

# October Music News

*we're so glad you're here!*



## A Studio Update

First, we're delighted to welcome a wave of new students who have joined our musical family. As we gear up for the Fall Recital in November, anticipation is building for an unforgettable showcase of our students' progress and creativity.

In addition to nurturing musical talent, we're also focusing on style and launching new 'swag' studio merchandise, designed to let everyone wear their passion for music with pride. Meanwhile, our Virginia Beach location is thriving, thanks to the dedication of our instructors and the eagerness of our new students.

Moreover, we're pleased to announce our Ensemble for our Piano and Strings is underway. You can look forward to hearing them at the Recital!

## Student of the Month, Reagan Kimble

We're thrilled to introduce Reagan Kimble, our exceptional 'Student of the Month' hailing from our Virginia Beach location. Reagan embarked on her piano journey with us in March of this year and has displayed a remarkable aptitude for music. Her natural instinct and passion for playing shine through, as she not only excels in her lessons but also delights in serenading her home with melodies she's learned. Reagan consistently brings a positive attitude to each lesson, eagerly showcasing her latest accomplishments and her swift progression into her second lesson book is a testament to her dedication and enthusiasm for music.

## Welcome, New Students!

LUCY S.  
VIVIENNE B.  
MAJA A.  
ESTHER Z.  
DEVEREAUX B.  
MAAYA T.

BROC W.  
IVONNE D.  
AMIR Y.  
JOSHUA J.  
JACOB R.  
PRESTON L.

FINN D.  
JOLEY S.  
JAYLEIGH S.  
JOEY T.  
CLAIRE T.  
KEVIN A.





# The Secret to Successful Music Lessons

WHAT KEEPS STUDENTS PLAYING AND MAKING PROGRESS

The “traditional” private one-to-one weekly lesson *doesn't work!* Yep. We said it...***doesn't work.*** To understand how to be successful with lessons, and great at playing....let's take a look at what happens (and doesn't happen) during that traditional one-on-one private lesson....

[READ ON!](#)



## Miss Mary is Back!

WELCOME, PHILLIP JOHN BLEVINS,  
AGE 2 MONTHS

We're all happy to be seeing Miss Mary back on her feet, and back in the studio after maternity leave!

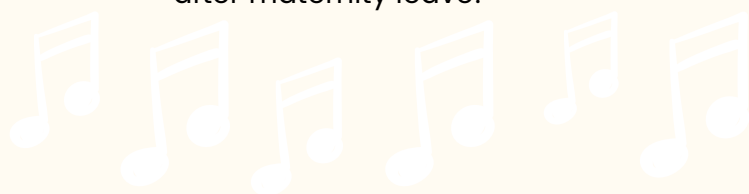


## November 18th Recitals

1:30PM & 3:30PM

Join us at the Fredericksburg Library  
1200 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg

*"MUSIC IS ENOUGH FOR A LIFETIME, BUT A LIFETIME IS NOT ENOUGH FOR MUSIC."*  
- Sergei Rachmaninoff



# Update on JMU Music Major, Scholarship Recipient, Ryan Leith

Former student of The Music Studio, and now James Madison University Music Major, Ryan Leith, is settled into Wayland Hall and already BLEEDING PURPLE! He's been incredibly busy with The Marching Royal Dukes (he's in the Front Ensemble), playing guitar and piano, and music classes. So proud of our most recent graduate!



## The 6 Days Between Lessons

**This may come as a shock, but we suggest that parents refrain from actively assisting with practice at home!**

Part of what makes our lesson program effective, is that we try to ensure all necessary practice is accomplished *during* the lesson, and your child is equipped with the knowledge and skills to enjoy polishing their songs independently. We hope it's a pleasant surprise that there's no pressure on parents to sit and re-teach assignments, or force home practice.

But hold on!...we do want students to play at home as frequently as possible, and they'll no doubt need a reminder to do so now and then! Encouraging them to play and have fun during their "review" time at home not only fosters their creativity but also strengthens their confidence and self-reliance. It's an essential part of their musical development.

Your support and enthusiasm for their musical pursuits makes all the difference, and we believe that allowing them the space to explore and learn on their own will lead to even more rewarding musical experiences.



*If you sense that your child is struggling while playing at home, or is reluctant to play for you, let us know right away.*

## Ensemble Sundays 11:30am - 12:30pm

**FOR PIANISTS & STRINGS PLAYERS, AGES 8 & UP**

Students and Teachers meet once weekly -- like a small orchestra -- to explore new music, play together, practice toward creative performances, and have a great time!

We hope you'll be interested and read on!

[ENSEMBLE INFORMATION](#)

### UPCOMING!

We'll be announcing our Christmas Music Book Blast soon -- stay tuned and watch for dates and details in your inbox!

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