



## THE PIANO LAB

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### POLICIES AND FEES FOR 2011-2012

1. Please note that tuition is based on 35 weeks per year, running from September 12, 2011 to June 16, 2012. For your convenience, tuition may be paid annually (discounted rate), in 3 payments or monthly. We accept Visa, Master Card, and Discover.
2. **Your credit card information must be provided to secure all monthly or semester payments. No lesson times will be confirmed without receipt of a credit card number.** Annual payment is due by September 1, 3 semester payments are due September 1, January 1 and March 1. **There is a \$20.00 returned check fee. Anyone falling more than 1 month behind will be discontinued.**
3. There is a \$20.00 non-refundable registration fee due PER STUDENT upon registering.
4. **Cash only discount – 5% on Plan #1 or Plan #2 (no checks)**

### TUITION FEES & PAYMENT PLANS (ALL PAYMENT PLANS MUST BE SECURED BY CREDIT CARD)

	IN STUDIO	STUDENT TEACHER (piano lessons only)
<b>Plan #1 Pay in Full on 9/1</b>		
Piano/guitar 30 min.	\$630.00	\$530.00
Piano/Guitar 45 min.	\$955.00	
Suzuki Piano or Voice 30 min.	\$690.00	Not available
Suzuki Piano or Voice 45 min.	\$1050.00	Not available
<b>Plan #2 3 payments 9/1, 1/1, 3/1</b>		
Piano/Guitar 30 min.	\$214 \$213 \$213	\$180 \$180 \$180
Piano/Guitar 45 min.	\$323 \$321 \$321	
Suzuki Piano or Voice 30 min.	\$233 \$233 \$234	Not available
Suzuki Piano or Voice 45 min.	\$354 \$353 \$353	Not available
<b>Plan #3 Monthly due 1<sup>st</sup> month 9/1 - 6/1 CREDIT CARDS ONLY</b>		
Piano/Guitar 30 min.	\$65.00 per month	\$55.00 per month
Piano/Guitar 45 min.	\$97.50 per month	
Suzuki Piano or Voice 30 min.	\$71.00 per month	Not available
Suzuki Piano or Voice 45 min.	\$106.50 per month	

#### ADDITIONAL CLASS OFFERINGS:

**MUSIC FOR LITTLE MOZARTS PIANO CLASS, KINDERMUSIK CLASSES** ages newborn to 7 years old, call 737-7498 for information on these classes



## PIANO LAB Studio Policy & Offerings

<b>INCLUDED IN FEES</b>
35 lessons from September through June (no matter which day your lesson is on!)
Theory at every lesson
Performance opportunities
Audition opportunities (National Piano Guild, NYSSMA, B Sharp Scholarship)
Master Classes

<b>NOT INCLUDED IN FEES</b>
\$20.00 non-refundable registration fee
Music books and supplies (The Piano Lab charges a \$2.00 handling fee if we purchase for you)
Audition fees
Recital fees, based on where recitals are held
Composer master class fees and composer recital fees

### **MISSED LESSONS (PLEASE READ!!)**

Your lesson time is reserved exclusively for you. Missed lessons are not made up, nor are fees adjusted. The in-studio lesson time is only a portion of what is covered by the tuition fee. Lessons cancelled for teacher illness will be made up in the same month lessons were cancelled. If school is dismissed because of the weather, students who can get here safely should come to their lesson. Please call if you need to cancel.

You may try to rearrange a lesson you may need to miss by exchanging lessons with another student. Your instructor can give you names and numbers of students that may be able to switch lessons during that week.

**SNOW DAYS** - most teachers prefer to work on snow days in the studios. If the studio closes, it will be listed on WKTV, and on our webpage at [www.jspianolab.com](http://www.jspianolab.com) under announcements.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Three recital events are held throughout the year; Halloween recital, December Holiday recital, and Spring recital. Recitals may also be held over school breaks at area nursing homes. The National Piano Playing Auditions are held in March at The List Recital Hall at Hamilton College. An adopted composer will be invited each year to our school in May.

### **PRACTICE TIME**

Assignments, practice and participation in studio activities are expected to have the same priority as homework, sports, and other activities. In order to make the best progress in music study, daily practice is recommended. To help develop self-discipline and good work habits, it is suggested that a regular time for practice be set aside each day.

### **TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

As teachers, we are responsible for providing a positive atmosphere for learning. Definite goals will be established for each student. By continually studying, practicing, and re-evaluating our teaching methods and goals, we hope to achieve this end.

### **PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Please provide a well-tuned instrument or WORKING keyboard, a quiet environment for practice, and support!! Music instruction is an investment. Parents need to stay involved in their child's lessons. Parents also should be prepared to buy books when needed, a metronome, and for our voice students – blank cassette tapes. Tuition payments are to be made by the 1<sup>st</sup> of your payment plan month.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer lessons begin in June and run through July and August. Special summer camps are offered as well as private lessons. Students are encouraged to continue summer study and may choose from several options. Summer program information is handed out in April.

## MUSIC FOR LITTLE MOZARTS PIANO CLASS

Special programs for ages 5 to 7 are offered throughout the year in the Chadwicks location. These classes are an excellent introduction to the piano and after the year the child is ready for private lessons and will be able to read notes and play/sing many songs.

## KINDERMUSIK

**Purpose:** To provide early childhood learning opportunities and to nurture the total, unique development of each child through innovative music and movement curricula and to involve families in the joy of their children's musical learning. Kindermusik is offered in Chadwicks, New Hartford Shopping Center and Marcy to children ages newborn to 7 years of age.. Many class times are available throughout the day and evening and on Saturdays.

## WEB PAGE & FACEBOOK

Please visit our web page at [www.jspianolab.com](http://www.jspianolab.com). At the site you will find information about lessons and classes offered at all our locations, teacher biographies, schedules, birthday party info, and everything that is offered at The Piano Lab. Please check the announcement page often for any upcoming events and/or cancellations. Also, like us on Facebook: The Piano Lab

## PIANO NOTES NEWSLETTER

A newsletter will be **emailed** periodically to explain upcoming events as well as newsworthy items about our students. **In order to receive this letter, we will need a current and updated email address.** Please feel free to contribute to this newsletter with anything newsworthy; pianos for sale, music events at school.

## CALENDAR

A calendar will be emailed in August which will list a schedule of days off throughout the year, as well as important dates on all Piano Lab events. Please keep this calendar handy for your reference. **Please note: The Piano Lab offers 35 lessons between September and June, no matter which day your lesson is on.**

## LESSON TERMINATION – Refund Policy

**Students are expected to make a time and financial commitment for a full year.** If you withdraw prior to the first lesson you will receive a 100% refund. If you withdraw during any semester week, you will receive a refund or credit for the remaining lessons minus a 2 week surcharge, once notice is received in writing. There are no refunds for materials.

