



Newsletter
June 1, 2026

President's Message

Now that most schools are out for the summer, hopefully your schedule is looking a little lighter than it did a month ago. Behind the scenes, new CEOMTA officers and chairmen are beginning to plan events for the coming year.

Our district Facebook page is a great way to stay up to date on CEOMTA activities! The website will be updated over the summer as event chairpersons submit their information for the 2026-2027 year.

The biggest event coming up this fall is Scale Olympics, which will be held October 10th, at Otterbein University. This year the handbook has been substantially updated. It is posted on the CEOMTA website [Scale Olympics | Central East District of OhioMTA](#). Registration for Scale Olympics opens July 1st!

Have a wonderful summer! Happy teaching!

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Calendar Spotlight:

Scale Olympics Info Sessions – Tuesday, June 9th and Thursday, June 11th at 10 a.m. at the Delaware County District Library, Orange Branch Community Room.

Student Activities

Scale Olympics 2026

Scale Olympics is a fun, ribbon-earning event for students of all ages! It motivates students to practice the other elements that contribute to good musicianship, with a theory and technique

emphasis. Students in Scale Olympics may participate in up to nine events, including: Scales, Cadences, Arpeggios, Triads and Inversions, Sightreading, Harmonization, Transposition, Ear Training, and Theory. Students competing in fewer than 9 events earn individual ribbons for each event in which they participate. Students participating in all nine events may earn either a blue or a yellow rosette, depending on their scores in each event. The registration fee for students of CEOMTA members will be \$32 for 1-4 events, and \$37 for 5-9 events.

--Scale Olympics 2026 will be held at Otterbein University's Battelle Center on Saturday, October 10th, 2026

--Want to know more about the **new updates** to Scale Olympics? Judging format will now be digital, and the handbook has been reworked, so for answers to any and all questions, **come to our Teachers' Scale Olympics Info Sessions!** They have been scheduled for **Tuesday, June 9th, and Thursday, June 11th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Delaware County District Library, Orange Branch Community Room.** Please RSVP Katherine Bede if you are planning on attending (katherinebede@gmail.com)

--Registration will be open on the website from July 1st-September 20th; the email address for all forms is ceomtascaleolympics@gmail.com.

Congratulations to the winners of the Buckeye Auditions 2026

Elementary -Piano Division

Winner- Olivia Chen - Teacher – Nina Polonsky
Alternate- Kaho Sato - Teacher- Nina Polonsky
Honorable Mention Oliver Cheng - Teacher - Kathleen Sadoff

Junior -Piano Division

Winner- Hudson Seerden- Teacher- Kathleen Sadoff
Alternate- Lena Weinberg- Teacher- Nina Polonsky
Honorable Mention- Riho Sato - Teacher- Nina Polonsky

Senior

Winner- Melanie Klapper- Teacher – Nina Polonsky

Alternate- Joseph Guo Teacher- Nina Polonsky

Honorable Mention- Baohan Hou Teacher - Nina Polonsky

Passing to the next division

Eliana Fittante- Senior Division in Woodwinds- Oboe - Teacher - Carol Bernhardt

Avery Li - Senior Division in Strings- Violin -Teacher – Han Gyusun

Upcoming Dates

OMTA State Conference

Save the Date: The Ohio Music Teachers Association State Conference will be November 5-7th, 2026 in Cleveland, Ohio.

MTNA National Conference – April 2-6, 2027, in St. Louis, MO