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Dear Parents,

According to various studies, music lessons can be of great benefit to a child. Since music, math and science are intertwined, lessons can improve academic skills. Lessons can also develop physical skill, refine discipline and patience, boost self-esteem and introduce a child to other cultures. For all these reasons and more, Burge Terrace Christian School offers **private** piano, voice and limited instrumental lessons to students during the school day. A list of opportunities appears on the attached sheet.

We recommend the following guidelines for determining when students should start specific music studies:

- Students must be independent readers to begin private piano lessons.
- Students should be in the fourth grade or older to begin studying voice, trombone, or flute.
- Students should have regular access to an appropriate instrument in order to fulfill practice requirements.

BTCS parents will be invoiced at a rate of \$510 per school year. Payments will be due with tuition installments. Students will be billed in 9 monthly installments beginning with the September invoice.

Students are guaranteed a minimum of 30 lessons per year. Any lesson beyond the 30 lessons will be billed at \$17 per half hour. Because music lessons represent a serious commitment, please note that practice time is required on a regular basis and no student will be permitted to drop lessons before the semester's end.

**Pre-piano classes** are offered only to second semester kindergarten and first grade students. These lessons are taught in groups of two and will be scheduled during the afternoon hours. The cost for pre-piano lessons is half the cost of private lessons (\$8.50 per session).

To enroll your child, simply fill out the attached **Music Student Application Form** and return it to the school office no later than August 6, 2018. You will be contacted by one of our teachers regarding your child(ren)'s weekly lesson time for the upcoming school year. **If your child is currently taking lessons with a Burge Terrace Christian School music teacher, it is still necessary to fill out an application form.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Newton at [anewton@burgeterrace.org](mailto:anewton@burgeterrace.org). We are looking forward to another exciting year in the Burge Terrace Music Department.

*Mrs. Newton*

# Music Student Application Form

This form is for **all** students who desire to take lessons at Burge Terrace Christian School during the 2018 - 2019 school year. Please complete **one form per student** and return it to the school office by August 6, 2018. More forms are available at the school office. Thank you.

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**Please complete all information and check the appropriate responses:**

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in music lessons for my child in the following area:

- Pre-piano (2<sup>nd</sup> semester - K5, 1<sup>st</sup>)       Piano (1<sup>st</sup> & above)       Voice (4th & above)  
 Trombone (4th & above)       Flute (4th & above)

Has your child had any previous music lessons? Yes No

If so, what instrument(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How long was the musical study? \_\_\_\_\_

Previous teacher(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a piano in your home? Yes No

Do you have a metronome in your home? Yes No

If no, would you be willing to purchase a metronome for daily practice? Yes No

*\*No refunds or make-up lessons will be given for unexcused absences. Make-up lessons will be provided only in cases of illness or an excused school activity. Students are guaranteed 30 lessons per school year.*

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Parent's Signature

Date

**Please make a note if you have any special requests for lesson times:**

**Lesson Teachers:**

Kerri Dilling: voice

Sherry Hill: piano

John Pate: trombone

Linda Rejko: flute

