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Welcome back to Spring Break but Hold On...It's Going to Be May! How to finish strong!

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How to prepare for a successful spring!

Spring Break is just ending (or just starting) for Houston school districts! No matter where you are in the break, now is the time to gear up for a

1 **Stay on top of your schedule.** Spring only gets busier—double-check your daily plan and make sure practice remains a priority.

2 **Plan ahead for summer.** Have you finalized your Summer Institute plans? Find Suzuki Institutes across the country here: [Suzuki Institutes](#)

3 **Set a performance goal!** A deadline can be a great motivator. The [Ribbon Festival](#) is coming up, and the deadline to sign up is **this Thursday!**

🎵 *Ribbon Festival Repertoire Options:*

- **Recital test run:** Studio recitals are coming up, try out your recital piece for an audience and get some great feedback to make your studio recital performance sparkle.
- **Beyond Suzuki:** Play your favorite fiddle tune or another non-Suzuki piece.
- **Duets & Chamber Music:** Have a group you've been working with! Perform with an ensemble!
- **Review Pieces:** Try a "Book Back" performance, playing past Suzuki pieces at a higher level.
- **Important:** All pieces must be memorized and performed with accompaniment.

Make the most of the spring semester and keep the momentum going! 🎵🎶

🎀 Ribbon Festival 🎀

📅 **Application Deadline:
Thursday, March 20th!**

Highlights:

- ✅ All pieces must be memorized
- ✅ Students perform in a recital setting and receive a medal + individualized clinician feedback
- ✅ Accompaniment required (piano or duet part)
- ✅ Recital attire required

Questions? Ask your teacher!

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FESTIVAL

SAT, APRIL 5, 2025 10am-2pm

Register By March 20th!
www.stxsa.org/ribbonfestival

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
2353 RICE BOULEVARD
HOUSTON, TX 77005

STXSA Members: \$35
Non-Members: \$45






Register for Ribbon Festival



STXSA Book Club for teachers and parents!

Have you purchased the book yet? It's time to start reading...

Mindset: The New Psychology of Success by Carol S. Dweck, Phd.

[Books available here](#)

See you on April 12, 2025!

Resources

[STXSA Parent Corner Newsletter Archives](#)

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[Suzuki Association of the Americas](#)

[International Suzuki Association](#)

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STXSA Event Calendar 2024-2025

April 5 - Ribbon Festival

April 12 - Parent & Teacher Book Club

April 29 - Parent Night Online Series #2

STXSA Teacher Meeting Calendar 2024-2025

March 20-22 - SAA Leadership Summit, Atlanta, GA

May 4 - Board Meeting

May 18 - Teacher General Meeting and End-of-Year Party



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