



September, 2021

Dear parents and students,

Happy fall! I am so excited to work with all of you this year! It's an exciting time of new beginnings and an opportunity to start fresh. Whether you are just starting out or have been a part of the studio for years, I am glad that you are here.

Students should arrive on time, with the necessary music/lesson books. Lost time due to tardiness or forgetting lessons will not be made up. I have a full schedule and need to start and end on time out of respect for everyone. Also, if students or parents have questions please ask at the beginning of the lesson or email me.

Please remember that cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance and that makeup lessons are extremely limited and only upon my availability. A Swap List will be provided for students/parents so that they can contact each other to switch lessons if the need should arise.

All students need to wash their hands in the bathroom upstairs to the right of the dining room before piano lessons. Please do not park in the driveway if you are coming in person (parking diagram is on my website).

Please see the calendar of events and check the studio web site regularly for updates. Dates are also posted the white board as you enter the studio.

We will be kicking off the year with a Halloween Recital set for Friday, October 29th at 6:00 pm live on Zoom. Students play pieces in minor keys, "spooky" songs in costume! It's a FUN event and the students LOVE IT! Last year it was so fun to see SPOOKY decorated pianos and the students afterwards to pick up their treats!

The Holiday Coffee Concert is set for Saturday, December 18th at 9:00 am at Hanifl Performing Arts Center. We will rehearse getting the kids on and off stage before the recital. Students will not be allowed to play more than a quick warm up. The Mandatory Dress Rehearsal will be on Tuesday December 14th at 6:45 on Zoom where students get to perform their pieces before the recital.

STUDIO CLASS will be held twice a year in January and March. These will be live on Zoom. This is a great opportunity to play for others, get feedback, build confidence and get to know other students in the studio. Cost is \$10 per student.

Learning the art of music making is a lifelong process. Slow and steady improvements result in success. It's a journey, but it is my hope that all of you reach a place where you feel a sense of accomplishment and experience the JOY of music. It's going to be a fantastic year!

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