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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2020

Dear Student (and Parent):

The purpose of this letter is to schedule students for piano lessons for the summer session as well as for fall. While it is a good idea to take a short vacation from the piano, I don't recommend that students take the whole summer off. Students who continue during the summer weeks usually accomplish a great deal.

If there is an area of interest that you would like to cover during the summer session, please indicate this on the form also. Please complete and return at your earliest convenience. You may take a pic of the form and email or text it, or just email or text your preferences. I have several students on a waiting list and would like to schedule present students before new ones. Please try to let me know your plans ASAP so I know when and if I can schedule the students on that list.

During the summer, I will not be teaching *May 25 – Memorial Day, July 4th, Aug. 1 - 15, and Sept. 7 (Labor Day)*.

Piano tuition for the 2019-20 school year will remain at:

- 30 minute lesson - \$25
- 45 minute lesson - \$37 (for serious late elem./jr.high or adult student)
- 60 minute lesson - \$48 (for serious sr. high or adult student)
- 75 minute lesson - \$60 (for the serious student)
- 90 minute lesson - \$74 (for the serious student)

The spring semester practice chart was started then discontinued with the onset of the pandemic. I have been very impressed with the amount of practice students have been doing during the shutdown. The next Practice Chart will begin Tuesday, 9/8 (For those of you who are new, we do not continue the chart throughout the summer months. I expect students to practice during the summer but I have found that those students who are diligent in recording 7 days a week both semesters need a break from that during the summer months. I welcome any feedback on the Practice Charts from parents and students.)

We have continued preparing for Guild auditions in June. I have not heard if they are cancelled or still on. Stay tuned. We were able to sneak in Levels of Progress before the shutdown, but everything else scheduled for this semester has been cancelled. I do have 1 music congratulations: Mila Hopkins auditioned for GSA in January and was accepted – BRAVA! Also congratulations to our graduating seniors: Lizzy Moss, Isabelle, Maule, & Howie Darden.

Moving forward with studio practices as Virginia begins to reopen, I do not plan to resume lessons in the studio until Gov. Northam begins his Stage 2. I prefer to wait and see how Stage 1 goes. When I do reopen:

1. You may opt to continue online lessons as long as you prefer. You may change your mind in either direction at any time.
2. For face-to-face lessons, I will ask students to do the following:
 - a. Not come for your lesson if you have a cough, fever, or have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days. You may have an online lesson if you wish.
 - b. On entering the studio, use the hand sanitizer provided.
 - c. Only the student may come in the house. At least during the summer & early fall, I am asking family members to remain in the car. Obviously if there is a serious need to use the restroom, you may come in.
 - d. If you see the family of the student before you still outside, please wait until that student exits the studio before entering.
 - e. Please wear a face mask during your lesson.
3. What I will do before & after each lesson:
 - a. Wipe down the keys with Clorox wipes.
 - b. Wipe off the door knobs of the front doors.
 - c. Wipe off door, faucet, and toilet handles if the restroom was used and spray Lysol.
 - d. Wash my hands and use hand sanitizer.
 - e. I will be wearing a mask during the lesson as long as the CDC recommends the practice.
 - f. If either I or Mr. Winsor are feeling even slightly ill, have a cough, fever, or have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days, I will cancel your face-to-face lesson. If I cancel, I will let you know if an online lesson is feasible that day.
 - g. As tempting as it is to move a student's hand to the correct spot or check the arm for tension, I will not be touching the student for the duration of the pandemic.
 - h. Monthly studio recitals are cancelled until further notice. I will continue to schedule dates so you can do a Home Recital, record it, and send to me. No pizza/movie parties this spring.
4. After the pandemic, the PayPal option on my website will still be available for those that prefer to use that option. (Thank you John for programming that!) He also changed the website to **https** to make it more secure.

Plan on trimming or filing your nails the evening BEFORE your lesson – yes every week! If you are healthy, your nails will grow that quickly and need trimming in order to maintain a good hand position. Make this part of your piano assignment please. (Mine are done at least twice a week.)

Just a reminder about parking, you may park in our driveway or in front of our house. I prefer you not park in front of one of our neighbors' houses. Don't worry about blocking both garage doors or at the "change of the guard" between lessons.

WINSOR PIANO STUDIO
Summer Session Calendar 2020

May

Home Recitals - Saturday, May 30th

May 25th - no lessons - Memorial Day

June

National Piano Guild Auditions?

Home Recitals - Saturday, June 27th

July

No lessons Saturday, July 4th

Home Recitals - Saturday, July 25th

August

Studio Summer Break - August 1st - 15th

Lessons Resume - August 17th

**SUMMER AND FALL REGISTRATION 2020
WINSOR PIANO STUDIO**

NAME _____

PREFERRED SUMMER LESSON DAY & TIME _____

PREFER Face-to-Face Lessons _____ **PREFER Online Lessons** _____

SPECIAL INTEREST FOR SUMMER:

FUN PIECE _____

INTERNET PROJECT _____

COMPOSER PROJECT _____

SIGHT READING _____

TWO PIANO WORKS _____

PREFERRED FALL LESSON DAY AND TIME: _____