

FCMTA Teacher Meetings Schedule, 2024-25

Sept. 10: **Business Meeting:** 10:00 AM, Trust Meeting Room

C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick

Oct. 8: **Internet Cafe 2024**, Bobbie Rastall ~ presenter

Location: Middletown Library, 31 E. Green St., Middletown

Bring your own iPad or laptop so you can see what's new. We're looking at Teacher resources, digital music, and games. Also bring your favorite sites.

Nov. 12: **Technique Without Tears**, Nancy Breth ~ presenter

10:00 Middletown Methodist Church, 7108 Fern Circle.

What is technique? It is the freedom to play with comfort, with facility and with a beautiful sound; it is the ability to deliver on the demands of our repertoire. We need technique, we want technique, but we hate to practice technique...Unless we find a technique regimen that piques our interest, that motivates us, that even makes practicing technique enjoyable. Technique Without Tears offers just such a curriculum. These studies and exercises work for beginners to advanced students and they are adaptable to any teacher's philosophy. We will discuss strategies that make everything from scale fingerings to chromatic double thirds easier for us to teach and for our students to learn.

In response to FCMTA's expressed interest in **Bach Inventions**, we will discuss how best to approach contrapuntal music, and what technique tricks are particularly effective in bringing an Invention to life.

Dec. 10: **Holiday Gathering** host ~ Tatjana Podjaski-Desler

10:00, 6960 Snead Court, Middletown

Please bring a holiday snack to share. Beverage will be provided.

Let's gather around the piano with holiday music. Bring a favorite to share.

Jan. 14: Business Meeting

Location: TBD

Feb. 11: **New Formats for Music Lessons** Bobbie Rastall ~ presenter

Meet & Greet: 9:30-10 6777 Sunnybrook Drive, Frederick

For 300 years, private music lessons have pretty much followed the same format: student comes to teacher, teacher teaches Western classical music, heavy on the technical exercises. Let's take a look at some of the new formats that are coming about in the 21st century.

Mar. 11: Open

April 8: **Imrovisation III**: From Leadsheet to Masterpiece as a Duet.

Nick Int Veldt ~ presenter 20612 Beaver Creek Rd., Hagerstown
Meet & Greet, 9:30-10. Presentation, 10-11:30

Explore the joy of creating a masterpiece from a leadsheet, but in collaboration with a colleague! One player will improvise the primo part, and the other, the secondo part. We'll find that this requires solo improvisational skill, but also thoughtful collaboration with the duet partner to produce a well-integrated result. This will be a "hands-on" (pun intended!) experiment for all attendees, as we work together in pairs. Double your pleasure, double your fun; double your improv, it can be done!!

May 13: Business Meeting

Location: TBD

June 10: **Duet get-together** (Details to follow.)