

LAAPANOTES

Maximizing Communication With Your Teacher



(pictured above) - drum student, Sam getting some tips from his instructor, Mr. KC. and student, Akshara getting feedback from her piano instructor, Ms. Carol.

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you had a fantastic Mardi Gras break and we're excited to get back into the groove! As we do so, I wanted to discuss our many options for parent-student-teacher communication which is critical to the progress and enjoyment of your lessons. Here, I'm mainly talking about lessons and classes for younger students because it's easy for our adult students to speak directly with their instructors and work this out. However, I'd like everyone to know their options when it comes to communication!

Communication is extremely important to us here at LAAPA for your music lessons and dance classes. All students should be receiving weekly assignments, feedback, and progress updates either digitally via our LessonMate platform or within their LAAPA student notebooks. If for some reason you are not receiving communication weekly from your instructor via one of these methods, please let us know so we can bridge the gap! We realize that in today's world schedules are extremely demanding especially with afterschool activities, so there can be a lot to keep up with. That's why it's so important to us to make communication as easy and accessible as possible so that you'll always know what to expect at the next lesson and how your instructor feels about current progress!

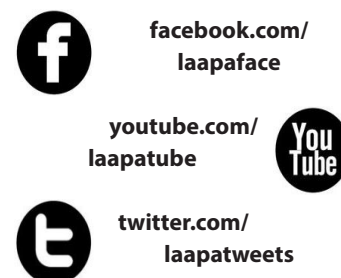
Parents, please also know that we have an open door policy at LAAPA with music lessons - of course, our dance students can all be monitored on TV/ viewing windows! Music parents are welcome to sit

in on a lesson every now and then so that you can be more informed! For those parents that wait in our lobbies, our faculty are more than happy to give you an in-person summary and progress report of each lesson. Some faculty may do this automatically, some may need to be prompted (so don't be afraid to ask)! So, please speak with your instructor about communication this week and work out a plan that works for everyone! It is up to the parents/students to choose which method(s) work best for them. Our teachers are happy to use any/all methods. Our most successful students and faculty use multiple methods with traditional written notes in the notebook, LessonMate for video examples, audio and PDF resources, free (legally shareable) sheet music, and occasional or regular verbal updates (either in person/phone). We really like to see as many resources used as possible to ensure maximum communication and progress.

IMPORTANT If you need help getting your LessonMate account setup or are unsure of your password, just let us know and we'd be happy to help you. With LessonMate, each time your teacher posts a new lesson, you will receive an email prompting you to login and view the lesson. Please note that there is no actual lesson content in the email itself - you must login with your email address and password. If your teacher has not yet used LessonMate in your lessons and you'd like to try out the program, just ask and they would be happy to!

Ryan Cullen, Academy Director

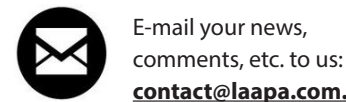
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IMPORTANT DATES:

March 10 - LAAPAFEST Covington
March 17 - LAAPAFEST Mandeville
March 17 - LAAPAFEST River Ridge (Dance)
March 18 - Stage Presence Workshop with Katarina Boudreaux (FREE and open to Public)
March 24 - LAAPAFEST River Ridge (Music)

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REGISTER NOW FOR THE SPRING!

It's Easy to Get Started in Music Lessons and Dance Classes!
Call us Today to Reserve your Time.

Covington - (985) 590-4545
Mandeville - (985) 674-2992
River Ridge - (504) 738-3050

Welcome to Our New Students who began lessons in February!

- Abby H.
- Adrian E.
- AJ G.
- Alice Catherine D.
- Aubrey K.
- Bella D.
- Brianna C.
- Brynnan A.
- Cailah F.
- Callie R.
- Carolyn H.
- (thanks to Tara G.)
- Cassius I.
- Catherine M.
- Cole F.
- Connor A.
- (thanks to Francesca S.)
- Courtney C.
- Dan L.
- De’Nika W.
- Destiny L.
- Devin B.
- Elizabeth W.
- (thanks to Mary S.)
- Gayarti M.
- Geraldine P.
- Grace W.
- Hailey W.
- Ilynn H.
- J. K.
- Jacob S.
- Jaina H.
- Jennifer C.
- Jerome R.
- Joshua W.
- Jossy A.
- Juliet E.
- Kamille D.
- Karlie O’C.
- Katelyn W.
- Katia R.
- Keaughan F.
- Keira F.
- Kelsey S.
- Kenzington B.
- (thanks to Therese M.)
- Kyle R.
- (thanks to Sam B.)
- Kylie T.
- Laylah W.
- Lila R.
- Lily G.
- Lindsay A.
- Lisa S.
- Logann L.
- Luke A.
- Lynne D.
- Madelyn B.
- Mary Clare S.

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Student News



River Ridge School of Music & Dance hip hop and musical theater student, **Mia Sayyad**, had her art project on display at Audubon Zoo as part of the Jefferson Parish Public Schools Talented Visual Art Exhibit-Art Around the World.

Covington School of Music drum student, **Kennedy Jackson** auditioned for a spot in the District 9 honor band for Jr. High. Not only did he make the band, but he was awarded “First Chair” out of 30 students. He takes drum lessons with Mr. Josh S.



River Ridge School of Music & Dance hip hop and musical theater student, **Sophia Sayyad**, recently danced with her class at her school festival to the song ‘Stayin’ Alive’.

