



# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER




## MEAT RAFFLE

**Saturday 2/28/2026**

Basket Raffle - Wine Pull - 50/50 - Door Prize & CMS Spring Sweepstakes Early Bird Drawing

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. | First pull at 6:00 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company  
45 S Ellicott Creek Rd, Buffalo, NY 14228

Pizza \$1 per slice  
Pop, Beer, & Wine included with ticket

Bring your own snacks!

\$15 per ticket | \$135 for table of 10




### ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY

For the past three years, CMS has been collecting food and hygiene items to take to local community fridges. We'll continue this, but have temporarily switched gears in light of recent events. We'll continue to collect goods, and ask that if you've got anything to share, please leave on the donation table near the front desk.

If you and your family could use some groceries, you'll find filled, sealed individual brown paper bags on the table in the back hallway near the stairs. Students and families may pick up on their way out of the building.

**\*\*Leave what you can. Take what you need.\*\***

If your family has a deeper need, please feel free to speak to Executive Director Jen Guillow or Director Of Operations Paul Waara at any time. We will help wherever we're able, or direct you to someone who can.



### January Studio Make Up Day Schedule

All students are invited to attend their teacher's studio make up day.

#### Saturday January 17, 2026

10:00 a.m. - All piano student ages 18+ & Will Brobston  
12:00 p.m. - Tedyra Barton - Harris  
2:00 p.m. - Maria Goodrich

#### Saturday January 24, 2026

10:00 a.m. - All piano students ages 7-12  
12:00 p.m. - Nick Czaplicki  
2:00 p.m. - All piano students ages 13-17

#### Saturday January 31, 2026

10:00 a.m. - Dr. Martin Weir & Gary Rutkowski  
12:00 p.m. - Jill Buerk & Paul Waara  
2:00 p.m. - Aleks Tirrone



*\*Some teachers have not yet scheduled their make up day, so please watch your emails for further information.*



**CMS SPRING SWEEPSTAKES**

**GRAND PRIZE**

**\$15,000!!!**

Other prizes include \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500, & \$250

Drawing to be held April 28, 2026. Scan the QR code to purchase your ticket!



## Closings

### Winter Break

CMS will be closed for Winter Break starting December 24. We will return from break on January 5.

There will be no lessons or classes on these dates, and students are not billed for these days.

### STUDENT ILLNESS

It's cold and flu season. If you're ill or symptomatic, please contact the CMS Office to cancel your lesson. 716-884-4887 or [info@cms-buffalo.org](mailto:info@cms-buffalo.org). Student absences will be made up as Studio Makeup Days in January or April.

### WEATHER CLOSINGS

Closings will be posted on our website, social media and local tv and radio.

Please visit our website for up to date information on all things CMS! [www.communitymusicbuffalo.org](http://www.communitymusicbuffalo.org)



## Upcoming Events

### Holiday Recital Fest

Our Holiday Recital Fest will be held on December 13 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., with a new recital starting every 45 minutes. If you're interested in performing, please speak with your teacher and sign up using the QR code in your teacher's studio.



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