



Note From The Director

Dear Families,

Welcome to our WRSS 2021-2022 year of music making! This summer we enjoyed a pop-up group class in the park and we were very excited to participate in the return of our National Anthem performance at Progressive Field! See enclosed pictures of our summer adventures.

While things have not “returned to normal” by a long stretch, we are managing to plan group classes and recitals and even some community performances which were cancelled last year. As always, we will continually assess all CDC and local Health Department guidelines as we craft policies and determine if it safe to hold certain events. Keep your eyes open for some outdoor fall performance opportunities as they emerge. We will likely be offering a virtual recital option again this year. Our in-person recitals will be small in number, with social distancing and masks. We will share the fall masking policies as soon as we hear from the churches in which we hold lessons, group classes and recitals. Our proposed group class and performance dates are listed within this newsletter.

This year we welcome Mrs. Amy Sauriol to WRSS as our collaborative pianist. Mrs. Sauriol is a wonderful accompanist and has worked before with our WRSS students. She is the mom of two lovely daughters. See Mrs. Sauriol’s bio contained in this newsletter.

Please be in touch with your teacher regarding the beginning of our fall semester as each teacher has a slightly different start date. We wish everyone a very safe and happy start to the academic year. We are grateful to be able to make music with our students and we look forward to creatively sharing music with family, friends and the greater community.

Marlene Moses

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Getting Ready for Fall

Group Classes – Fall – Gloria Dei

9/18 – 9:00-10:30 am

10/2 -- 9:00-10:30 am

10/16–9:00-10:30 am

10/30–9:00-10:30 am

11/13 - recital rehearsals—
8:30 am- 11:30 am PLUS
Tree festival rehearsal

11/20 - Live recitals 11:30
and 1:00 pm; Virtual recital
4:00 pm

11/21 - Tree Festival John S
Knight – 4:00 pm

Fox 8 Morning Show? Date
TBD



Group Classes – Winter/Spring Pilgrim Church

1/22–9:00 – 10:30 am

2/5–9:00 – 10:30 am

2/19–9:00 – 10:30 am

3/5–9:00 – 10:30 am

3/19–9:00 – 10:30 am

4/9–9:00 – 10:30 am

4/23–9:00 – 10:30 am

Spring Recital - location TBD

4/30 recital rehearsals 8:30
am – 11:30 am

5/7 - Live Recitals 11:30 &
1:00 pm; Virtual recital 4:00
pm

It may be hot now, but in a few short weeks autumn will be here! As we start planning for school and upcoming holidays, it's also a good time to start thinking about a regular lesson and practice schedule. Most kids do best on a routine. Plan a time for regular practice before school starts so the kids aren't overwhelmed with starting a new school year. Does your student do best in the morning or afternoon? Scheduling a set practice time can make the transition from summer to fall a little easier. Have you set up a regular lesson time with your teacher? If not, please communicate with her/him ASAP as your teacher is probably planning their schedule. Here are a few other things to consider when planning for the new school year:

- If your student has grown over the summer, he may be ready for a new size instrument. ALWAYS ask your teacher first before going to the music shop for correct sizing. The shops don't always know what's best, but your teacher will
- Do the strings on your instrument seem dull, both to the touch and to the ear? Is it hard to tune or stay in tune? It may be time for a new set of strings. Always check with your teacher first, but often rental shops will cover a new set of strings
- Does your students bow hairs look brown or dirty? Bow hairs get dirty over time and can no longer create the friction needed to pull the strings. A rehair can be expensive, but often a rental shop can just swap out your old bow for a new one
- Is your rosin in more than 1 piece? Rosin is a very cheap piece of equipment, compared to strings and new hair. But if the hair has no rosin, it can't pull tone from the string, especially if the hair is dirty. You can order your own rosin or visit your music shop
- Wow your teacher by practicing the last assignment you received. Focus on any specific skills you were working on over the summer
- Buy a new notebook for your student so notes can be kept in a dedicated place throughout the year
- Organize your music books or papers. If you don't already have one, grab a nice binder from the dollar store for sheet music. Have a bag to carry your books so you don't leave anything behind (you know, that etude book you keep "leaving" at home?)
- Start making a list of possible recital songs. This may seem like something way too early to do, but November comes around fast and you don't want to be choosing a song at the last minute. The best way to feel comfortable at a recital is to be prepared. This is especially true for the students in books 3 and up. The songs are much more complex and take longer to learn. Start now so there is less pressure later
- Make a note in the calendar of your first fall lesson start date and time. This may seem obvious, but with all you may have to go on in August it can be easy to forget when you start music lessons

Marian Goss

Welcome Amy Sauriol!



This fall we welcome our new collaborative pianist Amy Sauriol! Amy was actually our WRSS accompanist several years ago. Now with two young children, Amy keeps very busy with her girls. But we are happy that she has returned to work once again with our students.

Amy Sauriol, has been contributing to the musical community of Northeast Ohio for over twenty years. After earning two degrees in piano performance from The University of Akron, she was hired as a teacher and accompanist there as well as at Kent State University. In addition to her work at the university level, Ms. Sauriol has worked consistently as a freelance accompanist and church musician. She currently maintains a full schedule of private students and is an active member of Western Reserve Music Teachers Association, Ohio Federation of Music Clubs, and Piano-a-thon at Akron Children's Hospital.



2021 Repertoire List

Book 1—Happy Farmer, Minuet 2, Andantino, Perpetual Motion-Twinkle

Book 2—Minuet in G, Lully Gavotte, Handel Bourree, Hunter's Chorus, Chorus

Book 3—Gavotte in D Maj, Humoresque, Martini Gavotte

Book 4—Seitz Concerto 2, 3rd mvt

Cello—TBA

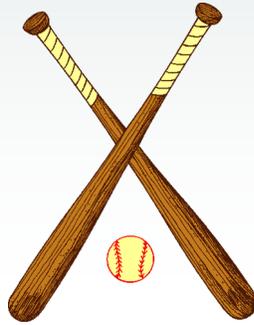
SUMMER WRSS ADVENTURES

**National Anthem
Performance on Au-
gust 8, 2021 at Pro-
gressive Field**



Have news or photos to add? Send your news to Marian Goss at gossmarian@yahoo.com





Our June Pop-up Summer Group class at Silver Springs Park

