

## Piano Lesson Schedule 2019-2020

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. 3, 2019.

Last regularly scheduled lesson day is June 12, 2020.

There will be no lessons on the following days:

Oct.5-20, 2019 (Trip to Zurich, Switzerland)

Dec. 21, 2019 to Jan. 5, 2020 (Christmas break)

Mon. Feb. 17, 2020 (Family Day)\*

Mar. 7 to Mar. 22, 2020 (2-week March break)

Mon. May 18 (Victoria Day)\*

May 26 - June 9 Spring holidays

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

\*Note: Due to several Monday holidays, Monday students will have lessons on Friday, Mar. 6 and Friday May 15 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. 3/19 Term 1	Nov. 1/19 Term 2	Feb. 1/20 Term 3	Apr. 1/20 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

***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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Dear Students and Parents,

It's exciting to begin a new year of piano with each of you. After over 40 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:

- 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. 9*** - 10 am to 5 pm -  
First United Church, Waterloo. This is a time to get involved in this  
community musical event and support a KW Symphony fundraiser.  
Bender Studio will be performing between 3 and 5 pm.
2. ***ORMTA(Ontario Registered Music Teachers Association)  
KW Branch Recitals and Competitions***
  - Oct. 26 - Musical Masquerade for younger students to  
perform in costume!
  - Nov. 23 - Canada Music Week Master Class and Recital
  - Branch Competition for Gr. 4 to ARCT (Sat., Apr. 4)
  - Spring Recital (date TBA).
3. ***Canada Music Week - Nov. 16-24*** Celebrate Canadian music
4. Free Noon Hour Concert -Wed., Oct. 2 - 12:15 pm St Andrews  
Presbyterian Church, Kitchener – Glen Soulis and Joanne Bender,  
jazz vocals and piano
5. ***Student Christmas Recital*** – TBA
6. ***Free Noon Hour Concert – Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020*** at 12:15 pm  
First United Church, Waterloo  
Bruce Skelton,violin; Ben Bolt-Martin,cello;Joanne Bender,piano.  
Please come! All are Welcome!
7. ***Saturday aft. mini-recitals and festival preparation –***  
Apr. 4, Apr. 11, Apr. 18, Apr. 25 to prepare for...
8. Our ***Spring Student Recital – Sunday, Apr. 26*** – afternoon  
and...
9. ***The Kiwanis Festival Apr. 27 – May 2, 2020.***
10. ***End-of-year recital / social time*** – TBA (weekend of June 12-14)