



STAFFLINES



Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum



President's Letter

Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

Why is it that summer is never long enough? We work so hard during the school year and feel we deserve a break to rest, relax and maybe do some planning for the coming year. Soon it will be September and time to begin again.

I do hope you all are having a good summer and are accomplishing everything you set out to do. Most of all, I hope you are staying safe and healthy.

Let's address the elephant in the room, shall we? We have a tentative calendar (in this issue of the Stafflines) and we hope to finalize it soon. Not knowing what the future holds, we're still planning to hold in-person events during the 2021-22 school year. I'm amazed we accomplished so much last year considering the enormous challenges we faced. More importantly, our students benefited from our efforts.

As you're preparing for fall, consider how you can contribute to this fine organization called the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum. Volunteers are always welcome - WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER! Contact me if you'd like to get involved. Let's make 2021-22 the best year ever!

Musically yours,
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2021-2022 TMTF CALENDAR (updated as of August 1)

August	March
13 TMTF Board Meeting	5 TMTF Levels of Progress - Virginia Beach, Portsmouth
21 DEADLINE - Stafflines News	6 TMTF Levels of Progress - Virginia Beach, Norfolk
September	April
17 TMTF Meeting/Workshop	9 TMTF Glover Scholarship Auditions
21 DEADLINE - Stafflines News	15 DEADLINE - Eastern District Auditions
October	15 DEADLINE - Glen Mayberry Auditions
8 TMTF Board Meeting	21 DEADLINE - Stafflines News
8 DEADLINE - Sacred Music Festival	22 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
21 DEADLINE - Stafflines News	23-24 TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions
22 TMTF Meeting/Workshop	May
TBA DEADLINE - Student Recital - VA Beach & Portsmouth	1 DEADLINE - Achievement Award Documentation
November	1 DEADLINE - TMTF High School Seniors' Recital
1 DEADLINE - Achievement Award Registration	13 TMTF Board Meeting
4-6 VMTA Fall Conference	14 Eastern District Auditions - CNU
12 DEADLINE - TMTF Play-A-Thon	14 TMTF Glen Mayberry Auditions - CNU
13 Sacred Music Festival - Virginia Beach	14 TMTF Honors Recitals Rehearsals
19 TMTF Meeting/ Workshop	15 TMTF Honors Recitals and H.S. Seniors' Recital
TBA Student Recital - VA Beach & Portsmouth	20 TMTF Meeting/Workshop/Luncheon - Conference Highlights
December	21 DEADLINE - Stafflines News
3-5 TMTF Play-A-Thon - Chesapeake & Virginia Beach	July
21 DEADLINE - Stafflines News	21 DEADLINE - Stafflines News
22 DEADLINE - VMTA Theory Test	
January	
10 DEADLINE - VMTA Keyboard Skills/Sight Reading Tests	
TBA DEADLINE - TMTF Levels of Progress	
21 TMTF Meeting/Workshop	
21 DEADLINE - Stafflines News	
29 VMTA Theory Test - ODU	
February	
11 TMTF Board Meeting	
13 VMTA Sight Reading/Keyboard Skills Tests	
TBA DEADLINE - Student Recital - Portsmouth	
18 DEADLINE - Student Recital - Norfolk	
18 TMTF Meeting/Workshop	
21 DEADLINE - Stafflines News	
TBA Student Recital - Portsmouth - Zion Baptist Church	
27 Student Recital - Norfolk - Royster Memorial Presbyterian	
TBA DEADLINE - Student Recital - Portsmouth	

Please note: Check the monthly Stafflines, Yearbook and Activity Booklet for more detailed information as well as to confirm dates & locations to make sure that they have not changed.

Year Book Ads

Our organization is in need of expanding the "**Our Community**" advertisement pages in our Tidewater Music Teachers Forum Yearbook. We lost advertisements and revenue last year due to the pandemic. Our ads are what help us defray the cost of the printing of our yearbooks and activity books. The money also helps with the cost of our monthly meetings/workshops.

In the past, our yearbook has included ads from local businesses, members or member affiliated businesses. This would be a great vehicle to let others know in our community about a business or service so that we can help support it and spread the word! Examples of advertisements in the past include real estate agents, jewelry making, landscaping, substitute organist or pianist, tutor, consignment shops, personal services, legal services, hair dresser, veterinarian services, website designer, home goods, insurance agent, health products, etc., etc.!!! This is only a small list of what is out there and what we encounter each week. A business card ad is only \$30 and is an inexpensive way to advertise.

Our complete yearbook ad prices are as follows:

1/8 page	\$30.00 (business card size)
1/4 page	\$60.00
1/2 page	\$90.00
Full page	\$150.00
Inside cover page	\$175.00
Back Cover	\$200.00

If you know of any school, college, music organization, business or group that might be interested in advertising in our yearbook or if you are, please contact me. **The deadline for ads is August 20th.** I can be reached at (757) 925-0248 or lynnkleisler@yahoo.com.

Any assistance with helping to increase the number of ads in our yearbook would be greatly appreciated!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
TMTF Yearbook Ads Chairman



August

5	Bethany Jacob
14	Crystal Villanova
20	Daniel Miller
27	Loretta Beatty
30	Sharon Whealton
31	Susan Atkins
31	Marilyn Forman

September

2	Josephine Jones
6	Elizabeth Edler
16	Sharon Alston
17	Jessica Tuttobene
25	Debra Newton
28	Christine Ward
30	Vernon McCart

Student Recital

The Norfolk February Student Recital will be held at Royster Presbyterian Church, Sunday February 27th at 3:00 PM.

At this printing, the time/place is still in limbo for the November VB Student Recital. While I have reserved the VB Central Library for Saturday, November 20th at 3:00, we are holding the final decision in hopes the JCC can accommodate us Sunday, November 21. They are not taking reservations until August, so their fall calendar is not open yet.

Jeanette Winsor

MTNA Certification - Is it right for you?

My first thought is: it's right for everyone! Wait a minute - maybe not for everyone.

- Do you want to be a better music teacher? Then, certification is for you.
- Do you want to gain additional respect of your colleagues, students and their parents? Then, certification is for you.
- Do you want to have more confidence in your teaching? Then certification is for you.

However, if none of the above appeals to you, maybe certification isn't for you.

But I'm confident you're at least a little bit interested in exploring certification and what it can do for you.

Send me an email or text, and we can set up a private meeting, whether in person or on Zoom. I'm eager to explore MTNA certification with you and willing to help. Let me know if you have questions. But first, explore the website: [Certification.MTNA.org](https://www.certification.mtna.org).

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Welcome **New Member**

Alyssa Beyrodt

Stafflines Advertising Rates

The following advertising rates are for Stafflines news that is not related directly to TMTF activities.

Two to three line announcement such as a recital or job opening: No Fee

One half page (8.5" x 5.5"): \$10.00

Full page (8.5" x 11"): \$20.00

Make check payable to TMTF and send along with your ad to

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