

December 2011/January 2012

# Bemidji Music Studio

## Noteworthy News



### A Note from Ashley

Thank you for all of your warm wishes and congratulations on the birth of our son, Patrick. Thank you also for the extra patience and scheduling flexibility that you've shown over the past couple of weeks to accommodate *my* adjustments in life. I appreciate it more than I can express!

My practicing advice, for those who need it, is to use the new year to help develop a fresh start and approach to practicing more! A good rule of thumb for amount of time a student should practice is their age x the number of years that they've been playing an instrument. If a student can do that four or five days each week on a regular basis, their motivation will be great – along with their progress!

Monday students:  
There are **NO LESSONS** on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. You have lessons on December 19<sup>th</sup> instead.

### Goodyear Piano Service

Present this coupon for \$10.00 off your next piano tuning or 10% off of any piano accessory from Goodyear Piano Service.

Contact Dale at 751-0767 or [www.goodyearpianoservice.com](http://www.goodyearpianoservice.com) for more information or to schedule your tuning!

This coupon is valid for Bemidji Music Studio students only.  
Coupon expires May 31<sup>st</sup> 2012

### Dates to Note:



★ Red Group Class Dates:  
12/6, 1/3, 2/7, 3/6 & 4/3

★ Blue Group Class Dates:  
12/13, 1/10, 2/7, 3/13 & 4/10

★ Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. This is our group **FESTIVAL RECITAL**. All students who attend group classes on a regular basis will perform in this recital.

### Congratulations!!

Special recognition for Abby Meland, for her outstanding job completing the Preparatory Level Piano Exam for the Minnesota Music Teachers Association on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. She earned the highest mark possible – High Distinction! Her hard work and diligence in preparing for this was her key to such a high exam score, and we're SO proud of her! We look forward to additional students completing this exam in the spring!

### Cold and Flu Season Reminders

Please do not send your child to lessons if they are ill! We ask that you use the same policy as your school or church – keeping them home if they have a fever or if they are contagious. This helps keep us healthy, as well as keeping the germs that spread throughout the studio to a minimum. **THANK YOU!!**

### Just a quick PARKING REMINDER...

Whenever possible, we ask that you do not park in front of the garage when you come for lessons – just in case we need to get out! ☺

It seems to be working well entering in the south (new) driveway and exiting through the north driveway by the mailbox. Thanks for helping us keep the traffic flow flowing!