

Barbara is very motivated. She is very goal oriented and strives to be better and work harder at all that she does. In addition to being an accomplished young pianist and a first place winner at the NAMTG Music Festival in 2009 and 2010, she is the Concert Master at Demasi Middle school, first place winner of the National Science League and Battle of the Books. She is also involved in track and field in school and considers writing, reading, science, social studies and math to be her academic strengths. Barbara hopes to become a writer someday. She says that, "Writing helps me to release pent up emotions and helps lessen the burden of ideas constantly blooming inside of my already cramped mind". Of her music she proclaims, "Piano also helps me to express my emotions and allows them to seep out of me, bringing a sense of serenity over me. Playing piano helps me to corral my enthusiasm, which can be overwhelming at times. It helps me focus more on my academic studies, on my music, on everything!"