

Piano Lesson Schedule 2021-2022

Lessons will begin on Sept. 7, 2021 and end in June, 2022.

There will be no lessons on the following days:

Oct. 12 to Oct. 24 (Thanksgiving/fall holiday)

Dec. 18 to Jan 2 (Christmas break)

Feb. 21 (Family Day)

Mar 13 to Mar 20 (March break –Note: I will take an extra week TBA)

Fri. Apr 15 (Good Friday)

May 23 (Victoria Day)

June – Regular scheduled lessons for Monday students on June 6 and 13.

All students will have opportunity for extra lessons and makeup lessons.

All students will receive 32 lessons throughout the year.

My fee for lessons is payable most conveniently in 4 instalments.

An admin/recital fee is payable with the first term payment.

Fees are payable at the first lesson in September by a series of postdated cheques made out to Joanne Bender as follows:

	Sept. 15/21	Nov. 15/21	Feb. 15/22	Apr. 15/22
	8 lessons	8 lessons	8 lessons	8 lessons
30 min.	330*	\$270	\$270	\$270
45 min.	\$465*	\$405	\$405	\$405
60 min.	\$600*	\$540	\$540	\$540

*includes \$60 admin/recital fee

Note: Payment by e-transfer is also acceptable.

Studio Policy: If you can't come to your lesson because of a scheduling conflict

or because you are sick, please let me know as soon as possible and we'll try to

reschedule. In the event of missed lessons with 24 hrs. advance notice, I will be

happy to do make-up lessons at a mutually convenient time (maximum 2 per year).

Bender Piano Studio

An inspiring musical experience

- *Piano lessons for all ages and levels and abilities
- *Inspiring, nurturing and enjoyable environment
- *Individual and ensemble opportunities
- *RCM exam preparation up to and including ARCT
- *Kiwanis Festival participation
- *Member of ORMTA for over 30 years
- *Instruction in theory rudiments and keyboard harmony
- *Composition and Improvisation
- *Community Music Opportunities

My mission is to give each student enjoyment, appreciation and love of music and a mastery of keyboard skills, while developing self-esteem, discipline and creativity.

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Dear Students and Parents,

It's exciting to begin a new year of piano with each of you. After over 50 years of teaching, I enjoy it more than ever. And that's because of you! Great students and supportive parents make the experience very rewarding!

I'm pleased that you have chosen to study music, because it is so valuable. Music lifts our souls, builds self-esteem, is a creative and expressive outlet, develops discipline and learning skills and is just a really fun activity! The piano is a great instrument. Learning to play the piano provides a fantastic basis for learning music. To gain the most from your piano study, here are some important points to remember:

1. Come to your lesson each week at your scheduled time.
2. Practise regularly during the week. I suggest 5-6 days each week,

for these minimum times each day:

- 15-20 min. for young beginners
- 30-45 min. for Introductory to Gr. 5
- 45-60 min. for Gr. 6-7
- 1 hour for Gr. 8
- 1.5 hours for Gr. 9
- 2 hours for Gr. 10 and ARCT

3. Bring all your books to each lesson. A vinyl zippered bag works

well to keep everything together and organized.

4. Keep your piano in good tune and repair. I recommend Paul Wall at 519-744-2744 as an excellent piano technician.

5. Listen to good music as much as possible at home. Go to concerts of classical music if you can. This will help your musical skills and musicianship. KW Symphony offers excellent concerts for music lovers of all ages.