River Ridge School of Music & Dance vocal student, **Thanvi Subramanian**, is participating in the Metairie Music Club Voice Festival at Delgado College on February 24. Thanvi studies with Mrs. Candice M.

Have News to Share? E-mail your news to studentnews@laapa.com! Connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/laapaface

Want to PLAY/RECORD with a Pro Band?

BURRIS



Our Winter Referral Contest is now underway! Will You Win?! Shanmugavel did last contest!

If you refer a new student to the Academy and they enroll:

- You will receive a free lesson in any program.

- You will be automatically entered into our drawing this April 2 to **PLAY & RECORD IN CONCERT** with local New Orleans Jazz-Rock Band, **BURRIS** (\$ 1,000 value)!

Please make sure that your friend mentions your FULL NAME at the time of enrollment. The more friends you refer that enroll - the more chances you have to win!

The winner will be announced at facebook.com/laapaface April 2!

Student of the Month - Zachary Montz



Covington School of Music student, Zachary Montz, takes drum lessons and is also a part of the Rock Band here at LAAPA! We recently had a chance to speak with him and learn a little more about his lessons and interests!

What program(s) are you taking and who is/are your teacher(s)?

*Percussion (Drums), Charles Ray
Pop Rock Band (Drums), Chris Talley*

How long have you been taking lessons with us?

8 years

What is your favorite part of the lesson each week?

Getting to play the type of music that I love.

What do you enjoy practicing each week?

Learning to play more challenging songs, especially rock songs.

What are your other interests/hobbies?

Powerlifting, Basketball, Football, Cars and Video Games

What do you hope to accomplish with a background in music? What do you want to be when you grow up!?

I am joining the St. Paul's Marching Wolves band next year, and then aspire to be on the drum-line for a college marching band. After college, I would love to continue to play the drums professionally or as a hobby. Another profession I am interested in is being a pilot.

Chris and Kim (parents) What made you choose LAAPA?

We were looking for a music school with a good reputation, in a convenient location, with flexible practice hours, various instrument options and where Zachary could explore and develop his musical talent. We also loved the fact that he would be able to show his progress in performances throughout the year.

Student Shout Outs!

"Amelia loves her violin lessons with Ms. Catherine and has also been getting a lot out of her music theory classes."

~Knebel Family

"Jake is really enjoying his drum lessons with Mr. Josh S. and is excited to be purchasing a new home drumset!"

~Fontenot Family

"Zackary loves his piano lessons with Ms. Lisa, and we can't believe how quickly everything is coming together!"

~Gorman Family

Happy March Birthdays!

(Students) Abby W. (10), Alice D. (3), Allie-Grace G. (10), Amelie G. (13), Andre M. (8), Aniyah T. (6), Anson P. (11), Antonio G. (2), Ashleigh H. (13), Aubrey W. (10), Ava G. (9), Avery B. (12), Brianna D. (11), Brooke F. (10), Cadence P. (7), Dondria H. (adult), Eliza L. (6), Elizabeth T. (7), Elizaveta D. (7), Ella R. (10), Emma S. (11), Emma M. (15), Ethan R. (14), Evangeline T. (4), Gabriel M. (12), Grant S. (12), Harlee S. (4), Izabella L. (12), Jack D. (10), James W. (7), Japheth O. (17), Jayla F. (14), Jemma Z. (8), Jeremy H. (adult), John G. (9), Julia S. (7), Kacey C. (11), Karli W. (adult), Karter W. (5), Katy A. (13), Keaughan F. (2), Kennedy M. (12), Laney T. (17), Lauren G. (12), Leanne B. (7), Liam C. (5), Linda R. (adult), Lindsay A. (13), Lisette G. (13), Lyla S. (7), Madison B. (6), Madison R. (10), Marilyn A. (15), Marise W. (16), Marissa D. (11), Max F. (9), Max G. (7), Michael E. (11), Milei P. (5), Nate S. (15), Olivia A. (14), Olivia S. (13), Raegan H. (11), Rakshitha R. (14), Rami I. (8), Regina R. (adult), Ryan S. (11), Ryleigh B. (10), Samantha B. (6), Sarah S. (11), Sarah M. (17), Sarah C. (16), Sofia V. (10), Soma N. (5), Sophia M. (8), Stella F. (9), Susan T. (adult), Svaraathmika B. (4), Therese D. (8), Tiffany C. (7), Treyvon H. (4), Ty B. (6), Victoria W. (11), Vinoth M. (adult), Zhaoju T. (adult), Zoe B. (9)

(Faculty) Elizabeth C., Dr. Martin C., Christopher T.

Welcome New Students (continued)!

Matthew Y., Max L., Michayla C., Olivia C., Payton S., Rebekah R., Reece S., Reya D., Shenethia "Niecey" J., Silah R., Sophia S., Spencer M., Stellan S., Taylor K., Vikram B. (thanks to John S.), Violet E., Wesley H.

It's a pleasure to have you joining the LAAPA Family - welcome and we look forward to helping you achieve your goals!

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(pictured above) A summer camper getting in some air time during acting class!

March Edition:

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- Happy March Birthdays!
- Student of the Month - Zachary Montz
- Would you like to Play/Record in a professional Band?
- Welcome to our newest Students!
- Join us for Summer Camp!



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Very Limited Space - only 25 campers enrolled each week. For more information or to enroll, visit www.laapa.com/camp or call (504) 208-2301!