

# november music notes

Hello, music families! Fall is always incredibly busy, so I hope you find some time to slow down and recharge with your families with their break coming up next week. Be sure to check the music calendar for the upcoming weeks where we will not have lessons.

With the holiday season approaching, we will once again begin preparing for our virtual holiday recital. Students will choose and learn 1-2 pieces, and we will record these during one of their lessons prior to their winter break. I will then notify you when the final performance is ready to view. If you would NOT like your student to learn any holiday music (or if you want them to only learn secular holiday pieces), please let me know. Songs that are recorded for the recital do not need to be holiday-themed.

Students can now shop the prize cart with the points they earn when they complete online activities in SproutBeat! If you're not an online access subscriber but would like more information, let me know. The infographic was shared on the studio social media pages, and you can also check out all of the ways your student can earn prizes on the [studio website](#).

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or schedule conflicts - a text to my cell phone usually receives the quickest response. 641-226-3886. With back-to-back lessons, it's sometimes difficult to communicate your student(s)' progress, so feel free to reach out if you have questions. I'm excited to start preparing for our virtual recital!

## MONTHLY CHALLENGE

**Complete one set of timed note reading tests (located in the theory section of your binder).**

Students who complete this challenge earns a Level 2 prize off the cart!

## COMPOSER OF THE MONTH

**Johannes Brahms**

Did you know... that Brahms wrote a large number of pieces for voice and piano, known as *lieder*?

## UPCOMING DATES

### Monday Lessons:

Nov. 28 **NO LESSONS**

Dec. 26 **NO LESSONS**

Jan. 2 **NO LESSONS**

### Tuesday Lessons:

Nov. 22 **NO LESSONS**

Dec. 27 **NO LESSONS**

Jan. 3 **NO LESSONS**

## SPOTLIGHT STUDENT: BHAVYA JALLA

Bhava Jalla is a freshman at Hutchinson High School and has been taking piano lessons since she was in second grade. Bhavya loves to play popular music and is always up for a challenge, learning some really difficult music during her time with me. Bhavya is extremely active, taking advanced courses while participating in tennis, basketball, and marching band. You can check out her student interview now on the studio YouTube channel or on the studio's Facebook and Instagram pages beginning November 16th.



*Be sure to follow for student performances and additional updates!*

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