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Woodward Academy Application for Private Piano Lessons 2020-2021

*****Until further notice all private lessons will be taught virtually due to COVID-19.**

****Please print clearly, have signed by parent, and RETURN TO PIANO TEACHER or CHORAL DIRECTOR with check.****

Returning piano students will receive priority in scheduling. New students will be scheduled on a first-come basis.

Lessons will begin the week of August 17th.

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

Student ID#: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Student's Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Student Email Address (that is checked frequently): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Does student take band, strings, chorus, or dance at Woodward? _____ *(Please write).*

Have you studied piano before? ____ YES ____ NO If yes, for how long? _____

TEACHER PREFERENCE:

_____ Ms. Gail Ayers (formerly Gail Kidd)

_____ Ms. Jimease Thompson

LESSON LENGTH PREFERENCE:

_____ 1 Short Lesson/Week

_____ 2 Short Lessons/Week

_____ 1 Long Lesson/Week

_____ Other (ex.: 45 min. Lesson/Week)

LESSON TIME PREFERENCE:

_____ Before School

_____ Lunch (US Only)

_____ Recess (LS Only)

_____ MS Study Hall/Tutorial

_____ **After School****

****AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: To help with scheduling, please explain your after-school commitments on the back of this form, including sports and rehearsal schedules. Please include days and times, if known.****

We understand the rules and requirements for piano study and tuition payment on the Policies Page and have attached a check for \$25.00 **payable to Woodward Academy.**

Parent Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____ Parent Email: _____

Policies for Private Piano Study at Woodward Academy 2020-2021

****For Students and Parents- Please read carefully and keep on file.****

OUR GOAL: *We aspire to develop students into confident, skilled pianists. Through piano study, we hope that students will gain a wealth of knowledge that will impact their lives entirely. Students will be introduced to a wide range of literature, from Baroque to Twentieth Century. Along with piano literature, students will develop strong sight-reading, aural, and technical skills.*

Regular lesson attendance and practice at home are expected of all students.

1) ATTENDANCE – All scheduled lessons that need to be missed for any reason must be cancelled, by way of email or phone call to the teacher. Please contact the piano teacher **prior** to the lesson day if your child is going to miss a lesson. **If this is not done, tuition will be charged.** In the case of emergency, please contact the teacher as soon as possible. Every attempt will be made to reschedule missed lessons when the teacher has been notified in advance. Due to difficulty in scheduling, make-up lessons will be given at the teacher's discretion. Make-up lessons may be given privately or in a small group lesson. **The teacher is not required to reschedule lessons missed in the case of student forgetfulness.**

2) TUITION – Tuition is charged on the **1st day** of every other month, (August/September payment is due on August 21st). There are five payments for the school year (August, October, December, February, April). A **\$25.00 late fee** will be applied if funds are received after the **5th** day of the pay period. Acceptable forms of payment are cash, cash app, and check (made out to the teacher). Tuition is charged at the following rates:

Lesson Arrangement	Rate
1 Short Lesson (20-30 min.)/Week	\$30.00/Week
1 Regular Lesson (35-45 min.)/Week	\$45.00/Week
2 Short Lessons/Week	\$60.00/Week
1 Long Lesson (50-60 min.)/Week	\$60.00/Week

3) LESSONS – Lesson lengths depend on the time of day and the Woodward Academy class schedule. The scheduling of lessons will conform to the Woodward Academy Calendar, including holidays and exams, during which no lessons are taught. Returning piano students will receive priority in scheduling. New students will be scheduled on a first-come basis and according to availability. Lessons may be scheduled during lunch, recess, middle school study hall/tutorials, before school, and after school. Lessons are taught in studios at the Lower School and on the third floor of Richardson Hall. **Parents will be notified by their preferred piano teacher to discuss scheduling and billing.**

There will be days during the school year when students will be on a different schedule (Fridays are typically on a different schedule than the rest of the week). **If this happens, students are still expected to come to their lessons.** This is not the case when the student is required to be at an assembly or class meeting. This is particularly important for those who have lunch lessons. **If the student fails to notify his/her teacher of the required event in a timely manner and does not come to the lesson, tuition will still be charged.**

4) REGISTRATION – A non-refundable \$25.00 fee is due upon registration. This fee will be used for piano maintenance. **Please make the \$25.00 check payable to Woodward Academy.** The piano teacher will bill parents directly for student music books** and other materials throughout the year as needed.

****Music Books:** Students are required to bring their music books and other materials to **all** lessons. If the student forgets his/her music, he/she is still expected to attend the lesson. It is recommended that parents help oversee their child's materials and assist in practice at home.

Termination of lessons: A 30-day written notice is required to terminate lessons. If notice is not given, the month's lesson fees will still be due by the end of the month.

5) CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TBA. It is our hope that we provide our students with as many performance opportunities as possible. These events, while **not mandatory**, are highly encouraged.

- Semester Recitals
- Student Solo Recitals
- School-wide Performances
- Local/State Competitions, Auditions, and Festivals

6) CONTACT INFORMATION – Please feel free to contact Gail Ayers, Jimease Thompson, or Suzanne Woodruff – Choral Director if you have any questions or concerns. ****Please note that not all private piano instructors have Woodward email addresses.**

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