

*Piano Studio of Jennifer Tripi
Syllabus for 2011-12*

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Curriculum

Private lessons will include repertoire, technique, theory and ear-training, improvisation, sight-reading, and creative activities.

Performance classes will provide an opportunity for students to perform in front of others.

Parents are welcome, and strongly encouraged, to come inside during the student's lesson.

Calendar

Students will receive 34 private lessons from August 29 until May 25.

No lessons will be held during the following weeks:

- Thanksgiving week: November 21 – 25
- Winter vacation: December 19 – 30
- Spring break and MTNA Conference: March 19 – 28

Tuition

Payments may be made by semester or by month. First semester is from August 29 to January 13, and second semester is from January 16 to May 25. A monthly statement will be sent via email to all students. I am currently only teaching 30-minute lessons.

- 30-minute lessons: **\$340 per semester** or **\$76 per month**

Monthly payments are due by the first lesson of the month.

Performance Classes

Students are strongly encouraged to attend these twice-monthly classes. Due to space constraints, parents are not allowed at class. All students are welcome to perform. These classes allow students to practice performing on a regular basis. Classes are free of charge.

Music and Materials

- In addition to tuition, a yearly **copying and materials fee of \$25** per family is due with the first payment.
- I will purchase music books periodically and add the cost to your monthly statement.
- All students should own a **metronome** for use in their practice.

Responsibilities

Students

Students are expected to be respectful in lessons and performance classes. They should arrive to lessons with clean hands and trimmed fingernails.

Consistent practice is the only way to become a better pianist. Students should practice at least 6 days a week, covering their assignment each day. Practice goals will be set by the teacher.

Parents

Parents are responsible for creating a rich musical environment for their child. This can start by simply listening to classical (and other types) of music together.

Parents should help students develop healthy practice habits. Set aside a time for practice each day. Please help young students follow their assignment and stay on track until they gain independence.

Teacher

I will work with parents to create the best musical learning environment possible. In addition to setting specific goals for practice time each week, I will give specific steps and/or suggestions to make the student's practice efficient.

Make up Policy

You may choose to have your name and number listed on the **Swap List**. In the event you need to miss a lesson, you should contact another student to swap with if possible. Please contact me either by phone or email regarding the swap.

In the event of emergencies or inclement weather, I will make up **two** lessons during the year. These will be made up as my schedule allows, or during a make-up week at the end of the semester. Any other lessons missed will be forfeited.

Should I need to miss a lesson, I will schedule a makeup in a timely manner.

Competitions and Additional Activities

Students will be encouraged participate in several local festivals and competitions throughout the year. These are great opportunities for students to perform and receive feedback on their performances. Festival and competition fees are additional and will be included on monthly statements.

Recitals

Our studio will hold a Winter Recital and a Spring Recital. Exact dates and locations TBA.

Summer Lessons

Summer study is highly encouraged to preserve skills and knowledge learned during the semester. For summer lessons, please fill out a **Summer Lesson Form** indicating the dates you would like lessons.

Jennifer Tripi

MME, Piano Pedagogy, University of Oklahoma, 2011

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Lesson Time Schedule for 2011-12

Name(s) _____

I do ____ do not ____ wish to be put on the Swap List.

Please mark all available times. Indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices if desired.

Monday

5:00 – 5:30 _____
5:30 – 6:00 _____
6:00 – 6:30 _____
6:30 – 7:00 _____
7:00 – 7:30 _____
7:30 – 8:00 _____
8:00 – 8:30 _____
8:30 – 9:00 _____

Wednesday

3:30 – 4:00 Chase/Keeler Taylor
4:00 – 4:30 Chase/Keeler Taylor
4:30 – 5:00 _____
5:00 – 5:30 _____
5:30 – 6:00 _____
6:00 – 6:30 _____

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August __, 2011

Dear parents:

Plans are underway for an exciting fall semester with my new studio! I look forward to working with each of your children to share in the joys of music learning!

Following this letter is a copy of my 2011-12 Studio Policy. Please review this and let me know if you have any questions.

Also attached is a Lesson Time Schedule. Please fill this out and return it via email or snail-mail by **August 15th**.

I would like to mention the "Swap List," which you may have used before with other teachers. If you need to miss a lesson, this is a way to swap times with another student to avoid having to reschedule a lesson with me. I will of course make up lessons if it doesn't work out, but this is a great place to start. You can indicate if you would like to be included on the Lesson Time Schedule.

Lessons will begin the week of August 29. I will inform you of your lesson time in the weeks prior to that. Please let me know if you have any questions before then. See my website for more information and resources – I am always adding new things!

Musically yours,

Jennifer Tripi