



# *Talent Education Suzuki School*

**November 2009 Newsletter**

## **From the Directors**

Fundraising, fundraising, fundraising... our big project for fall at TESS! Our Scholarship demands are greater than ever, so we are exerting extra effort to keep our students going with their musical adventures! Many thanks to the Nason Foundation for a recent \$1,000 donation to the Fund. Our semi-formal Final Event is Sunday, November 22 from 5:30-7:30pm. We will have live music, a Silent Auction, fun and food! Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. All proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund directly. Unlike previous fundraisers, we do request that children under the age of 12 not attend unless they are performing at the event. We need lots of Silent Auction items; if you, your family, or your company are able to donate items ranging in value from \$100 to \$5,000 we are grateful. Please let Becki know!

Leading up to our Final Event, 30 Days of Music was launched in October at the fundraiser for the Norwalk Historical Society. This week, violin teacher Karolyn Bethke will be performing at O'Neil's with her band Hometown Sweethearts ([www.hometownsweethearts.com](http://www.hometownsweethearts.com)) on Friday, November 6. Other November events are listed in the calendar portion of this newsletter.

Student Recitals are this month! Saturday, November 7 and Saturday, November 14 we will be gathering at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 208 Newtown Rd. in Norwalk, to celebrate our children's musical achievements! To get there, take exit 16 on 95 and turn towards Rt. 1. Cross Rt. 1 and East Avenue turns into Newtown Avenue. Continue for about 1.5 miles and the church is on your right. Your child's time is posted on the wall by the big group room at the school. Please dress for the occasion (no sweats, sneakers, or other casual wear) and arrive 15 minutes prior to your assigned time for tuning and piano trials. Please note that the schedule is especially tight on November 14 as the church has a mass immediately following our last recital. Please do not bring food or drink and remember we are visiting someone else's house and need to be on our best behavior!

Registration has begun for Winter Term 2010. Please be sure to register by the November 7 deadline to reserve your current slot or receive priority for any change your family may desire. If you are requesting a change, please list your change as your first choice and your current slot as your second choice. We are adding the option of Adult Chamber Music Ensembles following the smashing success of the Parent Recital. Please contact Becki for details!

Please note that we are closed Wednesday, November 25 through Sunday, November 29 for Thanksgiving even though the public schools have 1/2 day on Wednesday. We are also open on Election Day and Veteran's Day.

TESS alum Adriana Bay was invited to perform at the Music for Youth Fundraiser on November 8 with a few other young musicians. Congratulations Adriana!

We are changing our phone number as of the November 15. The new number, which works now, is **203.956.6708**. Please make a note of it!

Keep Twinkling! - Becki & Jen

## October Graduations

Congratulations to violinist Allen Dong for his graduation from book 1! He studies with Ms. Becki. Graduating from book 2 this month were cellists Katarina Wilson and Justin Burnett, who both study cello with Mr. Justin, pianist Marius Siscar, who studies with Miss Claudia, and Jonah Hirsch, who studies guitar with Mr. Michael. Great job everyone!

## Weather Closings

Just a reminder - we try to stay open in all kinds of weather! Because roads are typically cleared by the time lessons begin, please check your email or the school's recorded message at 203.354.2740 to find out if we are open. Individual teachers who travel farther may find it necessary to cancel even if the school stays open and will contact their students individually. All private lessons cancelled due to inclement weather will be made up according to our standard make-up policy. Unfortunately, group classes cannot be made up.

## 2009 TESS Calendar

Mon. Oct. 26	Winter Registration Begins, last week to register for Fall Term
Sun. Nov. 1	TESS fiddlers Jacob, Nica, and Jeffery at O'Neill's for brunch, 11:30am-12:30pm
Tues. Nov. 3	Election Day, OPEN AYA Violinists at Fat Cat, 9-11 Wall Street, 6-7pm
Fri. Nov. 6	Violin teacher Karolyn Bethke and the Hometown Sweethearts at O'Neills, 10:30pm
Sat. Nov. 7 & 14	Student Recitals
Sat. Nov. 7	First Day Talent-Ed Kids, ages 3-5, Saturdays, 9-9:30 for 8 weeks
Sun. Nov. 8	Violinists at Crystal Theatre, 1:30-2:00, Ben Franklin Theatre, performance of 3 Billy Goats Gruff, <a href="http://www.crystaltheatre.org">www.crystaltheatre.org</a> for more details
Tues. Nov. 10	Guitarists at Fat Cat, 9-11 Wall Street, 6-7pm
Wed. Nov. 11	Veterans Day, OPEN
<b>Sun. Nov. 15</b>	<b>Thomas Flippin, Solo Guitar, Grace Episcopal Church, 5:00pm</b>
Tues. Nov. 17	Book 2/3 violinists at Fat Cat, 9-11 Wall Street, 6-7pm
Sat. Nov. 21	Graduation Recitals
Sun. Nov. 22	Scholarship Fundraiser, 5:30-7:30, Lillian August Flagship Store
Wed. Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Break, Closed
Mon. Nov. 30	Open
Sat. Dec. 12	Open House, Graduation Recitals
Mon. Dec. 21	Closed, Holiday Break
Mon. Jan. 4	Open
Sat. Jan. 16	Open House, Graduation Recitals
Mon. Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Day, Open
Sat. Jan. 23	Last Day Fall Term
Mon. Jan. 25	First Day Winter/Spring Term First Day Talent-Ed Kids, age 2, Mondays 3:00-3:30 for 8 weeks
Tues. Jan. 26	First Day Talent-Ed Kids, ages 3-5, Tuesdays, 4:00-4:30 for 8 weeks
Sat. Jan. 30	Improv Workshop, all classes cancelled after 10:00am, all Twinkle graduates attend the Improv Workshop. Guitar 10:00 class combined with the 9:30 class that day. First Day Talent-Ed Kids, ages 3-5, Saturdays, 9-9:30 for 8 weeks
Sat. Feb. 13	Graduation Recitals
Sat. Feb. 27	Advanced/AYA Celebration Concert Rehearsal, Mandatory, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Sun. March 7	Celebration Concert, 2:00pm, Norwalk Concert Hall, everyone!!