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Annual Newsletter - 2019

WHAT WE DID...

November	Christine Donkin Composition Workshops & Canadian Music Week
December	Rosewood Residence
January	Winter Exams
February	CFMTA Composition Festival & E-Festival
April/May	Local Music Festival
June	Harmony House Year-End Recital
August	Summer Exams

An Amazing Year at JMMS

This year students participated in a variety of activities. We started off the year with a 30-Piece Challenge, where each student had the opportunity to participate in a challenge to learn at least 30 songs this year. Congratulations to Kacey Van Gent for completing the challenge first! In November I arranged (through the PEI Registered Music Teacher Association) for well-known composer Christine Donkin to come to the island to host a workshop. Many students were inspired to create their own compositions, which were entered into the Canadian Federation of Music Teacher's Association Composition Festival, which took place in February. Six of my students placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd with Harrison Tesselaar's "Elevators" going on to Nationals in June. – Congratulations Harrison! Many students also participated in Canadian Music Week, performing pieces which were composed by C. Donkin, who attended the recital. What an amazing opportunity! In December, we had the opportunity to play for Rosewood Senior Residence, which is always warmly welcomed and appreciated by the seniors and staff. This February was the first CFMTA E-Festival, which was a great way for students to get ready for the local music festivals in April/May. Everyone did really well in both of these festivals. In January, Thomas Tesselaar completed his studies, receiving Honours on his final exam. Congratulations, Thomas! On June 8th we will finish off our piano year with a recital at Harmony House, which will start at 11am. Please invite family and friends to join us!



What I have been up to....

In November Christine Donkin also had workshops for the teachers, which was an amazing opportunity to be part of. This was my second time attending one of her workshops. Currently, I am on the Executive Council with the PEIRMTA and am a CFMTA member. In February I had the amazing opportunity to be the adjudicator for the 1st Annual CFMTA E-Festival. In March I travelled to BC to receive specialized training for a beginner piano program I will be teaching in the fall, Kelly Kirby. In July, I will have the honour of performing at the Governor's House, as well as being part of a choir performance.