

## Episcopal Private Music Lessons

Private music lessons are available in piano, violin, viola, and cello. Lessons are once a week and last approximately half an hour. For lower school students, most lessons are given during P.E., with limited options during Morning Meeting or Spanish. Middle school and upper school students are scheduled during any pull-out period. A limited number of before-school and after-school slots are also available, depending on the grade and the music teacher. Scheduling is at the music teacher's discretion, and lesson time requests cannot be guaranteed. Lessons begin at the end of August and continue through the beginning of May.

Tuition will be charged by the school, and can be billed by month or semester. Students are expected to remain in the program for an entire year. In the event of early withdrawal from the program, you will be asked to fulfill your financial obligation until a student can be found to take your place.

Regular practice is important. Five or ten minutes a day when homework is heavy will go a long way toward skill maintenance. Most Lower School children will need to be reminded to practice, and will need an adult to practice with them. Middle School students should self-direct but may still need reminding, especially when schoolwork is heavy. We regularly offer student recitals, and students are welcome to play at Morning Meeting.

## Episcopal Strings Lessons

14 lessons will be taught per semester. The cost of materials (such as music books and shoulder rests), festival entries, and piano accompaniment is in addition to tuition.

- ♪ Team lessons (30 minutes, grades K and 1 only): \$375 per semester
- ♪ 30-minute lessons: \$500 per semester
- ♪ 45-minute lessons: \$750 per semester
- ♪ Each student is charged an annual fee of \$45 at the start of lessons

Children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade may be placed in team lessons. A replica instrument is used in team lessons. Important performance and theory skills are learned, and we learn to sing the songs that we will eventually play on the violin. Qualified children below grade 2 may participate in instrumental lessons **with the parent observing** and an approved instrument. These may take place during or outside school hours, and in conjunction with team lessons or by themselves. Instrumental lessons will not be taught to children in these grades without the presence of a parent. Pre-K lessons are only taught before or after school.

Students in grade 2 and above may take individual lessons without a parent. If your child takes individual lessons, I will ask you to meet with me each term, coordinated with the Lower School Parent Conference dates. To participate in individual lessons, you must own or be renting an approved violin or viola. To be approved, the instrument must be the correct size, with working fittings (pegs don't slip), and correctly adjusted. If your instrument is not approved, you will be asked to obtain a different one.

You are expected to practice with your child in the early years. Contact Ruth Roland for a schedule of workshops detailing tips for practicing with your child.

To enroll in violin lessons, you may contact Ruth at [ruthviolin@cox.net](mailto:ruthviolin@cox.net) or (225)205-6225.

## Episcopal Piano Lessons

Each student will receive a minimum of 15 lessons each semester. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students may be placed in team lessons at the discretion of the teacher. The cost of music books and festival entries is in addition to tuition, and will be managed by each piano teacher individually.

- ♪ Team lessons, grades K-1<sup>st</sup>, are \$450 per semester.
- ♪ Private lessons, grades K-2, are \$600 per semester.
- ♪ Private lessons, grades 3-12, are \$750 per semester.
- ♪ A one-time studio fee of \$45 will be charged at the start of lessons.

“No Show” lessons (missed lessons with no notification to their piano teacher) are forfeited. In addition, there are no make-ups for lessons missed because of family vacation or personal time. Makeups are given at the discretion of the individual piano teacher in the event of illness or a required school activity.

Practice assignment sheets are sent home every week to help structure practice time. It is strongly recommended that each student keep their assignments organized in a binder. Please help your child mark their practice days and sign the sheet before each lesson, verifying their practice. This greatly helps the teacher to gauge the difficulty and effectiveness of their assignments. Feel free to use the sheets to send your piano teacher a note; your piano teacher will also use these sheets to keep in touch with you, so please make a habit of checking the assignment sheets each week.

We also recommend that you purchase a tote bag to keep all piano books and materials in. This helps keep books in good shape as we walk to and from piano lessons, which are in the VPAC.

We welcome parents to sit in on the first few lessons each year so that they know how to help their child practice. We are also happy to set up a meeting with parents to talk about expectations for the year.

Most contact will be through email. Please provide your most current email address on your enrollment form to facilitate communication.

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To enroll in piano lessons, please contact either the Lower School Office or Russell Roper.