



**Welcome or Welcome back! 2023 IS GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR!** I'm so happy that you've chosen to bring the study of music into your life, and I know that you and/or your child will have fun developing a life-long talent!

**ONLINE PAYMENTS and NOTES** You will receive a log-in upon registration the secure MyMusicStaff portal. Lesson notes are sent out via email following each lesson as the teacher's schedule allows. Alternately, check your practice record book if your teacher recommends one.

**MATERIALS** Various books and sheet music will be used for variety (available for purchase at the studio or on our Amazon Wish List.) Vocalists, please bring water and a recording device to your lesson. Piano students must keep their FINGERNAILS SHORT!! Shoes may be worn or left in the foyer. There is a NO GUM policy for all students. Guardians and students agree to hold the studio, as well as its owners, employees, and contractors, blameless for any injury or property loss.

**CALENDAR** The studio will follow the Brevard County School Calendar. Monday appointments on closed school days should be rescheduled in advance. Please consider your lesson a serious commitment. Regular attendance and practice is **crucial** to musical achievement and it may be that another student wants your appointment time.

**LESSON SCHEDULE / MISSED LESSONS** *Advance notice of at least 2 days is ideal so that we can reschedule your lesson for the same week.* If the student is sick, please do not bring him or her to lesson! Although, we attempt to maintain a sanitary environment, germs can spread anyway. Kindly cancel immediately and schedule a make-up lesson for the following week. In the case of suspected CoVid-19 exposure, please notify the teacher and connect via Skype or Facetime.

If absences become excessive, we reserve the right to charge for last minute cancellations and no-shows, or to drop you from the studio. This last is sad when it happens but would be necessary if your family or child is unable to make lessons a priority. Appointments should be reserved and cancelled by phone. The phone is not answered during lessons, so please leave a message. Please arrive a few minutes early. We try to be accommodating but tardiness may shorten a lesson.

**RECITALS - \$30 - The most exciting aspect of studying an instrument is performing!!** In our studio, lessons provide an opportunity to develop confidence in a safe, supportive environment. Here at SMS we form an extended musical family. The Spring Recital will be held in May and the Winter Recital in December. Additionally, we have been known to hold Halloween Concerts, Songwriting Showcases, and participate in official assessment with the Music Teacher's National Association. All students are expected to dress-up, perform a practiced song or two, and support the other students along with their families. Students will be photographed and video-recorded and these may be used in printed or online promotions for the studio.

**PRACTICE** It is best for students' progress if students practice regularly and complete their assignments. Aside from obvious musical benefits, practicing will help a child develop self-discipline, persistence, and devotion. It will be helpful if you schedule a practice session into your daily activities rather than when a student has some free time or "feels like it." Please allow for a quiet environment for practicing and easy access to the instrument with headphones. Students are expected to practice four days per week for 15-30 minutes depending on their age and abilities.