



November 29, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

I am writing to you with important information about our end-of-semester recital and our Spring 2022 semester health and safety protocols.

The end-of-semester recitals will be held in-person at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Hudson Valley (2021 Albany Post Road, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520) on **Sunday, January 23**, between 2:00 and 5:00 pm. (The snow date is Saturday, January 29.) **To attend, all students, faculty, and guests will have to show proof of full vaccination* and wear a properly fitting mask. A temperature check will be taken at the entrance.**

Some additional guidelines for the recital: Since the seating capacity is limited, each student will be allowed to bring 2 guests. (Two performing siblings can bring 4 guests.) We ask that you practice social distancing. Please sit in your household group and leave adequate space between family groups. Unfortunately, since our time is limited, there will not be time to linger after the recitals. Once the recital is over, we respectfully ask you to leave so that we can either prepare for the next recital or clean up at day's end. (I look forward to our spring outdoor recital when we will have the time and space for post-recital reflections and conversation!)

A Zoom recital will be held on Saturday, January 22 for unvaccinated students.

Important information for the Spring semester, which begins Monday, February 7, 2022: As a vaccine is now available for all children five and older, the board of the Bennett Conservatory has decided that all students must present proof of full vaccination* to receive in-person lessons this spring. Unvaccinated students will be able to receive on-line lessons.

Each student will be required to present proof of vaccination by Monday, January 31, 2022. This should be done by emailing me a photo of the student's vaccination card or the Excelsior Pass.

Finally, our annual February Benefit has been postponed until the late spring. This year it will be held on the lawn of the Conservatory.

As we prepare for the Holiday Season, I would like to thank you for adhering to our health and safety protocols and for entrusting us with your children's musical education.

With best wishes,

Jane

*Proof of vaccination must be the original vaccination card or the NYS Excelsior pass