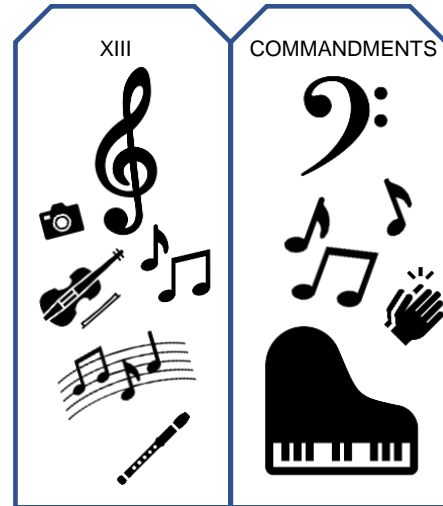


13 COMMANDMENTS FOR RECITALISTS

1. Always memorize your music. However, if music absolutely necessary, use only originals, no photocopies.
2. Get a good night's sleep, and don't go to your recital hungry.
3. Place your hands and body in position before you begin to perform your piece.
4. Listen attentively to the other performers, and applaud at the end of their pieces. If you are uncertain if the piece is finished, wait for others to start applauding before you do.



5. No chewing gum and no cell phones.
6. Play only one short piece if that is all you have memorized.
7. Warm-up ahead of time, but don't overdo.
8. Wear your Sunday best.
9. Walk onto the stage area with poise.
10. Remember, you are well-prepared and have worked hard. Before you begin playing, take a moment to get centered to think about how you will perform your song—the tempo, the dynamics, etc.
11. Focus on your music when performing, and don't let any noises distract you.
12. Take your time to bow after you have finished, and remember to smile at your audience.
13. Thank your music teacher and your parent(s).