

Snack Servers – 2 volunteers needed – 3 volunteer hours per person

- 9:00-12:00 – serve snacks to students

Craft/Activity Volunteer – 2 volunteers needed – 3 volunteer hours per person

- Take directions for the craft/Activity Coordinator and help children

Twinkle Gala – December 9 – 5:00-8:00PM

Food Coordinator – 1 volunteer – 5 volunteer hours

- Work with food vendor on menu, details, work flow
- Coordinator food servers and students night of event

Silent Auction Volunteer – 3 volunteers needed – 3 volunteer hours per person

- Take directions from Silent Auction Coordinator
- Contact list of potential donors
- Pick up items from businesses
- Set up silent auction day of the Gala

Suzuki Workshop - Violin/Viola and Piano – November 17 – United Church of Christ

On Saturday November 17 we will be having our annual Suzuki Workshop for the Violins, Violas and Pianos. (Cello and bass students will have theirs at a later date due to schedule conflicts with clinicians. However, these students are encouraged to attend the rhythm and craft classes with everyone else on the 17th. We will include your student's names so you know what time and which classes to attend.) A schedule will be coming soon for each instrument so watch your emails.

Nursing Home Performances – December 3

On December 3 instead of Group lessons from 4:00-6:00 we will be going to perform at a couple of our local nursing homes and assisted living locations. These residents absolutely love it when we come and play for them. It brightens their day and makes them think of years gone by. Please note time and location for the various instruments.

All String Students – 4:00PM @ Woodstone Senior Living – 2020 Meyer Drive, New Ulm (behind Runnings)

All Piano Students – 4:30PM @ Oak Hills Living Center – 1314 8th Street North, New Ulm (next to hospital)

Dress is casual but in Christmas colors – red, green, white, gold, silver.

Twinkle Gala – December 9 – 5:00PM

Our annual fundraiser is coming up quickly. We need your help getting the word out about our event. Students will be coming home with invitations that you can hand deliver or mail to anyone you think would be a good supporter of our school. All funds raised at this event go directly to our students in the form of workshops, scholarships and special events. The more money we are able to raise the more funds we have available for these things. In the past we have been able to raise significant amounts which have in turn translated to substantial scholarships for summer institutes, Pops Camp and extra activities such as concerts and workshops. We look to all of you to “sell” this event to your family, friends, neighbors, teachers and anyone else you think would enjoy an evening of music, food and fun!

Silent Auction Items

We know we have a very creative group in our Suzuki family. We are hoping to draw from that for our Silent Auction. If you have a special knack for crafts, electronics, baking, etc.... we are hoping you can donate something for others to enjoy. In the past we have had baked goods (dessert of the month, canned goods, freezer meals), Computer troubleshooting, Meat bundles, farm fresh frozen chickens, corn hole games, etc.... Let your creativity shine.

We will also be putting together gift baskets. As you are out shopping could you pick up a few things to bring for a gift basket? Here are the baskets we are looking to put together. Let's see how big we can make these baskets.

Coffee Lovers basket
Arts and Crafts basket
Childrens Books basket
Movie Night
Pet Favorites (toys, treats, etc)
Girl's Day basket (lip gloss, nail plish, tights, scarves, socks etc.)
Grilling Basket
Spa Day basket (plush robe, bath bombs, a mask, scented candles, loofa, etc.)

If you find some great deals in the weeks ahead pick up an extra for us and bring along to group lessons. We will be collecting there every week, starting next week – November 12.

If you would rather donate money for these baskets we can work with that too. Just write out a check or put cash in an envelope and mark it Silent Auction gift baskets. We will take it from there.

Thank you

We truly appreciate all who put these things on their radar. The more items we can gather for the Silent Auction, the more items we can sell, the more money we can make. Let's make this our best Silent Auction yet!!

Music Opportunities

Over the Holiday Season there are many opportunities for wonderful concerts. We encourage you to take advantage of a few of them with your family. Attending concerts gives children and parents both encouragement in the study of their instruments. Go and share in the wonderful music offered in the area!! Enjoy the season!