

Ye Olde Lesson Policy



Tuition

~ Lessons are \$21/ half hour. Payment for the entire month is due at the last lesson of the month for the new month via cash, check, or money order, even if there is a credited lesson. Payment is due whether you are at the lesson or not.

~ 3 weeks are \$63, 4 weeks are \$84, and 5 weeks are \$105. Checks should be made out to me (Theresa Bollhagen).

~ A late fee of \$10/ week will be charged for every week that a payment is late. If the monthly fee is not paid in full, with the late fee by the BEGINNING of the second week of the month, no lesson will be given. Make ups will not be provided due to a missed lesson because of late payment.

~ Post dated checks are NOT timely payments.

~ There will be a \$30 charge for any check returned by the bank.

~ If you are canceling for any reason when the payment is due, you may only take off ONE week.

Cancellations and Make ups

~ **Cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance.** Make ups will NOT be given to those that cancel less than that, except in cases of sickness (one for every 6 months) or a death in the family. You can cancel via my cell phone, email, text message, or by leaving a message at the store.

~ **ONLY ONE LESSON PER MONTH WILL BE MADE UP OR CREDITED.** This includes cancellations for sickness and vacations, but does not include cancellations due to a death in the family.

~ Lessons can only be made up only within 4 weeks of the cancellation. If make ups are offered but not taken, you forfeit the make up. If the make up is cancelled, no other make up will be offered.

~ If I cancel, you can either make the lesson up, be credited, or do not have to pay for it.

Lateness and No Call/ No Show

~ If a student is late, he or she will only receive the remainder of the lesson.

~ If a student is 15 or more minutes late, the lesson is considered cancelled. No make up, credit or refund will be given.

~ Two no call/ no shows will result in the loss of your time slot. No exceptions! This includes make ups.

~ Consistent lateness, cancellations, and/ or a no show will result in the loss of your time slot after a verbal or written warning. The student must learn that being on time and showing up is important, and that starts with the lesson.

Other

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THE LESSON WHEN THEY'RE SICK!! If they were sick enough to stay home from school, they are sick enough to stay home from the lesson. Please think of the health of others!

~ If you decide that you don't want lessons anymore, please notify me at least one month in advance so I can fill the time slot.

~ The student may take extra lessons at any time, provided I can fit him or her in.

~ Summer dropouts will be put on a waiting list, and will be taken only after summer students have a night slot for fall.

~ Time slots will not be held for more than 3 weeks of cancellations in a row unless they are paid for.

Lesson Stuff

Practice

~ The student is expected to practice consistently in order to move forward. For beginners this is 15- 25 minutes a day, 4-7 days per week. For intermediate students this means 30- 60 minutes a day, 5-7 days a week. For advanced players, this means 1-2 hours a day 6-7 days a week. If you're not sure what level your child(ren) is, please ask.

If practice is not done at home (and I can tell!), it will be done at the lesson, and no new material will be given to the student until he or she practices at home. If the student consistently does not practice, you may want to reconsider lessons, and I may reconsider teaching the student. Please remember that the lesson is for learning, it's not like sports practice.

What They Need

For Lessons...

~ Students must come to lessons with an instrument in proper working order, books, and other learning materials, picks (guitar students), and money to replace broken strings.

~ Every student must have at least one book to learn from, and/ or a piece or song to work on. All books and pieces or songs must be brought to every lesson. Unless the student is a very beginner, he or she will need at least 2 books.

At Home...

~ When the student learns 8th notes, a metronome will be required. It does not have to be fancy or expensive.

~ A tuner is highly recommended. A Korg tuner/ metronome will save you lots of money.

~ The student must have a music stand at home, and a sturdy, armless chair to sit in where their feet touch the floor. Violin students should stand during their practice, unless they are in an orchestra, in which case both sitting and standing are encouraged. Guitar students who are or would like to be in a band are also encouraged to stand for at least part of their practice.

Please see the "For Parents and Students" section of my website for other helpful things!

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