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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

September 2021 News Digest - Find Full Event Details at our Website, kitsapmusicteachers.org.



President's Message: Happy REAL New Year!

Sure, January first is technically New Year's Day, but for us teachers, this is the real start of the new year! This really is the time to implement "resolutions" as we begin our teaching year with a fresh start. Maybe some of these would re-energize your teaching:

- new policies?
- new teaching techniques?
- new strategies?
- new traditions?
- even new decor or a new look for your studio?

If you feel like you don't have any "new" ideas, what did you gain from the National and State conferences that you would like to incorporate into your studio?

Throughout this pandemic, we have been compelled to do many things differently; which things will we continue doing? Which things will we go back to from "pre-COVID"? And which things are we ready to completely change, in a way that we never have before?

Happy new year!

Laura Meredith

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



From the Vice-President: Meeting News

Come one, come all!!! We are so excited to finally get to have an in-person meeting on September 10th at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church! We will meet at 10am for our business meeting. Coffee and a light brunch will be provided. Masks will be required, per policy at the church. At 10:30, our kick-off program will begin with Wendy Stevens of ComposeCreate.com! She will give a presentation about her rhythm games and materials, and also cover the various test prep materials she has for our Music Literacy Program. She will be doing her presentation virtually, via zoom, so for anyone who is unable to attend, or uncomfortable attending in-person events at this time, you are welcome to join us online! A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date. See you there!

Melanie Stroud

Vice President

Kitsap Young Musicians Festival

The 2021 KYMF will be IN-PERSON! It will be held at **Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 6**. The Kitsap Young Musicians Festival is a day of group recitals. Students from participating KMTA teacher studios and non-member teachers are welcome to register student performers on any instrument. Each recital will last approximately 1 hour and will include students from beginning to advanced levels.

Registration fees are \$5 per student and \$25 per ensemble (six or more members). There is an additional \$10 fee per studio for non-KMTA teachers.

All teachers who register students for the event are asked to help in some way with volunteer staffing on the day. Please contact Krista if you can help.

Registration will be open from October 1 to October 15.

You will receive an invoice for the registration fees when the registration period closes. Payments can be made online via PayPal, or by mailing a check to the registrar.

Parent Permission Slip and Liability Release Forms are going online this year! Check your inbox for instructions after registration has closed.

[Visit the website](#) for more information.

Updating Your Contact Info for Member Directory and KMTA Website

We need updates to your contact information to publish in the Members Directory and on the KMTA website for this year. The website's [Find a Music Teacher page](#) posts your phone number, email address, teaching specialty, general location, and your studio website or Facebook page if you have one. The Members Directory is for internal circulation only, and adds your physical location and/or mailing address. Please send changes to your information to Laura Meredith before September 10th (laurasletsplaymusic@gmail.com).

Have you renewed your MTNA membership for 2021-22?

The KMTA website provides publicity for member teachers. Since site inclusion is a benefit of membership in KMTA, only active KMTA/MTNA members who are current in their dues payments are listed on the “Find a Music Teacher” page.

The website will be updated as of our first KMTA meeting, **September 10**, to include only members who have [paid their annual dues](#), which were due on June 30. After September 10, you may notify the webmaster when you have paid your dues, by forwarding your confirmation email from MTNA to Technology Chair Jane Melin, jane@melinmusicstudio.com. At that time your listing on the “Find a Music Teacher” page will be reinstated.

The webmaster will work closely with the Treasurer to add teacher listings as memberships are confirmed. It can take several weeks for membership notifications to make it to our chapter from MTNA, so please contact a Board member directly to alert us to your membership status.

High School credit for MAP

In the past year we received inquiries from teachers who participated in MAP and wanted their students to receive high school credit. Please note that the process to receive high school credit IS NOT simply checking off a box in the online registration for MAP. The whole process **begins at the beginning of the school year.**

Below is a brief overview:

1. Teacher must have received NCTM/WSCTM certification.

2. Teacher and Student must fill out the **Request for Credit** form, take the packet to the school counselor, and have it approved at the beginning of the school year. Each school district has different policy. Some will not grant credit. (Our understanding is that Seattle and Eastside have not been allowing students to receive applied music credit, out of the concern that this would draw students away from the school music program.)
3. Teacher must check off the “High School Credit?” box for the student during the MAP registration process.
4. Chapter MAP Chair needs to email me a High School Credit form listing all students requesting high school credit, along with the chapter MAP schedules for approval. I will include the form in my packet to the Visiting Artist.
5. Student must participate in MAP to receive a high school credit stamp to be affixed to his/her certificate.
6. At the end of the grading period, Teacher completes a *Report in Applied Music Study*, includes with it the certificate from MAP, and have the student return it to the school counselor.

In short, only checking off a “High School Credit?” box will not give your student high school credit. Your student must get an approval first from the school at the beginning of the year.

I will be sending out a poll shortly to select teachers who have been successful in applying for high school credit for their students. That way we can survey the variations in school policies and understand the barriers better.

Thanks,
Jason Kuo
WSMTA MAP Chair

Calling all Halloween enthusiasts!

We had been hoping to have a Monster Concert this fall, with a real monster/Halloween theme, but unfortunately we will have to delay those plans. In the meantime, we still want to have our students celebrate Halloween by performing music! We will create a Halloween playlist to which any student/teacher can contribute a "Halloween-themed" video performance. This can be spooky music, or

even any music that is played by someone in costume! Fun is the key, so just about anything goes! We will provide more details in October, but have your students get practicing whatever says "Halloween" to them!

Are you accepting new students?

If you are currently seeking to add students to your studio, please send Melanie Kurtzbein a line at kurtzbein4@gmail.com by September 10. A list will be sent in an email to the membership so that teachers with full studios will know where they can refer students.

Don't forget to vote!

Please refer to an email sent out just a couple of days ago to vote for our new secretary! We need a majority vote to make it official-- thank you!

Part time teaching position

Carden Country School on Bainbridge Island seeks a music teacher for the 35 students in grades K-7. The hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00-3:00, and it pays \$30/hour. There is flexibility in what specifically you teach.

If interested, please contact the headmaster, Mr.

Harvey: mrharvey.cardencountryschool@gmail.com

If you would like the "insider scoop" from the teacher who has recently taught in this position, contact Gina Weibel: weibelfamily@gmail.com

Do you have info to distribute to KMTA?

Please send all communication items (website updates/documents, email blasts, Quavers articles, etc.) to Melanie Kurtzbein at kurtzbein4@gmail.com. Plain text in an email body and image files work best.

Quavers articles should be submitted at least 3 days before the end of the month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check for registration deadlines, instructions, documents, contacts and more at the linked pages.

Member meeting
September 10, 10 a.m.
Central Kitsap Presbyterian

[Kitsap Young Musicians Festival](#)

November 6, 2021
(Registration October 1-15)

[Piano, String and Vocal Music Artistry Programs \(MAP\)](#)

February-March 2022

[Performance Competitions](#)

March 2022

[KMTA Music Carnival and WSMTA Music Literacy Program](#)

April 2022

[Senior Celebration and Awards](#)

May 2022

MORE FROM KMTA

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