

March 2008 Edition

The **ON TRACK** **Music News**

It's that time again...



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Register Now for Student Fest!!!

The time to begin preparing for the annual On Track Music and Groove Dr.'s Student Fest is upon us. Students should decide on their performance pieces and begin practicing for this extremely fun and exciting event right now. All Students are invited and encouraged to attend! Student Fest offers students of On Track Music and The Groove Dr.'s the unique opportunity to demonstrate their musical skills for loved ones and friends. It also gives students a chance to see what other players are doing and the opportunity to hear different styles of exciting guitar based music. This year's Student Fest will include an entire weekend of fun packed events beginning Friday evening May 16th, with a killer concert by the Performance Groups of our A.M.P.'D teacher's alliance. Saturday May 17th features a full day of individual guitar and drum performances and a totally different A.M.P.'D concert that evening. Both nights will feature mega gear give-aways of ultra cool guitar and drum equipment.

Registration will take place throughout the month of March and will end on Monday, March 31st.

HOW COOL IS IT? The annual Student Fest is tons of fun! Our staff goes out of their way to insure that all participants feel comfortable and relaxed. New comers and first time performers will find the atmosphere is casual and encouraging. Band performers will be treated to full blown professional production and are guaranteed to feel like real stars! The Festival features students from all age groups and ability levels, and also showcases performances by staff members of On Track Music, The Groove Dr.'s., and the A.M.P.'D teacher's Alliance. All participants are treated to a 'backstage buffet' and are automatically entered in our *Great Gear Give Away* for a chance to win super-cool musical prizes (**last year we gave away over \$7500 in prizes and this year we are already putting together an eye-popping array of killer gear!!!**)

Performance opportunities for Guitar, Bass, and Drum, students in the Student Fest will include:

Festival Group performances - Students who join together as a group to perform a song with a CD track. Festival groups are a great way to overcome the jitters of being on stage alone. There will be Festival Group songs arranged for all levels of players from beginning to advanced.

Advanced Festival Groups - For students who have been a part of our Summer Jam Program and want to perform one song with a live band at the Student Fest.

A.M.P.'D Performance Groups - Real bands playing a real concert.

Individual performances - Played either solo or to musical recordings. This year there will be a very limited number of individual performances. What we would like to see is the majority of students participating in some type of Festival Group performance.

Ask your teacher about the type of performance that is best for you!!!

Student's need to register for Student Fest A.S.A.P! There are a limited amount of time spots available and they will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Student Fest registration forms are available at the school office of On Track Music and through Sneez or Sherrie of the Groove Dr.'s. Registration forms include detailed information about this awesome event so... **Don't miss out and be sure to get registered right away!**

For more information on Student Fest and for a good look at what took place at last year's Student Fest visit: www.ontrackguitar.com.



Scott Graves
School Director

WOULD YOUR ORGANIZATION LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS?

I will be the first one to admit that my life long career as a musician and educator has been a blessing beyond belief. I know that I also speak for Sneez and Sherrie Senese of the Groove Dr.'s, as well as many of the top On Track instructors when I say that one of the most rewarding aspects of working with so many different students is seeing first hand the impact that our relationships and tutoring have had on their lives.

At On Track Music and the Groove Dr.'s we are constantly striving to improve our program in order to better meet the needs of every student enrolled in our facility. We love seeing the excitement in the faces of students who have just played their first song, just performed in a real concert, or just won a brand new guitar or drum kit at the Student Fest. Like all quality educational facilities we strive to provide the very best service for the most reasonable tuition rates. *Unlike* the vast majority of quality educational facilities, we have never done student sponsored fund raisers, offered privately sponsored scholarships, or corporate sponsored events (with the exception of some partial sponsorships for last year's Student Fest).

We would like to see that change. Sneez, Sherrie, my wife Hazel, and I, love our students. If it were humanly possible we would teach everyone for free and give away a million dollars worth of stuff at the Student Fest. But let's be realistic... We have to make a living and \$7500 in give-aways is pretty cool. The Graves and the Sneezes will probably put in around 1000 hours of preparation for this year's Student Fest for which we will in no way be compensated (except, of course, by the glowing looks of ecstasy on the faces of our overjoyed students). What we would like to do, is partner up with other companies, organizations, and individuals who would like to join us in bringing this incredible joy to so many different people. If you, or your organization, is in a position to help us out with any kind of sponsorship (*i.e.* Scholarships for gifted or needy individuals, prizes for Student Fest, equipment upgrades, media attention, etc.) we would be very interested in talking with you about how we can benefit from a mutual relationship. Our goal is to: Be able to continue to provide an outstanding service to our students; Increase what we are able to offer in our program; Offer our services to those who may be financially prohibited from taking part in our program; And pass the least amount of cost on to the student body. We will strive to continue to operate our facility in just such a manner.

