



JANUARY 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



UPCOMING EVENTS

January Recital
Our January Recitals will be held on January 16 at 6:00 p.m. for all vocal & instrumental students, and an Adults Only program at 7:00 p.m. If you're interested in performing, please speak with your teacher and sign up using the QR code in your teacher's studio.

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 & Maria Goodrich

Saturday January 24, 2026

10:00 a.m. - All piano students ages 7-12
12:00 p.m. - Nick Czaplicki, Phil Banaszak, Helen Butler-Ceppaglia,
Leslie Bahler, Brian DeJesus
2:00 p.m. - All piano students ages 13-17

Saturday January 31, 2026

10:00 a.m. - Ellen Pieroni, Caryn Gunderson, Denise Peters
12:00 p.m. - Jill Buerk, Paul Waara
2:00 p.m. - Aleks Tirone, Dr. Martin Weir, Gary Rutkowski

STUDENT ILLNESS

With cold and flu season approaching, if you are are ill or symptomatic, please be considerate and contact the CMS Office to cancel your lesson. You can CALL us at 716-884-4887 or email info@cms-buffalo.org. Any student absences will be made up as part of your teacher's Studio Makeup Day in January or April.

CLOSINGS

CMS will be closed for Winter Break starting December 24. Lessons will resume on January 5.
Monday January 19 is a holiday at CMS, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will be no lessons or classes on these dates, and students are not billed for these days.

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY


If you could use some groceries, you'll find filled brown paper bags full of food on the table across from the front desk. Take what you need!

Gift Certificates Available Online.

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 at www.communitymusicbuffalo.org!

Early Bird Drawing at the CMS Meat Raffle on 2/28/2026



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!



KENNETH ATKINSON SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Kenneth Atkinson served as Piano Chair, and then Piano Chair Emeritus at CMS until his passing in 2018. During his 51-year tenure, Ken inspired countless students, colleagues, and audience members alike. This year's Kenneth Atkinson Scholarship Competition will be held on Sunday March 22. Students of all ages and levels are encouraged to participate. The award is a scholarship toward future study at CMS. *The entry form will be distributed to students in February.*