

## Performance Opportunities

Students are encouraged to participate in performances throughout the year. Performances help increase poise and concentration. They also allow us to share our music with others.

### **Recitals**

There will be two **semi-formal** recitals offered during the year. These will take place at Forest Hills Church at 1790 11<sup>th</sup> Street SE in Forest Lake.

Recital dates:

- Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at 10am
- Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 10am

A **Formal Recital** will be held at Hanifl Center for the Arts at 4941 Long Avenue in White Bear Lake.

This will take place at 6:30pm on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Please try to attend at least two of these recitals.

### **Performance Parties**

Performance Parties are student-only events that provide an opportunity to get to know each other, play for each other, and have fun together. Performance parties are scheduled for Friday evenings at 6:00pm on the following dates:

- November 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- May 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## **MMTA Events**

The Minnesota Music Teachers' Association offers students an opportunity to engage in a wide range of events. These events are excellent opportunities to inspire, challenge, and reward students for their hard work and knowledge. Below is a list of events in which your child can participate. Please speak with Mr. Nolden for more information on these events.

### **Piano Exams**

MMTA's comprehensive piano exams focus on the interpretation of memorized piano pieces and the demonstration of related ideas and concepts. In addition to diverse repertoire, scales and sight playing skills are also evaluated. Piano Exams are a wonderful way for all students to track their achievements.

### **Music Theory Exams**

MMTA's music theory exams evaluate analytical, written, aural, and functional keyboard skills, including the ability to transpose, harmonize, and sight-read. Students are tested on their knowledge of scales, rhythmic patterns, sight-reading, transposition, and accompaniment. These exams are available to all students.

### **Piano Contest**

The Piano Contest provides students with an opportunity to experience the thrills and challenges of solo competition. Students who receive the highest rankings in each age group are invited to play in a spectacular concert at the end of the school year. The contest is established by the age of the students, so students need to be playing at a high level to participate.

### **Piano Festival**

The Piano Festival is held in the same way as the Piano Contest but without the competition. Students play their piece for a judge and receive a critique. This is an excellent event to help students build poise and confidence without the competitive element.

### **Young Artist Contest**

The Young Artist Contest for piano students offers an opportunity for exceptional performers to display their talents in a competition setting. This event is for junior high and high school students who are achieving at a very high level.