

## Piano Lesson Schedule 2020-2021

Please check my website [www.joannebender.com](http://www.joannebender.com) for a calendar showing the whole year's schedule. A calendar is also attached for your convenience.

Lessons will begin on Sept. 8, 2020 and will end in June of 2021.

There will be no lessons on the following days:

Oct.3-18, 2020 ( Tentative: Trip to Zurich, Switzerland)

Dec. 20, 2020 to Jan. 4, 2021 (Christmas break)

Mon. Feb. 15, 2021 (Family Day)\*

Mar. 6 to Mar. 21, 2021 (2-week March break)

Mon. May 17, 2021 (Victoria Day)\*

May 25 - June 8, 2021 Spring holidays (Hopefully my Ireland trip!)

June 10-20, 2020 Make-up and extra lessons.

\*Note: Due to several Monday holidays, Monday students will have two substitute lessons which will be scheduled in addition to their regular Monday lessons in order to have a full lesson schedule for the year.

**All students will receive 32 lessons during the year.**

**My fee for lessons is payable most conveniently in 4 instalments.**

**An admin/recital fee is part of the first term payment.**

**Fees** are payable at the first lesson in September by a series of postdated cheques made out to Joanne Bender as follows:

	Sept. 8/20	Nov. 1/20	Feb. 1/21	Apr. 1/21
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
30 min.	\$330*	\$270	\$270	\$270
45 min.	\$465*	\$405	\$405	\$405
60 min.	\$600*	\$540	\$540	\$540

\*includes \$60 admin/recital fee

**Note: Payment by e-transfer is also acceptable.**

**Studio Policy:** If you can't come to your lesson because of a scheduling conflict or because you are sick, please let me know as soon as possible and we'll try to reschedule. In the event of missed lessons with at least 24 hrs. advance notice, I will be happy to do make-up lessons at a mutually convenient time (maximum 2 per year). Lessons missed with less than 24 hrs. notice will not be made up.

# **Bender Piano Studio**

An inspiring musical experience

- \*Piano lessons for all ages and levels and abilities
  - \*Inspiring, nurturing and fun environment
  - \*Solos, duets, trios and quartets
- \*RCM exam preparation up to and including ARCT
  - \*Kiwanis Festival participation
  - \*Member of ORMTA for over 30 years
- \*Instruction in theory rudiments and keyboard harmony
  - \*Composition and Improvisation
  - \*Community Music Opportunities
  - \*Online Lessons available as needed

***My mission is to give each student an enjoyment,  
appreciation and love of music  
and a mastery of keyboard skills,  
while developing self-esteem, discipline and creativity.***

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September, 2020.

Dear Students and Parents,

It's exciting to begin a new year of piano with each of you. After over 50 years of teaching, I enjoy it more than ever. And that's because of you! Great students and supportive parents make the experience very rewarding!

*This is a different year, due to COVID-19. We proceed with in-person lessons, using caution and kindness. Our protocols include the familiar masks, sanitizing and distancing. If we need to switch to online lessons, we can do this very easily.*

I'm pleased that you have chosen to study music, because it is so valuable. Music lifts our souls, builds self-esteem, is a creative and expressive outlet, develops discipline and learning skills and is just a really fun activity! The piano is a great instrument. Learning to play the piano provides a fantastic basis for learning music. To gain the most from your piano study, here are some important points to remember:

- Come to your lesson each week at your scheduled time.
2. Practise regularly during the week. I suggest 5-6 days each week, for these minimum times each day:
    - 15-20 min. for young beginners
    - 30-45 min. for Introductory to Gr. 5
    - 45-60 min. for Gr. 6-7
    - 1 hour for Gr. 8
    - 1.5 hours for Gr. 9
    - 2 hours for Gr. 10 and ARCT
  3. Bring all your books to each lesson. A vinyl zippered bag works well to keep everything together and organized.
  4. Keep your piano in good tune and repair. I recommend Paul Wall at 519-744-2744 as an excellent piano technician.
  5. Listen to good music as much as possible at home. Go to concerts of classical music if you can. This will help your musical skills and musicianship. KW Symphony offers excellent concerts for music lovers of all ages.

Here are some important dates to put on your calendar:

1. **KWS Love of Music Marathon - Sat, Nov. 14** – usually held at First United Church, Waterloo. This is a time to get involved in a great community musical event and support a KW Symphony fundraiser.  
*This year due to Covid the event will be held online.  
Bender Studio will do a video presentation!*
2. **ORMTA(Ontario Registered Music Teachers Association)  
KW Branch Recitals and Competitions**  
*All events are tentative due to Covid restrictions*
  - Spring Recital
3. **Canada Music Week - Nov. 21-28** Celebrate Canadian music
4. **Student Christmas Recital – TBA**
5. **Free Noon Hour Concerts – TBA**  
First United Church, Waterloo  
Bruce Skelton,violin; Ben Bolt-Martin,cello;Joanne Bender ,piano.  
  
St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Kitchener  
Glen Soulis and Joanne Bender  
  
*Let's hope that live concerts come back!*
7. **Saturday aft. mini-recitals and festival preparation –**  
tentatively on Saturdays in April
8. Our **Spring Student Recital – TBA**  
and...
9. **The Kiwanis Music Festival - TBA**
10. **End-of-year recital / social time – TBA**

