JUNIOR SYMS AUDITION INFORMATION

Dear Pianists:

Auditions are challenging, but they will always be part of your life as a musician. Remember that we are only trying to make the best possible placements. We do our best to make the most accurate decisions for part assignments. You can help us do that by being well prepared in advance.

Suggestions:  Get to the warm-up room a few minutes before your audition. Prepare yourself physically and mentally to do your best. Dress casually. There is no need to dress to "impress the judge." Introduce yourself as you enter the room. The people listening to you are likely to become your piano teachers throughout the duration of the program. Hand the judges your audition card. Try not to let nerves bother you too much. Almost everyone gets nervous and the judges know that. They will do the best they can to place you properly.

All pianists will play scales and a prepared piece for their audition.

Scales:  You may choose three or more scales of your choice.

Prepared Selection:  Please prepare a solo piece of your choice for the audition.

Note:  Orchestra is only for string players at Jr. SYMS and will not include wind, percussion, or piano players.

Jazz Band will be limited to saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, guitar, bass and drums. Please tell the teacher in the audition if you are interested in playing in a jazz band and be prepared to play a jazz piece and/or improvise to the Blues in B♭. This is in addition to your classical audition piece.

Please be sure to bring your piano music with you to SYMS!

For piano master class please bring two classical pieces.

We look forward to seeing you this summer and hope that your experience will be fun and rewarding!