If you would like to join us, please do not hesitate to contact us immediately. We can be reached via the website (www.ontrackguitar.com) or directly by calling:

Scott: 801-450-9267, Sneez: 801-550-8305, or Sherrie: 801-867-8176.

We are excited to see what wonderful things we can do together!

Scott Graves

School Director, On Track Music Instruction

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON TRACK!!!
WE JUST CELEBRATED 16 YEARS
OF SERVING THE SALT LAKE VALLEY.**



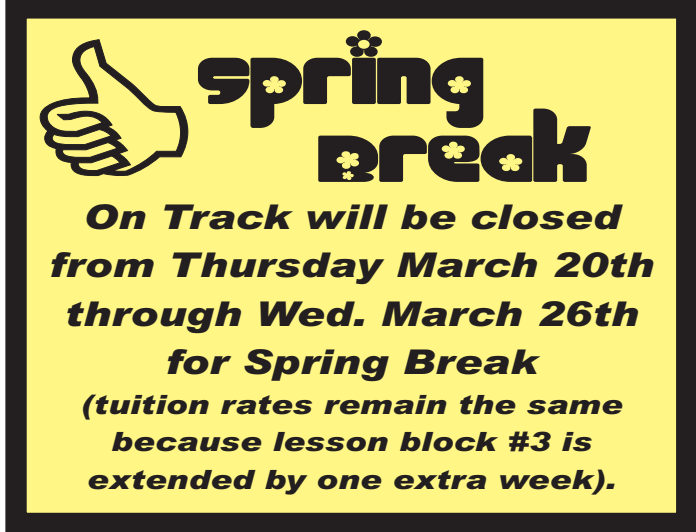
On Track Music and The Groove Dr.'s would like to give a shout out to Jamie Thorpe for being the official photographer of the 2008 Student Fest. You can check out Jamie's incredible work at www.jamiethorpephotography.com

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A.M.P.'D BANDS ROCK RIB ROAST!!!

Saturday, January 19th, the A.M.P.'D Bands of On Track Music and Groove Dr.'s, set another record day for attendance at Salt Lake's award winning restaurant "Pat's Barbeque". The all day event featured eleven bands that proved you're never too young, or too old, to rock the roof off! The A.M.P.'D bands amazed the enthusiastic crowd at Pat's totally unique "barbeque and bands" venue. The magical musician's displayed dazzling guitar work, earth shaking drum grooves, thundering bass lines and star quality vocals. Cover tunes included everything from "The Eagles" to "My Chemical Romance" and satisfied a huge range of musical tastes. Roughly 70 students participated in the awesome ear pleasing and belly filling event.

The gig at Pat's is just one of the incredible opportunities presented to the students of On Track Music and The Groove Dr.'s through our A.M.P.'D teacher's alliance. Students interested in our A.M.P.'D band program need to attend the annual Student Fest to see just how exciting playing with a live band can truly be!!!



**spring
break**

***On Track will be closed
from Thursday March 20th
through Wed. March 26th
for Spring Break
(tuition rates remain the same
because lesson block #3 is
extended by one extra week).***

Start Planning to Win Big Now

Those of you who have attended one of our killer annual Student Fests know how cool our prizes are. You also know that there are only two ways to win at Student Fest: 1- Have your raffle ticket drawn, or 2- Bring the most people to the Fest. Raffle tickets cannot be purchased! The only ways to build up your precious supply of raffle tickets are to:

- 1) Perform in the Student Fest (six free tickets).
- 2) Invite people to the Student Fest (everyone you invite gets a free raffle ticket and you get one free ticket for each person you invite. There is no charge to see the Student Fest. All invited guests get in for FREE!).
- 3) Purchase an official Student Fest 2008 tee shirt (six free tickets per shirt).
- 4) Bring cookies to the Student Fest to share with our invited guests (one raffle ticket per store bought package).
- 5) Make purchases from official Student Fest Sponsors, including On Track Music. (The number of raffle tickets given for a purchase varies from item to item).

Remember, there are also prizes awarded for: The person who brings the most invited guests on Friday Night. The person who brings the most invited guests on Saturday night. And the person who brings the most invited guests for both Friday and Saturday Nights combined.

So, make your plan of attack now and start building up your supply of raffle tickets right away!!!

SUMMER JAM & SKILL BUILDING CLASSES COMING IN JUNE !!!

Do not miss out on the incredible opportunity to skyrocket your musical skills in one of our exciting Summer group programs. These fun filled classes are only offered from June through August and have been described to us by students and parents as the highlight of their summer events.

Students can sign up for a skill building class like our super popular "Guitarobics", or they can try out our extremely successful and fun-filled "Summer Jam" program and perform in a real concert at the Wheeler Farm amphitheater in August! The Groove Dr.'s also offer killer classes to improve your skills and stick technique as a drummer.

Watch for more details on these programs in upcoming newsletters or contact the school office for more info!