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*"You're off to great places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting, so  
get on your way!"*

*Dr. Seuss*

# Welcome Back

## Off to a Great Start

It has been such a joy to see everyone back and meet all our new Music Steps family members in the last couple of weeks! I am always delighted to see the remarkable growth in both height and maturity that happens during the two summer months.

We spent the first two weeks of lessons choosing new repertoire for this semester, discussing goals for the year and reviewing previously learned concepts. I feel that we have now gotten back into a routine, so we will step it up a notch, by adding on challenges and some special events (see next section).

A few reminders that will help keep things running smoothly in the forthcoming months:

### 1. Cold/flu season

If your child is ill with flu, cold, stomach flu, please do not bring them to an in person lesson. Contact me as promptly as you can, and we will make arrangements for an online lesson instead

I will continue to wipe off the piano after every student, and clean common surfaces at the end of each teaching day. Sanitizing the hands upon entering the studio (sanitizer available at the entrance and in the piano room) or washing hands in the washroom are strongly encouraged

### 2. Studio Policies

Please take some time to review our slightly updated studio policies. You can find them [here](#)

### 3. Client Portal

A reminder that you have access to your own little corner of our website, the [Client Portal](#). Once logged in, you can check your child's lesson time, sync the piano schedule to your own personal schedule, see invoice information, recent studio news, lesson notes and any resources I might have uploaded for your child. Please let me know if you need access.

### 4. Binders

If your child doesn't have one already, please provide them with a binder where they could keep all the photocopies and notes I might hand out during their lessons. It is much easier to keep track of everything this way, and ensure all scores make it back to the lessons week after week

## ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON SOCIAL MEDIA?



(Click on button above!)

Follow us to see the announcements, photos and short videos of the learning that's happening in our lessons. My goal is to have new updates weekly.

# What's New

## Mini Musicians

I am very excited to announce that this year we started a new program geared towards young musicians aged 3 to 5 years, called Mini Musicians. The curriculum is designed to meet the developmental stage these young piano enthusiasts are at. Children will learn piano geography, basic technique and music theory in a friendly, playful environment, through the use of movement, percussion instruments, scarves, singing and games. Number of students per class is limited to 4, just enough to have some fun social interaction, but low enough to receive individual attention.

If you know anyone who would be interested, please pass on our contact information

## Recitals



I have two recitals scheduled again this year.

### Winter Recital:

- In person
- December 17 at 2:00 pm
- Thornhill Presbyterian Church

### End of Year Recital:

- Virtual
- June 16, 2023 at 6:30 pm (TBC)
- Comfort of your backyard or family room



## Challenge Board

Those of you that have been part of our musical family for a while are starting to get used to our seasonal challenges.

This year I have decided to shake things up a bit, by running year round challenges.

How it works:

- There will be several challenges for students to choose from
- There will be a board up in the waiting area with all the available challenges
- When a student finishes a challenge, this will be announced studiowise, and the name of the student will be posted on the board
- Students will also receive a sticker on their tracking chart (which will hopefully have a permanent place in their music binder)
- My hope is that this will create a studio wide spirit of encouragement, solidarity and community
- Challenges start week of September 29

# October Dates and Events



**HALLOWEEN WEEK  
WEAR A COSTUME**

October 22-28



**STUDIO CLOSED  
NO LESSONS**

October 29-30



**CHALLENGES BEGIN**

September 30



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**NO LESSONS**

October 10

(Lessons as usual

Fri. & Sat.

Oct 7 & 8)

**HAVE A  
SPOOKTACULAR  
HALLOWEEN**

October 31

**WELCOME TO THE  
MUSIC STEPS FAMILY**

**JORDAN  
MACKENZIE**

**RAGINI  
DEVESH**

**LAYLA  
YARIK**

**WE ARE DELIGHTED TO  
HAVE YOU AMONGST  
US!**

