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RESTRUCTURED ANNUAL PAGEANT (RECITAL)

I hope that these changes will spark more interest in the PAGEANT.

After much debate and consideration of the recent survey... this is what I have decided:

1. Change of venue for these reasons:

- A. Rental fee increases every year at the Garland Plaza Theatre**
- B. Parking has become an issue**
- C. It is a long distance to drive**

Solution: Upon approval (the committee approves six months in advance)

Our next pageant will be held at the

**First Methodist Church located at 2201 E. Hebron Pkwy,
Carrollton 75010 (five minutes from my house)**

This church has amenities that are comparable to

The Plaza Theatre as well as having their own parking lot.

2. Although I think the pageant is much more interesting and entertaining by wearing a costume... *Costumes will no longer be required*

Solution:

- A. There will still be a costume contest for those who wish to participate. There must be at least 12 costume contest participants to have the contest. Participating in the costume contest requires informing me before I do the line-up for the show. I need to try to have an equal number of costume contest participants in each group.**

- B. The non-costumed participants must dress formally. If you are not properly dressed, you may not perform.**

- 1. Males must wear a suit and a tie.**
- 2. Females must wear a long frilly dress. (approved by me)**
- 3. Only those who are clearly wearing a costume will be permitted to participate in the costume contest. Costumes should be creative, detailed, and home-made.**

I have lots of stuff that can be borrowed for putting together a costume.

(Ethnic apparel will not qualify as a costume.)

NEXT YEAR'S ANNUAL PAGEANT DATE CHANGE

Changing the month of the 2019 ANNUAL PAGEANT for these reasons:

- 1. Annual STAAR TEST**
- 2. Final exams**
- 3. Field trips**
- 4. Dance recitals**
- 5. School concerts**

Solution: The tentative date for the next ANNUAL PAGEANT

Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 2:00 PM

At the First Methodist Church in Carrollton

The theme is “Things for Which I Am Thankful”. This is the second volume out of the six pageant collections that I have written. You may begin the selection of your performance piece in May of 2019. Participants will not be accepted after September 9, 2019.

More details for the pageant can be found in future newsletters.

AMENDMENTS TO POLICIES

Policies have been amended in these areas: PARKING

ANNUAL PAGEANT

STUDENT REFERRAL DISCOUNT

AS A REFRESHER... YOU MIGHT WANT TO REVIEW ALL POLICIES.

<http://www.fishyourweaverofdreams.com/policies.htm>

OUR NEXT COMMUNITY SERVICE PERFORMANCES

We will perform:

Saturday, August 4, 2018

Tentatively:

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Because these are private performances and this is a public newsletter, the details of the performances will be posted on the table in my studio. I am accepting twenty participants for each of these performances. Participants receive 100 points and a ribbon. You may do one or two pieces of your choice. Please select songs that you already know how to play or sing. (Vocalists refer to VOCAL STIPULATIONS for performance materials)

OCTOBER 1, 2018

On October 1, 2018... I will give you the schedule of classes for the entire year of 2019.

PIANO BENCHER'S OPEN

Anyone age 6 – 18 at any level may participate in this event.

The Piano Bencher's Open is held at my studio (my house) and this year it is on **Saturday, October 27, 2018.** The performances will begin at 1:00 PM. You will be required to play one memorized piece in detail for the judge. You will receive a rating and a comment sheet signed by the judge.

Superior Plus is the highest rating. The judge will select the best male performance and best female performance of the day from the Superior Plus ratings. They will be declared King and Queen of the 2018 Piano Bencher's Open. In addition to their participation trophy they will receive an engraved **crystal award.** The 2018 King and Queen names will also be permanently displayed on a **plaque** on the wall in my piano studio. Each year the new King and Queen will added to the plaque.

There is a required list. All of the pieces are my original compositions. You may use this year's Spring Pageant piece but I would like to encourage you to learn something new.

Each participant will receive an immediate 100 points. In addition to the annual trophy, the Piano Bencher's Open trophy will be awarded at the following Annual Pageant. This is also when the King and Queen of the 2018 Piano Bencher's Open will receive their crystal awards. (Non-pageant participants receive awards at class within two weeks after the pageant.)

The entry fee of \$20.00 and the ENTRY FORM at the end of this letter are due on or before **September 30, 2018.**

You will receive the performance schedule for the Piano Bencher's Open by October 6, 2018.

If you have special needs for your performance time, please write it on your entry form. (Performances begin at 1:00 PM.)

PIANO BENCHER'S OPEN COSTUME CONTEST (OPTIONAL)

If you would like to participate in the Piano Bencher's Open Costume Contest, simply wear any costume for your performance. (It does not have to match your song.)

I will take your picture and it will be posted in my studio for one week. (November 1st through November 7th) Everyone who comes into the studio during that week will be permitted one vote for his/her favorite costume. Cash prizes of \$10.00, \$7.00, and \$5.00 will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place. A Costume Contest Trophy will also be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

There will be no classes Monday, November 19, 2018 through Sunday, November 25, 2018. Enjoy your holiday and we will resume our normal schedule on Monday, November 26, 2018.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

If you wish to play Christmas music, I will be glad to purchase a book for you at the music store and you may reimburse me. Please inform me at your class.

WINTER BREAK

The winter break will be Tuesday, December 18, 2018 through Sunday, January 6, 2019. We will resume our normal schedule on Monday, January 7, 2019. Have fun but don't forget to practice during your time off.

2019 PIANO BENCHER'S OPEN

Due to moving the ANNUAL PAGEANT to October... the Piano Bencher's Open month will also be different beginning in 2019. The new month and date for the 2019 PBO is April 13th and performances for the judge will begin at 4:00 PM. You may select your piece in November. All other info is the same as the 2018 info.

Changing the month of this event will allow the participants to receive their awards in the same year that they did the event. This means that the 2018 and 2019 Kings and Queens will be presented at the October 2019 ANNUAL PAGEANT.

2018 PIANO BENCHER'S OPEN REGISTRATION FORM

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