



Community Unit School District 300
300 Cleveland Avenue Carpentersville, IL 60110

PIANO FESTIVAL INFORMATION

January, 2014

Dear Parents:

Community Unit School District 300 will again sponsor a District-Wide Piano Festival. This is a non-competitive event that showcases student talent on the piano.

WHEN:	Tuesday, March 18th, 2014
WHERE:	Westfield Community School 2100 Sleepy Hollow Road Algonquin
TIME:	Performance times assigned between 6:00 – 9:00 PM
WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:	District 300 students and those students living within District 300 boundaries in grades 3 through 12
COST:	\$5.00 registration fee

The deadline to enter is Friday, January 31st, 2014. Late entries may be refused. Also, please review the guidelines and other information attached and share it with your child's piano teacher.

Please complete the online registration form. Our preferred method of payment is also on-line, payable by credit and/or debit cards (VISA, MasterCard and Discover) at the Web Store. If using cash/check, please bring/send form and payment to the Administration Office at 300 Cleveland Avenue, Carpentersville, IL, 60110. Make checks payable to District 300.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Emily VanPuyenbroeck at 847-532-7562 or Cathy Storm at 847-551-8338 or cathy.storm@d300.org

BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT PERFORMANCE!

Sincerely,
Diane Minger, Consultant for Music Activities



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PIANO FESTIVAL GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

Participants with 6 months to 4 years of experience:

1. Students must play two selections:
 - One from memory
 - One with music
2. Five minutes is the maximum time limit per student
3. The two selections should be of a contrasting musical style
4. Selections should be challenging, but within the student's mastery level

Students should be capable of playing the chosen pieces at the appropriate tempo, with note and rhythmic accuracy and with proper technique and expression.

Participants with 5 or more years of experience:

1. Students may perform either one major work from memory OR two separate selections, one from memory and one with music
2. Eight minutes is the maximum time limit per student
3. If playing two selections, each should represent a different musical period
4. Selections should be challenging, but within the student's mastery level

Students should be capable of playing the chosen piece/pieces at the appropriate tempo, with note and rhythmic accuracy and with proper technique and expression.

Additional Information for All Students:

1. All students must live/attend school within District 300 boundaries
2. All entries that are received by the deadline will be accepted into the Festival. Please assume that your child will participate in the Festival unless you are contacted and told otherwise.
3. **Booklets will not be printed again this year. A list of times will be online two weeks before the event. Check the web-site.**
4. Immediately following your child(ren)'s performance, a judge will give him or her feedback and an award ribbon.
5. Not all pianos are acoustic. Each room will have either an acoustic or a digital piano.
6. PRACTICE – PRACTICE – PRACTICE and HAVE FUN.

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SAMPLE RATING SHEET

DISTRICT 300 PIANO SOLO FESTIVAL

TIME: _____

ROOM: _____

Name of Student

School

Years Studied

Grade

Age

Selections: 1. _____
MEMORIZED

2. _____

Judge's Check Evaluation . . . No. 1 is highest.

	1	2	3	4	5
Note Accuracy					
Rhythmic Accuracy					
Technique					
Expression					
Memorization					

Rating Code: Div. I 5 – 8 Total Points
 Div. II 9 – 13 Total Points
 Div. III 14 + Total Points

Student's Rating: Div. I _____ Div. II _____ Div. III _____

Judge's Signature