

# Fall 2020 Schedule

# <u>September</u>

Mondays: 14, 21, 28 Tuesdays: 15, 22, 29 Thursdays: 17, 24

### October

Mondays: 5, 12, 19\*, 26 Tuesdays: 6, 13, 20\*, 27 Thursdays: 1, 8, 15, 22\*, 29

### November

Mondays: 2, 9, 16, 30 Tuesdays: 3, 10, 17 Thursdays: 5, 12, 19

### December

Mondays: 7, 14\*
Tuesdays: 1, 8, 15\*
Thursdays: 3, 10, 17\*

# \*Makeup weeks/days (see makeup policy below)

October 19, 20, 22

December 14, 15, 17

### Holidays/Vacations (no lessons)

November 23-27 (Thanksgiving week)

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Piano Gymnastics: November 14, 2020

Fall Recital: TBD

Makeups: For your convenience, makeup days are built into the calendar. These designated days may be utilized in two ways: 1) to make up for an absence or an anticipated absence or 2) as a bonus lesson when an absence hasn't already occurred. If your child has missed or is going to miss a regular lesson, he or she will simply attend during makeup week at his or her normal lesson time. If your child does not need a makeup lesson, I will typically ask if your child will be attending that week for a bonus lesson. Please note that no refunds or credits will be issued for absences or unused makeup days. Please refer to the schedule above for designated makeup weeks.



The following guidelines will help us work together to make your child's piano lessons as enjoyable and productive as possible. Please take time to read them so we're aligned on how to best achieve that goal.

**Attendance:** A great benefit to private lessons is the opportunity to receive one-on-one coaching on a regular basis. When your child misses a lesson, he or she misses valuable time to learn new skills and concepts and to receive encouragement and feedback as he or she is learning. Thank you for making attendance a high priority.

**Absences:** I understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable. Please notify me twenty-four (24) hours in advance, if possible, if your student will miss a lesson.

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**Teacher Cancellations:** Should I need to cancel a lesson due to illness or a schedule conflict, I will notify you as soon as possible to arrange a makeup lesson. I will not expect you to use a designated makeup day for a lesson that I cancel.

**Home Practice:** In your child's binder, you will find a practice sheet with goals for the week. Please encourage your child's use of the practice sheet at home to help make lesson time more productive. Feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the practice sheet.

Learning takes practice; this applies to sports, instruments, math, writing, you name it. It's not always fun, it's not always pretty, but it's always necessary if we want to get better. The goal with practice isn't to become perfect, but to make progress. For this reason, making your child spend some time every day at the piano is a positive step toward that goal. Your child may not be someone who gravitates toward the piano on his or her own, and that's okay. As parents, we're often concerned that making a child practice will turn him/her off to learning an instrument, but we typically don't have that same attitude when we're making them do homework. Why? As adults, we know from our own experience that pushing through something tough, leads to a sense of personal reward and joy. Don't be afraid to make your child practice; he or she will thank you for it later.  $\odot$ 

**Tuition (Fall 2020):** One-time payment of \$247 **or** four (4) monthly installments of \$62 per month from September through December (due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month); includes 11 regularly scheduled lessons and 2 makeup/bonus lessons; lessons are 30 minutes

Music: I will purchase books and materials as needed. I will notify you for reimbursement by invoice.

**Enrichment:** Opportunities may arise for your student to participate in music evaluation festivals, recitals and other performance events. Any fees for these events will be communicated in advance.

Payment Methods: cash, check (made payable to Holly Saddler), or online via PayPal.

#### Here's how we'll keep ourselves healthy so we can keep meeting in person:

- **1. Temperature checks—**a quick check at the door with a no-touch forehead thermometer. Students with temperatures at or above 38°C will need to reschedule that day's lesson.
- **2. Hand sanitizer—**for me and each student before we begin the lesson.
- 3. Mask/face-covering—for me and each student for the duration of the lesson.
- **4. Cleaning the keys—**a wipe down of the piano keys before/after each lesson.
- **5.** One at a time—only one student inside at a time. Look for my door sign to let you know when it's okay to enter. Extra time has been allowed between lessons to help with this. An exception will be made for siblings taking back-to-back lessons.
- **6.** Reschedule or Zoom if either of us is feeling sick—As has always been the policy, please don't send your son/daughter to lessons if he/she is feeling sick. In addition, please reschedule the lesson if your son/daughter or a member of your family has knowledge of being in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or if you've been instructed to do so by the health department. I will do the same regarding myself or anyone in my household.

As with any illness, you are assuming risk of exposure when coming to piano lessons. I will do my part to make our lessons enjoyable and as low-risk as possible for everyone involved. Thank you for doing your part too. I reserve the right to exercise my judgement regarding the health of everyone concerned and may reschedule lessons at any time.