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Five Students Attend AIM Theory Exams

On Saturday, November 21, 2009, five piano students from the studio participated in the Achievement in Music (AIM) Theory Exams held at Wheaton College. Congratulations to Alexandria K., level 9, Nicole K., level 7, Katie B., level 5, Hanna K., level 5, and Matt B., level 5. Each student demonstrated proficiency in sightreading, rhythm, harmonization, transposition, aural skills, and written skills. These students will continue on to take the Performance Exams in the spring – March 13, 2010 – when they will be evaluated on their technical abilities (scales, chords and arpeggios in multiple

keys) and performance of three repertoire pieces. The literature they play will represent music from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and 20th Century periods of music history. Students preparing for levels 1A, 1B, 1C, and 2 will also have the opportunity to participate in the AIM Exams this spring. All students completing their level receive a certificate and pin, which will be awarded at our Spring Piano Recital the next day.

The AIM Program is provided by the Illinois State Music Teachers Association.

Spring Piano Recital to be Presented on March 14, 2010

As you hang your new 2010 calendar on the wall, please remember to mark the Spring Piano Recital on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at Gary Methodist Church in Wheaton. The recital will begin at 2:30 pm. Family and friends are invited, as this is your child's opportunity to share what he or she has learned. Each student will be presenting 2 solo pieces and many will also be participating in an ensemble.

Upper level students have already been working on recital (and AIM) pieces. Younger students will begin theirs in January.

There will be a dress rehearsal for the recital at the church on Friday, March 12, between 3:30-5:30. Students will not need to attend the entire rehearsal, but I will need to know if they must arrive late or leave early to be sure they get their turn and that ensembles will be able to rehearse together.



Christmas Break begins December 21

There will be no lessons during the weeks of December 21 through January 1. Lessons will resume January 4, 2010. Group lessons will be the week of January 18-22.

May everyone have a wonderful Holiday Season!