

# The Music Staff's 2020-2021 Policy for Private Lessons

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School Term September 9, 2020 – June 15, 2021

Summer Session June 30 – August 20, 2021 (Wednesday – Friday)

## LESSONS

- **Commitment** is for the entire year. Stopping prior to the end of the term requires 4 weeks notice.
- **Make-ups** (illness, school activities, family trips) are at **teacher's discretion with 24 hours notice**.
- **Performance Classes** for piano students are scheduled fall and spring in lieu of that week's private lesson.
- **Refunds or credits** are not given for missed lessons.

## CONSISTENT PRACTICE

- **Parents** are responsible for encouraging and overseeing home practice.
- Students should strive to **practice 6 days a week**; the lesson day may count for one day of practice.
- A **Weekly Practice Log** is recommended for accountability.

## WEBSITES & IPAD APPS

- To reinforce music theory and music appreciation, students should use the *new* website, [www.TmsStudents.com](http://www.TmsStudents.com).
- A listing of apps and additional websites are found on [www.TheMusicStaff.com](http://www.TheMusicStaff.com) under "Play & Learn".
- Parents should assist in making these available for use at home.

## RECITALS and AUDITIONS

*Recitals are a learning experience. Students and families should always plan to stay for the entire event!*

- **TMS sponsored recitals** are scheduled in October and June.
- **TMTF Student Recitals** in November and February are for students level 4 and higher.
- **TMTF Play-A-Thon**, a music scholarship fund-raiser in December, offers another performance opportunity.
- **TMTF Levels of Progress** in March is a one-on-one evaluation for students of all ages and abilities.
- Additional **TMTF** and **VMTA** events are encouraged when appropriate for the student.
- **Piano Guild Auditions** in May individually assess a student's progress and is encouraged for all ages and levels.

## TUITION

- **Annual tuition** is divided into 10 monthly installments (September – June) and due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- **\$10 late fee** is added to accounts if payment is not received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- **Payments** may be cash or check payable to The Music Staff.
- **10 installments cover** 36 lessons (September 9 - June 15) plus 4 summer lessons beginning June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Payment for **additional summer lessons** is due July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Books and audition fees** are in addition to tuition and added to each student's account.
- **\$30 service fee** is charged for insufficient funds.



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*Please update any information which has changed. Sign and return the bottom section by August 15<sup>th</sup> to register for 2020-2021.*

**Student Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number(s)** Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Emergency Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**Length of Lesson(s)** 30" \_\_\_\_ 45" \_\_\_\_ 60" \_\_\_\_ **Day & Time of Lesson(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructor** ( ) Mary Ann Medlin c 647-0316 ( ) Christine Butler c 582-6286

**Person Responsible for Financial Commitment** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 installments September – June 30 " lessons Monthly Installment per student \$112.00

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 installments September – June 45 " lessons Monthly Installment per student \$168.00

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 installments September – June 60 " lessons Monthly Installment per student \$212.00

**Total Monthly Tuition Installment** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent's Signature

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Date