

Brant Suzuki String School Newsletter

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Newsletter 3 (Spring is Coming!)

Our school year is almost half over already. Time flies when we are making music together. This is our short newsletter to keep everyone informed of dates, and times of upcoming events. This is also a good time to start thinking about summer institutes. Brochures are starting to come in. Most should be available on-line.

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Third Solo Recital - April 5, 2008

Our 3rd and final solo recital will be held on April 5th at 2:00 in the sanctuary of Wesley United Church. All students that have not performed in either the November or February recitals should let your teacher know, and prepare a piece. If the number is high for this recital, I will consider a 1:00pm and a 3:00pm recital so we can keep them around 1 hour. If you are playing a piece not in the Suzuki repertoire, please provide Mrs. Welbanks with the music as soon as possible. All participating students are asked to bring a dozen treats to share after the performance. Please keep in mind our students with peanut allergies when considering what to bring. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ ECC Course
- ◆ 3rd Solo Recital
- ◆ Kiwanis Music Festival



*No act of kindness
no matter how
small is ever
wasted.*

Aesop

ECC Course

The Every Child Can! Course is being held March 29th here in Brantford. There is still time to register if you are interested in participating in this 6 hour course presented by the Suzuki Association of The Americas. Contact Virginia Little if you are interested.

Fourth Term Payments

The Fourth term payments will be deposited on April 2nd. A \$15.00 service fee will be added to N.S.F. Cheques.

20th Anniversary Jute Bags

The Brant Suzuki String School will celebrate its' 20th Anniversary next fall. As part of our celebration I am having **Jute Shopping Bags with both the Little String Orchestra and the Brant Suzuki String School Logos** on each one. They will come with a red or olive green gusset. I will send out a picture when I get it from "Hey Jute". They are re-usable and recyclable as well as washable, strong and durable. They are very suitable for carrying groceries, music or any other articles you wish. They should be available in late April for \$5.00 a piece. We can begin to take orders now. If every family can sell 3 or 4 bags we can make a little profit for the school as well as get our name advertised when the bags are used. Please ask your friends and neighbours.

Twinkle Graduation Party

On May 29th we will hold our annual Twinkle Graduation Group Class. All students currently in the "Twinkle Group" and those who have graduated throughout the year are welcomed to attend. Cake and drinks will be provided.

Kiwanis Music Festival - April 14 - 19th

The String section of the Kiwanis Music Festival will be held April 14th - 19th at 1st Baptist Church. (Note the location change) Rehearsals with our accompanist Mrs. Welbanks can be arranged by contacting her directly at **519-758-1965. (81 Elm St.)** Her fee schedule is attached. She gets very busy at festival time so be sure to call early if you wish to use her services. She will be rehearsing on April 3rd and 10th from 4-8pm for Book 3 and under students. (10 minute intervals) Be sure to have **original music** to give the adjudicator and the accompanist. Anyone with a photocopy will not be allowed to play.



Little String Orchestra

The Junior and Senior Little String Orchestra will perform school concerts on **May 2nd** at Ecole Marguerite Bourgeoys, Centennial-Grandwoodlands, and James Hillier Schools. Their Spring Concert will be **May 8th** at New Covenant Church. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Your child may join the orchestra next fall if he/she is beginning Book 2 Suzuki level.

Group Class reminders

Remember to check the schedule for group class dates. The March Break and Little String Orchestra Spring Concert throws out the usual 2 week schedule. If in doubt, check our web site calendar. If you are planning a graduation and your accompanist is Mrs. Welbanks please note that she is working with Festival students on April 3rd and 10th and will not be available for group classes. The Senior "Paganini" group class will be performing June 8th in Lyndedoch for a Garden Tour in the afternoon and on June 20th from 11:30 to 12:30 at the Juravinski Cancer Clinic in Hamilton.

Dominican Republic

We have collected 20 violins, 2 cellos, 25 music stands, 30 CD's and a large box of music so far to go to the program for orphans in the Dominican Republic. Things are beginning to get packed up so if you have any more articles to donate please contact Virginia Little as soon as possible.

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