

# Helen R. Weems Piano Studio



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## STUDIO POLICY -- 2023/2024 STUDIO YEAR

*Thank you for choosing me as your piano teacher!*

### TUITION AND PAYMENT

Tuition for the Studio Year is \$XXXX for weekly 45-minute lessons, and \$XXXX for weekly 60-minute lessons, and is prorated into **10\*\* monthly payments of \$XXX and \$XXX** each, respectively. Tuition pays for (minimum) 32 private lessons, six repertory classes, a studio recital, and local events. Tuition is in effect for the Studio Year (August 21\*\*-June 30). An attendance/events/payments record is in your child's binder.

Tuition is due monthly by the seventh; past the tenth please include a \$10 late fee. Please make checks payable to "Helen Weems." BillPay, Zelle, and multi-month payments are welcome. Per student, 1-hour lessons for \$XX, or 2-hour lessons @ \$XXX, are available by appointment in summer.

A \$75 deposit for each student, due by June 30, 2023, reserves a slot for fall. Music and fee expenses and a \$10 charge for the spring recital venue will be deducted from this deposit. This account is settled in the June 2024 tuition. Deposit is non-refundable if you terminate lessons between payment and June 30, 2024.

### PRACTICE, PROGRESS, AND VALUE

All beginning students are expected to practice 30-40 minutes a day, and intermediate/advanced students 45-60 minutes, six days a week. Breaking up the rehearsal time throughout the day promotes progress and aids schedule management. I also expect listening and written work to be completed as assigned weekly. Parental involvement is crucial, and parents are invited to attend lessons to see what is expected. At home, sitting to listen to your child play even once a week plays a valuable role in their motivation.

To maximize progress, parents must provide a tuned piano and regular, timely arrivals to lessons, classes and events. Students who practice daily, complete weekly assignments, and who rarely miss lessons and classes/concerts progress the most, enjoy their music, and get the most value from tuition!

2023-24 IMPORTANT STUDIO DATES (updated @ weemspiano.com and in advance notifications)

**July 26** RITA'S Rep @ 10am; **!August 20!** Kick-Off Rep @ 4pm; **October 8** Fall Rep @ 4pm; **November 23** Studio Closed; **December 2** Holiday Rep @ 4pm; **December 17** Caroling @ 6:30pm; **December 25-28** Studio Closed; **January 13** Winter Rep @ 4pm; **Feb 19** B2N Rep @ 11am; **April 21** Spring Rep @ 3:15pm; **May 5** The Spring Concert @ 7:30pm (Christ Episcopal); **June 26** "Movie/Pizza/Ice Cream" Rep @ 7pm.

Mission Statement, Studio Protocol, Absence Policy, etc. ►

## STUDIO PROTOCOL

Students should arrive at their lessons -- with trimmed nails and all assigned music -- no sooner than 5 minutes before lesson time, and parents should be on hand to collect children when the lesson time ends.

**Wash your hands** with soap and water upon entering the studio. Please do not bring gum, **food**, or drink (other than bottled water) into the studio and residence. **Wheat must not enter the residence without my knowledge; do not bring in food.** During snow events, please use neighborly judgment when parking. Please take your lesson remotely if experiencing symptoms or have tested positive in the last 10 days.

Conversations with parents are welcome at the beginning of the student's lesson, or by telephone. A dinosaur in good standing, I do not text, and I only email to exchange images or to FaceTime lessons.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION EVENTS FOR STUDENTS

I have Permanent Professional Certification with the Music Teachers National Association, and am active in the local chapter of MTNA. At my invitation, my students may participate in these organizations' events.

## ABSENCE POLICY

There are no refunds for lessons missed, and make-ups are not guaranteed. Given advance notice (by phone or in person), missed lessons may be made up if another slot comes available. When illness or impassible roads prevent you from attending your lesson, FaceTime or Zoom serve as a convenient substitution for all, and keep the student on schedule.

I will take several weeks for personal use. You will be notified well in advance of these dates, and monthly payments remain the same.

**\*\*September Exception:** The studio is opening two weeks early (August 21) and closing for two weeks in September. Please pay September's tuition payment by August 30, and alert me to August conflicts ASAP.

**\*\*The Usual February Exception:** The studio may close for some time in February. February tuition payment will be determined by the number of studio and remote lessons scheduled.

## TERMINATION OF LESSONS

Termination involves planning for the student's ongoing musical life. If you discontinue lessons during the time this policy is in effect, please give notice.

## HELEN R. WEEMS STUDIO'S THREEFOLD MISSION

To nurture student discipline; to teach musical literacy; to graduate students who can learn and play music that pleases them and delights their loved ones.

