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# Music News

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## M.D. PROGRAM

Congratulations to the 50 students who participated in the inaugural year of the Music Learning Center's *Musical Discoveries Program!* Achievable goals such as playing *Happy Birthday To You*, participating in MLC student recitals, performing outside the MLC, mastering a particular technical exercise, or completing a sight-reading assignment are listed for each student. Being able to see that check in the completed column, and receiving a certificate in the spring is tangible evidence of the students' accomplishments. Please speak with your instructor, or call the office for further information on how to enhance your family's study of music through MLC's M.D. Program.

## HOW'S MY CHILD DOING?

Introducing *My Musical Journey* - the Music Learning Center's student progress report. Instructors will be preparing these individual progress reports for the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer semesters. You will be receiving the Fall installment the first week of December.

If you would like to make arrangements to further discuss your child's progress with your instructor please call the MLC office at (203) 748-1444.



## Important Dates

**November 4<sup>th</sup>:**  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Yamaha Clavinova Festival  
Sponsored by Westport Fairfield Piano

**November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
MLC Fall Student Recital Series

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>:**  
MLC is **CLOSED** in observance  
of Thanksgiving Day

**December 25<sup>th</sup>:**  
MLC is **CLOSED** in observance  
of Christmas Day



## STORMY WEATHER REMINDERS

**WEEKDAYS:** Local school closings and delayed openings do not automatically affect the MLC schedule. Students should call the MLC office to check on their lesson status for the day in question. The decision to **close completely** for the day will be made by 1:00 p.m. The decision to **close early**, which will cancel lessons scheduled to begin at or after 5:30 p.m., will be made by 4:00 p.m. If a student wishes to cancel due to the weather predictions, please call the MLC office at your earliest convenience.

**SATURDAYS:** Because Saturday's schedule begins at 9:00a.m., it is important that students call the office by 5:30 p.m. on Friday if they wish to cancel due to an expectation of inclement weather. If the MLC makes the decision to **close completely**, or begin the Saturday schedule with the 10:30 lesson times, an announcement will be made by 8:00 a.m. and can be heard on the MLC voice mail (203) 748-1444. A decision to **close early** on Saturday will be announced as stated above.

All weather related cancellations will also be posted online at [ctweather.com](http://ctweather.com). Please note that students need to call the Music Learning Center at (203) 748-1444 for weather cancellation information.



## ENSEMBLE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Learning how to play a musical instrument can be one of the most rewarding experiences a person can undertake. And by the way, that statement can hold true for a person of any age. But for all of the value and enjoyment a person can derive from playing an instrument, it only becomes more magnified and more enjoyable when there is an opportunity to share that skill with others.

The MLC's *Ensemble Enrichment Program* provides students with that opportunity. Students will emerge from the program with improved group playing skills, increased confidence, and a better understanding of how they can make a contribution to the success of a group performance. We hope that you will consider expanding your musical experience to include participation in one of our performing groups.

Watch for the sign up dates for the Winter Session of Ensembles at the Music Learning Center. Dates will be posted in the waiting area.

## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!

We are pleased to have twenty-five, yes, 25 adult students enrolled in lessons at the Music Learning Center! You are cordially invited to join in the fun. Recent studies have shown that learning to play an instrument provides a creative outlet, enhances mental acuity and reduces anxiety. In other words, making music is therapeutic; it makes you feel good! Please call the MLC office for more information about our adult courses.

## STUDENT RECITALS

Performance is an integral part of the learning process; it is a way to educate students and audience alike in the art of making music. While participation in the MLC Recital Series is not required, every student is encouraged to do so. Please pick up a copy of our *PARENTS' GUIDE TO THE MUSIC LEARNING CENTER STUDENT RECITALS* which may be found in the waiting area.

## WHAT'S ON YOUR WISH LIST?

Gift Certificates are a great item during the holiday season. We suggest them as stocking stuffers, a special gift from a relative, or even a treat for yourself! Gift certificates are available year-round which also makes them ideal for birthdays, and congratulations of any kind.



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