

WELCOME TO PIANO!

Studio of Dr. Tunstall | 2023-2024

GETTING READY FOR YOUR LESSONS



GREETINGS AND WELCOME!

As we celebrate the start of the school year, I want to welcome all piano students and parents to my studio. I'm so excited for your new goals and all the beautiful music you will make!

General information can be found here, but if you have specific questions, feel free to ask me. **The 2023-2024 lessons start the week of 8/14/2023.**

This year, let's get fired up with super confident reading and the finishing touches to make your pieces as complete and shining as possible.

I look forward to another year with you. Let's make the world more beautiful!

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- **To do**

___ **Tuition:** Please review your invoice and submit your first installment **by June 30th** to hold your place for the academic year. **First come, first served.**

___ **Schedule:** Please submit your 2 preferred lesson days/time range **by July 28.**
Teaching days are: Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri

Here is an example of weekly hour lesson student:
Good example: Tue 4-6p, Thu 5-7:30p
Bad example: Tue 4-5p

Weekday evening times are in high demand, so requesting times earlier will give us the best result. I will do my best to accommodate everyone.

___ **First Lesson:** **Week of 8/14**

___ **Meeting:** If your child would like to participate in state and district festivals/auditions, we will have a conference **the week of 9/4.** Please plan to be at the studio!

- **Arrival** - Students are encouraged to arrive 5 minutes before their lesson time to get ready. Your lesson time can be better utilized when the heart and mind are in a good place. Please do come upstairs and make yourself comfortable at the chair/ sofa area until your time.
- **Books & Binder** - Please bring a half-inch ring binder with your assignment sheets and scores every lesson.
- **Attendance** - In a perfect world, we would all have ample time for daily home practice and come to lessons super ready every single time. Do come to your lesson even when you feel less prepared! By revisiting materials with a fresh mind and me showing you what/how to practice again will motivate you to still go forward. That's how I got better too!
- **75-min/90-min. Lessons** - This is good for students intending to make a solid improvement or add the music theory component. The difference between these to the 60-min. lesson is basically understanding vs. knowing. 60-min length allows me to cover many details. With extra 15 or 30 minutes, I practice with the student showing exactly how to practice. By living through the practice session with me, the student experiences the fluency with each "item" and carry out the home practicing with confidence and correct expectation of time and effort.
- **Home Practice** - I recommend dividing into 2 segments. (e.g. 15 minutes each with 1-2 clear goals). It could look like these:

For daily 45-min. of practicing: 15 before work + 30 after work
For daily 60-min. of practicing: 45 after school + 15 after dinner
For daily 2-hr prac: Obviously you're doing well, just stretch a lot!