

## Piano Lesson Schedule 2022-2023

1<sup>st</sup> term - (Sept and Oct) - Sabbatical

Lessons for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> terms begin in Nov/22 and end in June/23

There will be no lessons on the following days:

Dec. 23 to Jan 8 (Christmas break)

Feb. 20 (Family Day)

Mar 10 to Mar 19 (March break)

Fri. Apr 7 (Good Friday)

May 23 (Victoria Day)

June – Lessons end on June 12

Makeup lessons June 13-17

**All students will receive 27 lessons from Nov. to June**

**My fee for lessons is payable most conveniently in 3 instalments.**

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

	Sept. 15/22	Nov. 15/22	Feb. 15/23	Apr. 15/23
	1 <sup>st</sup> term	2 <sup>nd</sup> term	3 <sup>rd</sup> term	4 <sup>th</sup> term
	Admin/Recital fee	9 lessons	9 lessons	9 lessons
<b>30 min.</b>	\$ 70*	<b>\$315</b>	<b>\$315</b>	<b>\$315</b>
<b>45 min.</b>	\$ 70*	<b>\$468</b>	<b>\$468</b>	<b>\$468</b>
<b>60 min.</b>	\$ 70 *	<b>\$630</b>	<b>\$630</b>	<b>\$630</b>

**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 24 hrs.

Advance notice, I will be happy to do make-up lessons at a mutually convenient time (maximum 2 per year).

**Bender Piano Studio**  
An inspiring musical experience

- \*Piano lessons for all ages and levels and abilities
- \*Inspiring, nurturing and enjoyable environment
- \*Individual and ensemble opportunities
- \*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

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

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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!

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:

1. 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. KW Symphony offers excellent concerts for music lovers of all ages.