

MS/HS Piano Summer Information

Hello Piano Majors!

Only practice the piano on days that you eat. If you are away from your piano, practice on a table top. Focus on specific goals on pieces and scales. All HS piano majors should know all major and harmonic minor scales well, hands together, 2 octaves ascending and descending. All MS piano majors should be working toward knowing all of that by the start of their 8th grade year.

Much of the information you may want about events for next year you will find on CabCallowaySchool.org events. Here is some information for your planning for piano for the 2017-2018 year:

You may want to talk to your private piano teacher about some longterm planning – you will have 4 free choice solo pieces (plus an introduction) one due each marking period. People very often use these pieces that they love for their performance pieces in concerts.

Each marking period you will also need to choose a piece from a different genre of music, or as a project to work on with someone else. Any time period is fine. Marking period 1: a prelude, marking period 2: a dance, marking period 3: a collaborative piece, marking period 4: a jazz piece. You will need an intro for each of these as well.

There will be additional assignments, but knowing that you have those 8 items to prepare, you might want to do some exploration, planning, and practicing to get ahead this summer.

Important Dates for Next Year:

Showstoppers Piano Auditions will be on Friday, October 13 at 2:30 pm in the theatre (no activity bus).

October 27 End of Marking Period 1

Showstoppers is 17-18-19 November with rehearsals that week after school.

December 14 Piano Honors Concert (Mandatory Attendance for all).

December 16 is the Winter Piano Festival (as this year's was, all day, mandatory for your grade time slot).

January 6 & 13 are assessments (info at cabcallowayschool.org/assessments is recently updated RUBRIC has CHANGED.

January 25 end of 2nd marking period.

March 22 we will have a Master Class in Cab Theatre during the school day in the afternoon which will be mandatory for everyone to attend. Certain students will be invited to play.

March 24 will be a Delaware Symphony Orchestra Concert to which we have invitations.

March 29 is the end of the 3rd marking period and the start of spring break.

May 17 Piano Honors Concert (Mandatory Attendance for all).

I was able to negotiate moving it to the end of APs which are for two weeks starting on May 7. We are all making a huge effort not to have high school arts performances in the two weeks before the two weeks of AP testing. Unfortunately, AP Geography, Micro & Macro Economics and European History ARE on May 18 so you will want to plan ahead for being at the concert the night before.

May 19 is Spring Piano Festival (as this year's was, all day, mandatory for your grade time slot).

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