

# Mrs V's KEY ISSUES

## Piano Notes for September

### STUDIO POLICY REMINDER

Please read my piano studio policy which is listed on my website MrsVs.com. The months of September through May will ALL be the SAME TUITION FEE. This fee will remain constant even if a month has a holiday break. Monthly tuition this year will remain \$110. For the months of September through May, tuition RESERVES your time on my teaching schedule. Through the months of September through May, tuition IS NOT a per lesson fee – it is a MONTHLY fee. I so appreciate those of you who are prompt and regular with your payments!!

### HOW ARE LESSONS GOING?

Following each lesson, when lessons are at my house!, please check your child's assignment notebook, in particular noting the symbols indicating how the lesson went. A key for these symbols is listed on my website MrsVs.com. Also, students making a "practice promise" at the first September lesson. Taking piano lessons is a commitment, and parents, your support of the practice promise will not only help teach your child responsibility, but will also provide him/her with time management skills that can be useful for a lifetime! And on the subject of practicing, please schedule practice for the SAME TIME, EACH and EVERY DAY!!! A regular practice time becomes a good habit, and those students who adhere to a regular practice time will advance more quickly...

### LEAVING MRS V MESSAGES

If at all possible, please use email (vdschaaf@sbeglobal.net) to leave me messages. I check email messages throughout the day including right before retiring to bed for the evening, which most nights is not until midnight or after. You will get a much faster response with email since I can respond to it no matter what time of day it is! Also, since I send e-bills, it's important for me to have your up-to-date email address. Please let me know ASAP if I need to make a change with your email address. New students, please email me your street address and phone number for my records. Returning students, if your street address or phone number has changed, please let me know!

### SUMMER MUSIC READING CLUB

Summer students who learned 50+ pieces/pages of new music in 8 lessons or less are Brayden Chao, Mylo Gross, Gus Gross, Sabrina Haney, Harper Chan, Mei Lim, Helen Nicholson, Matthew Nicholson, Thomas Nicholson, Melanie Vanderschaaf, and Grace Zhou! Students learning 40+ pieces/pages of music in 8 lessons or less are Amara Bhakta,

Damion Blair, Annie Feng, Alyssa Miller, Navya Modi, and Benny Newton. You make your teacher SO proud! WAY TO PLAY!!!

### MAKE - UP LESSONS

Make-up lessons will depend on whether or not a cancellation occurs close to the time of absence, *and* notification of an absence should be given 24 hrs in advance. Unless I cancel a lesson and choose not to give a make-up, no refunds will be given. NOTE– this is unlike the summer when I charge only for lessons attended. September through May tuition is a monthly rate charged for reserving your time on the weekly teaching schedule and it's important for you to try to attend regularly at your scheduled time.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



Fall lessons will begin TUESDAY SEPT 8th. Attention all students -- please note the following pertinent dates:

#### *FALL SEMESTER 2020*

Sept. 8 Tuesday - Fall lessons begin  
Oct. 30 Friday - Piano party\*  
Nov. 2-8 Sunday <-> Thursday - Piano Guild forms distributed  
Nov. 23-Nov. 29 Monday <-> Sunday – THANKSGIVING RECESS  
Dec. 18 Friday - Piano party\*  
Dec. 21 Tuesday - End of Fall Semester

#### *SPRING SEMESTER 2021*

Jan. 6 Wednesday - Lessons resume  
Feb. 13 Saturday - Piano party\*  
Mar. 14-20 Sunday through Saturday – SPRING RECESS  
Apr. 24 Saturday - Piano party\*  
May - Piano Guild Auditions - Date to be Announced  
May 15 & 16 Saturday & Sunday - RECITAL  
May 27 Thursday - End of Spring Semester

I give you these important dates far, far in advance to hopefully prevent last minute conflicts ...MARK YOUR CALENDARS please! I do put a substantial amount of time and effort both into my piano parties as well as into the studio piano recital...it would be great to have equal effort on the part of my students (with the support of their families) to ensure perfect party and recital attendance.



I'm looking forward to another GREAT year of piano!!  
"SEE" YOU SOON! :o)