

Academic Calendar 2023



- REGULAR LESSON SCHEDULE
- STUDIO CLOSED/HOLIDAY
- MAKEUP LESSON DAY
- CONCERT
- WORKSHOP / PIANO PARTY / SPECIAL EVENT

JANUARY

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CALENDAR/HOLIDAYS/MAKEUP LESSONS

- Please refer to the calendar above for a full list of **holidays and studio closures**. I have modeled the 2023 academic calendar after the Tacoma Public Schools calendar. Unless otherwise noted, **holidays and closures (listed in blue)** are not eligible for makeup lessons. At TML, I do not charge on a per-service basis, but instead run the organization like a private music school; i.e, I structure your students' education across a whole calendar year. As such, tuition remains the same for each month, regardless of what is happening during the month. In some months, you will pay full tuition but may have one or two fewer lessons. In others, you will pay the same tuition, and receive extra lessons, workshops, piano parties, etc. In this way, your kids receive a more holistic and structured educational experience with goals and targets pertaining to an entire year, as opposed to a "one and done" weekly meeting. My goal is to create well-rounded musicians out of your children!
- You will see makeup lesson days (all are Saturdays) dotted around the calendar in **yellow**. Any and all lessons missed due to illness may be made up, as may lessons missed due to traveling, family commitment, or other obligations (with at least 48 hours of notice for reasons other than illness). To reschedule your lesson, text Michael at (971) 337 - 0824 to look for a time on one of the aforementioned makeup lesson days. Lessons missed due to forgetfulness, last-minute scheduling errors, etc, **are not eligible for makeup**.

ILLNESS

- **If your child is sick, please do not send them to piano.** I may elect to end a lesson with a student at any time who is sick, regardless of how long they've been sick, the severity of their symptoms, etc. Rest assured, **I will never refuse a makeup lesson in the event that a child is sick**, so please always err on the side of caution and refrain from sending a sick child to the studio where they may get myself or other students sick. Sniffles, cough, sore throat, etc. all count as sick. **If a student comes to his/her lesson with an obvious illness, I will not teach the lesson, and no makeup will be given.**

PIANO PARTIES

- Occasionally throughout the year (**March 4, April 1, June 10, July 1, October 28, December 9**) I will hold special "piano parties" at the church (divided by age). These are really fun and educational for the kids, and will include performance time, games, gentle competition, time for students to get to know one another, awards, and some kind of food, usually pizza. Expect to drop your kids off and pick them up several hours later. In March, April, and July, these will serve as the students' lesson for the following week. In other months, I will use them as dress rehearsal time for concerts. On October 28, we will have a special halloween piano party at which your kids can wear their costumes! These are included with your normal monthly tuition.

BEHAVIOR AND PRACTICE

- Students must behave in such a way as to communicate respect for themselves, their teacher, and for their learning environment. Repeated interruptions, playing while the teacher is talking, entering the studio uninvited, etc, will not be tolerated. TML is a fun place, and students love to laugh and enjoy themselves, but respect and appropriate boundaries must be observed. Consistent disrespect from a student may result in his/her slot being given to someone on the waiting list.
- All students are expected to practice weekly unless their teacher indicates otherwise (as is often the case with very young students). The great majority of a student's progress actually happens *between* lessons, and a student will fail to see meaningful progress if he/she isn't putting time in between lessons. In the case of kids below 12 or so, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure this extra practice happens. Please refer to your child's practice planner for more specific instruction on practice.
- Life happens, and there will inevitably be times when a student cannot practice, **but consistent failure to practice may result in a student's slot being given to someone on the waiting list.**

MATERIALS

- It is the responsibility of each parent/student to ensure the student comes to his/her lesson each week prepared with ALL relevant books and music. A student who comes to his/her lesson without his/her books automatically forfeits the lesson with no makeup or refund. Repeated failure to bring supplies fundamentally disrupts the learning process and may result in a student's slot being given to someone on the waiting list.

TARDINESS

- It is the responsibility of the student/parent, etc. to ensure a timely arrival to each lesson time. A lesson is considered forfeit after 10 minutes, at which point I may decide to leave the studio. **Such a lesson may not be made up.**

ENROLLMENT AT TML INDICATES YOUR AGREEMENT WITH AND CONSENT TO COOPERATE WITH THESE POLICIES. I MAY UPDATE THESE POLICIES AT ANY TIME (WITH NOTICE). CHEERS TO A FANTASTIC YEAR OF LEARNING AND GROWTH FOR YOUR KIDS!