

## ♪ Piano Studio Policy ♪

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My responsibility as the **teacher** includes:

- *being ready* to start on time and having a clear plan for each lesson;
- establishing a *safe learning environment* where you can be yourself;
- *getting to know you* and finding a suitable approach for your learning style;
- maintaining *regular communication* about your progress and addressing any issues of concern;
- teaching you effective *practice habits*;
- and *challenging you musically* by choosing grade-appropriate repertoire and building skills in technique, theory, and ear training.

Note: establishing healthy motions at the keyboard involves some physical contact. Please let me know if something is making you uncomfortable and I will modify my approach.

As a **student**, you also have responsibilities in our piano team, which include:

- *being prepared* and ready to start on time for each lesson, including muting cellphones;
- *practicing* 6 days a week, for around 30 minutes each day as a guideline;
- *communicating* to me what you want out of lessons. Do you want to perform, do a Royal Conservatory of Music exam, or just do it for fun?;
- *also communicating* questions and concerns to me by phone, text and email.
- *being respectful* by refraining from using foul language. Please be mindful to wash your hands before each lesson.

### Payment

- Rates for piano lessons as of February 2020:
  - 30 min. lesson: **\$26.00**
  - 45 min. lesson: **\$39.00**
  - 60 min. lesson: **\$52.00**

### Semester System

- **Winter Semester:** (normally begins first week of January) this year it will be February 3 – March 31. See below re: March Break
- **Spring Semester:** April 1 through June 19
- **Fall Semester:** September 7 through December 4

*For the holiday/vacation period between June 22 and September 4 as well as December 7-18, payment will be done as you've always done it via Pay-As-You-Go method but at the new hourly rate for all students.*

## Winter Semester: February 3 - March 31, 2020

Day of lesson	How many of this day Feb – Mar	Holidays/teacher absences*	Total lesson days in Winter Term	Semester Fee for 30 min. lessons	Semester Fee for 45 min. lessons	Semester Fee for 60 min. lessons
<b>MON</b>	9	-1 (Family Day)	8	<b>8 x \$26 \$208</b>	<b>8 x \$39 \$312</b>	<b>8 x \$52 \$416</b>
<b>TUES</b>	9	none	9	<b>\$234</b>	<b>\$351</b>	<b>\$468</b>
<b>WED</b>	8	none	8	<b>\$208</b>	<b>\$312</b>	<b>\$416</b>
<b>THURS</b>	8	none	8	<b>\$208</b>	<b>\$312</b>	<b>\$416</b>
<b>FRI</b>	8	-1 day away in Toronto	7	<b>\$182</b>	<b>\$273</b>	<b>\$364</b>

**\*Please give advanced notice by Feb. 1 if you will be away for March Break. If notice is given there will be no charge for the planned absence. Failure to provide notice of vacation related absence during March Break will result in a charge for that lesson. Lessons will otherwise continue through the break.**

For every Semester payment will be received on the *first lesson of the term* OR in monthly installments paid on the *first lesson of each month*. Please note that paying for each semester is a commitment and refunds will not be given should the student discontinue in the middle of the term.

*Stay up-to-date* with payment. Payment is made in quarterly installments. Cash, cheques, and e-transfer are accepted.

### **Absence**

All students will be allowed one make-up lesson per term. As long as 24 hours notice is provided the student will get a lesson credit. Make-up lessons can happen during the term whenever there's an opening in the schedule or during the non-semester period between June 22 and September 4 and December 7-18. I will contact students by email and the first to respond gets the time. Lessons missed by me will be issued a credit and made up as soon as possible. Lesson fees are non-refundable unless I have to cancel.

### **Illness**

Missed lessons due to illness will no longer be refunded. Anyone who is sick should refrain from coming to the studio. Sick students who come to the studio will be asked to return home. Students who wish to still have a lesson can do so over Skype at their scheduled time.

**Consent Form for Audio Recording of Piano Lessons**  
**Piano Studio of Darryl Cremasco, B.Mus., M.Mus., R.M.T. (ORMTA)**

**Section 1 – Student Information**

\*Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code\_\_\_\_\_

\*Telephone\_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2 – Consent to be recorded**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of student), hereby authorize the audio recording of my piano lessons under the instruction of Darryl Cremasco. I understand that these audio recordings will be used for the teacher's educational purposes and no one but Darryl Cremasco and myself will have access to them.

Recordings will be kept on a hard drive in a secure location, and can be made available to the student for practice purposes on request.

Signature of Student\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Teacher\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_