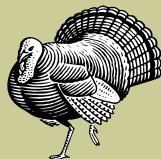




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Dates to remember:

- Nov 9-14: 2nd Trimester tuition is due
- Nov 10: DCSO concert "A Time for Heroes"
- Nov 14: 1st Trimester ends
- Nov 14: Playathon
- Nov 16: 2nd Trimester begins**
- Nov 23-25: NO REGULAR LESSONS; make-up lessons only**
- Nov 26-27: NISOM office closed
- Dec 21-22: NO REGULAR LESSONS; make-up lessons only
- Dec 23-Jan 2: NISOM closed
- Jan 4: Lessons resume
- Feb 22-27: 3rd Trimester tuition is due
- Feb 27: Recitals
- Feb 27: 2nd Trimester ends



See Back for Information about Playathon, Weather Cancellations, and More



Holiday Schedule



First trimester ends on November 14. ****Second trimester begins immediately on November 16. There are regular lessons Nov. 16-21. Make-up lessons for the first trimester will the following week, November 23-25, after second trimester begins.**** There are no regularly scheduled lessons during make-up week. The office will be closed November 26-27 for Thanksgiving.

December 21 & 22 are also optional mid-trimester make-up days, and NISOM will be closed December 23 through January 2. These weeks are not counted in the twelve weeks of the trimester, so lessons do not need to be made up later. Regular lessons will resume on Monday, January 4.

Make-up lessons for excused absences are scheduled at the teacher's discretion. Your teacher should speak with you about make-ups, but it is the student's/parent's responsibility to make sure missed lessons are rescheduled. Please remember that not all absences are excused. Lessons will be made up for illnesses, family emergencies, or NISOM/faculty cancellations.

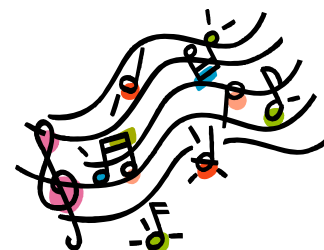
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Tuition for 30 minute lessons: \$210

Tuition for 45 minute lessons: \$315

Tuition for 60 minute lessons: \$420



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Flu and Illnesses

With the flu in full swing, remember that if your child is not well enough to go to school, he or she should not attend lessons. There is no need to infect other students and teachers. Please call the office in the morning to inform us of illnesses. We can not excuse the absence if you do not call.

To help prevent the spread of illnesses, we have provided hand sanitizer in the hallway. Although we also disinfect door knobs and piano keys regularly, students are encouraged to use this sanitizer or wash their hands in the restrooms (located through the lobby) before and after lessons.

Also keep in mind that teachers get sick, too. In the event that your teacher is ill, we will notify you as soon as possible.

Next Recital: Playathon

Our first student recital this year will be the Playathon on Saturday, November 14 at Kennedy Mall beginning at 10:00AM. All NISOM private students are expected to participate in this mass recital and fundraising event. Students should have received packets with complete information in early October. Remember, if you aren't comfortable asking for donations, you can also sell coupon booklets to Youngers Community Day. Be sure to turn in your sponsorships and coupon booklets no later than Nov. 14 to count toward **great prizes!**

If you haven't done so already, check with your teacher or the office to make sure you are signed up for a performance time and know when to arrive. Also remember to dress nicely and smile for your performance.



DCSO Honors Heroes

On Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School, the Dubuque Community String Orchestra (DCSO) will join the Roosevelt Orchestra for the concert "A Time for Heroes." The concert is primarily a salute to Veterans Day with selections such as "An Armed Forces Tribute" and "The 1812 Overture," although the music will also honor other heroes with works such as "Star Wars" and "Viola Hero." Both groups are conducted by Tracey Rush, Executive Director of NISOM. The concert is free but donations will be accepted at the door. A reception will follow the concert.

Concertmaster Annette Henry, string teacher at NISOM, will be soloist for "Schindler's List," during which there will be a powerpoint presentation featuring family members of the performers and Roosevelt staff who have served in the armed forces.

Sponsored by NISOM, DCSO is an all-volunteer adult ensemble.

Tuition (cont. from page 1)

NISOM does not mail invoices unless tuition is late. A \$5 per week late fee is added if payment is not received before the first lesson of the new trimester. So that you do not need to re-register to keep your lesson time, private students are automatically enrolled and billed throughout the school year unless we are otherwise notified. **If you are not planning to continue with lessons for the 2nd Trimester, you must let us know immediately.** Discontinuance forms are much preferred but not required if you do not need a refund.

If you can afford to do so, please consider paying the tuition amount we should charge: \$300 for 30-minute lessons (\$450 for 45-min; \$600 for 60-min). The amount you give exceeding the standard tuition rate will be a tax-deductible donation. See your handbook insert for more information, or give this trimester through the Playathon.

Inclement Weather



Do not assume that NISOM will be closed if Dubuque schools are closed for inclement weather. When NISOM closes, we ask Radio Dubuque and Cumulus radio stations to announce the cancellation. If in doubt, call our office.

We also send notification via mass email to those who have supplied an email address. To ensure you receive these emails, confirm that we have your current email address and add bekyjperkins@yahoo.com to your address book.

In the event that we are holding lessons but students who travel from out of town do not feel it is safe, please notify us that you will not be attending. Similarly, keep in mind that teachers may occasionally need cancel lessons due to travel conditions even if NISOM is open.

New Faces

NISOM would like to welcome the following faculty members who joined us this fall:

Laura Chandler, piano

Laura Everts, flute



We're happy to have you aboard!

Visit www.nisom.com often for up-to-date calendars, NISOM news, and information about recitals, events, make-up weeks, tuition deadlines, and more.