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Dates to remember:

- **Feb 22-27:** Tuition is due
- **Feb 27:** Recitals
- **Feb 27:** Community Day
- **Feb 27:** 2nd Trimester ends
- **March 1-6:** NO REGULAR LESSONS; make-up lessons
- **March 8:** 3rd Tri. begins
- **April 12:** DSCO/NHB concert
- **April 26:** Summer registration begins for current students
- **May 10:** Summer registration opens new, former students
- **May 29:** 3rd Trimester ends
- **May 31:** CLOSED
- **June 1-5:** Make-up week
- **June 5:** Recitals
- **June 7:** Summer session begins**
- **August :** All-state vocal camp

***If necessary, June 7-12 will be a second make-up week with the summer session beginning June 15.*



Look for the NISOM display at US Bank, inside the Asbury Plaza Hy-Vee!

Make-up Week & Snow Days

Make-up week for the second trimester will be **March 1-6**. There are no regularly-scheduled lessons this week, and make-up lessons for excused absences are scheduled at the teacher's discretion. Do remember that not all absences are excused. Lessons will be made up for illnesses, family emergencies, or NISOM/faculty cancellations. Please speak with your teacher or the office to schedule lessons. If you are owed multiple make-ups from snow days or other absences, remember you may be able to schedule more than more than one lesson during this make-up week.

By now everyone should be familiar with the procedure on snow days. Do **not** assume that NISOM is closed if Dubuque schools are; in some cases NISOM still holds lessons if teachers and students are able to attend. When in doubt, call our office. When NISOM closes, we ask local radio stations to announce the closing, as well as send notifications via email, Twitter, and Facebook. If you have not been receiving these emails and would like to, be sure our office has your current email address. You may also want to add bekyjperkins@yahoo.com to your address book. (See back for more info about NISOM on the web.)

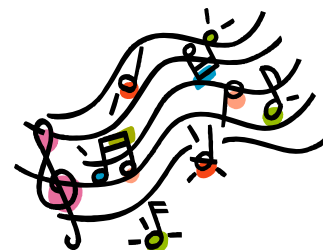
3rd Trimester Tuition is Due the week of Feb 22-27.

3rd Trimester is March 8–May 29

Tuition for 30 minute lessons: \$210

Tuition for 45 minute lessons: \$315

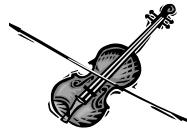
Tuition for 60 minute lessons: \$420



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 3rd 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.

Recitals



All NISOM students are encouraged to participate in at least one student recital during the year. It is a great way for students to share what they have learned with family and friends, hear what others are doing, and gain important performance experience. The next recitals are **Saturday, February 27 at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM** in the Marble Chapel of Emmaus Bible College. Speak with your teacher or the office if you would like to participate. Recitals are not formal, but students should dress nicely and remember to smile and bow.

Spend \$5, Get \$10!

After the recital on February 27, visit Younkers Community Day event to save money and help NISOM. Spend \$5 to buy a coupon booklet from NISOM, and get a \$10 off coupon, plus other valuable coupons! NISOM keeps all the money from booklet sales.

Last fall we gave students the option of selling coupon booklets for Playathon. Don't worry, students aren't selling booklets for the February Community Day. This time the faculty is! That's right, your teachers have taken on the challenge, too. They know how important fundraising is to NISOM. **The instructor who sells the most booklets even wins a prize package, so be sure to help your teacher win!** Purchase a booklet from the office or directly from your teacher. Don't accompany your child to lessons? Simply use the yellow form that was sent home with students.



Remember NISOM offers a variety of wonderful summer programs. Look for information coming soon!

NHB Joins DCSO

On Monday, April 12 the New Horizons Band (NHB), NISOM's newest performance ensemble, will join the Dubuque Community String Orchestra (DCSO) to present Unfinished Business. The concert begins at 7:00 PM at Emmaus Bible College. NHB is an international program that provides music making for adults age 50 and over; John Woodin directs the Dubuque group. The DCSO is an all-volunteer, non-auditioned ensemble for adult musicians directed by Tracey Rush. Contact our office if you are interested in joining one of these groups!



Easter

Please note that there **are** regularly scheduled lessons the weeks before and after Easter. If you have family plans and will not be attending lessons, you must notify the office and discuss with your teacher the possibility of scheduling a make-up lesson. Your teacher is not obligated to make up absences due to vacations and will be expecting you unless we are otherwise notified.

Welcome, Travis

Welcome Travis Houg, our new temporary Business Manager! Travis is at NISOM on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Say hello if you see him!

Sadly, Karen Litscher, our previous business manager, needed to leave us for health reasons. Travis will only be at NISOM for the remainder of the school year., when we will have a long-term replacement in place.

We hope you are enjoying the new furniture in our hallway, compliments of Dubuque Ob/gyn! Thanks also to Floor Show for their safe delivery.

NISOM on the Web

NISOM is now on Twitter! Follow @nisomdbq. Twitter is a social networking site that operates on brief (140 character) updates.

What this means for you:

- Instantaneous updates & reminders
- Another way to receive weather and faculty cancellations. Those who use twitter can even have our messages sent right to their phones!
- Easily keep in touch with NISOM, get answers to questions, and more!
- You don't have to have a twitter account to view our updates. Visit twitter.com.nisomdbq often.

Be sure to join NISOM's Facebook group, too!

Have you visited our website lately? NISOM.com is a valuable resource for up-to-date information.