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Music Lessons Handbook

Welcome to the Music Lessons program at The St. Paul's Schools! Our private lessons are offered weekly in The Ward Center for the Arts on campus by instructors who hold music degrees from conservatories and universities around the world.

Lessons are 30, 45, or 60 minutes every week. We are currently offering the following instruments for lessons:

- **piano**
- **voice**
- **guitar**
- **drums**
- **violin**
- **Bass**



Ten 30-minute lessons: \$500

Ten 45-minute lessons: \$750

Ten 60-minute lessons: \$1000

- Tuition is paid per session.
- Lessons are available year round, with three 10-lesson sessions during the school year and a flexible summer session.
- Tuition may be paid in full at the time of registration, or a 50% deposit may be paid with the remainder of tuition invoiced separately.
- Full tuition is due by the end of the 6th week of each session and must be made by credit card or payroll deduction (faculty only).
- Students must register for each session they intend to take lessons.



Register for Music Lessons

Session 1: September 2–November 21

Session 2: November 24–February 23

Session 3: March 2–May 22

School Holidays

(No Lessons On These Days)

Sept. 23, Rosh Hashanah

Oct. 2, Yom Kippur

Oct. 13, Fall Break

Nov. 26–28, Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 22–Jan. 2, Winter Break

Jan. 19, MLK Day

Feb. 16, Presidents' Day

March 16–24, Spring Break

April 3, Good Friday

April 6, Easter Monday

May 25, Memorial Day



04 Policies

- **Tuition is due in full by the end of the 6th week of each session and must be paid by credit card or payroll deduction.**
- Registration must be completed through the link on the [St. Paul's Music Lessons website](#) and either a 50% deposit or full tuition must be paid at the time of registration.
- Students are not permitted to take lessons from any teacher with whom they are also taking a curricular course at The St. Paul's Schools, such as Choir or Jazz Band. Please choose a different teacher for music lessons.
- We will do our best to accommodate your scheduling preferences, but cannot guarantee lesson times, as those are first come, first serve and subject to availability.
- Lessons canceled by the teacher will be made up or refunded, but lessons missed by students can only be rescheduled at the teacher's discretion and are not guaranteed a make up lesson.
- All lessons (including make ups) are to be taught on campus or online. No lessons will be taught in students' or teachers' homes.
- There is a 2-week trial period at the beginning of each session. Those who do not wish to continue lessons must notify the [Director of Music Lessons](#) during the trial period to be refunded the remaining balance of tuition. *After the trial period, payment for the session is non-refundable.*
- Refunds will only be processed if fewer than 10 lessons are able to be taught per session due to the inability of the teacher to make up missed lessons. Refunds will not be processed for student absences.
- Students who are currently registered may keep their lesson day/time in the next session, but must confirm their plans and register **no less than 4 weeks** before the beginning of the next session, or risk losing their slot.
- The St. Paul's Schools will provide music books for lessons per the teacher's recommendations. Music books are included in tuition. Instruments and accessories are not included in tuition and must be purchased by students.
- Students are responsible for bringing any necessary instruments and materials to their lessons each week.
- If a student is too ill to come to school, they are too ill to attend their lesson. Please be considerate of the health of teachers and other students.

05 Recitals



- **The Spring Recitals will be on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Octagon at the Ward Center for the Arts.**
- Students are **strongly encouraged** to participate but are not required to do so.
- Repertoire selections will be discussed during lessons and made well in advance of the recital.
- Each student may perform up to two pieces or 3-4 minutes of music.
- Recital attire is semi-formal; please do not wear jeans, flip flops, or anything that may distract you or the audience from your performance.
- Students are expected to stay for the entire duration of the recital in which they are performing.

Q: How do I register for lessons?

A: Registration and payment can be completed through the [website](#). Scroll to the bottom of the Music Lessons page, and click the “Register Here” link.

Q: Do you offer St. Paul’s faculty discounts?

A: Yes! Children of TSPS faculty/staff receive 10% off per session. Please contact Alys Keretses for the discount code.

Q: Can I get a make-up lesson if I have to miss my lesson for any reason (illness, sports, appointment, etc)?

A: Make-up lessons are only guaranteed if the teacher has to miss a lesson. If a student has to miss, make-up lessons are strictly at the teacher’s discretion and are not guaranteed.

Q: Does the Ward Center provide supervision or activities for students before or after their lessons?

A: No, but Aftercare may be arranged. Please visit [The St. Paul’s Schools Aftercare website](#) for more details.

Q: Can my child be walked from the Lower School to their lessons at the Ward Center?

A: Yes. All lessons take place at the Ward Center for the Arts, and Lower School students may request to be walked to their lessons.

Q: Where do lessons take place?

A: Music lessons will occur at the Ward Center for the Arts. Online lessons may also be arranged if desired. In-person lessons will not be taught in students’ or teachers’ homes.

Q: What is the cancelation policy if I decide to discontinue lessons?

A: There is a two week trial period at the beginning of each session. Lessons may be canceled and refunded before the end of the trial period, but no refunds will be issued afterward.

Q: Do I have to take lessons for all three sessions?

A: No. You can register for whichever sessions you choose, though it is encouraged to continue lessons throughout the school year. You may lose your time slot if you take a break mid-year.

Q: Do I have to take lessons for all three sessions to perform in the recital?

A: No, but you must be enrolled in Session 3 at the very least to perform in the recital.

Q: How does scheduling work?

A: Scheduling is determined by the teachers and the Director of Music Lessons. All available scheduling options can be viewed on the [website](#).

Q: If I enroll midway through the session, do I have to pay the full tuition price?

A: No. You will only be responsible for paying for the lessons you will receive and the amount will be prorated.

Q: Do I have to be enrolled at The St. Paul's Schools to take lessons?

A: No. We welcome students from the community to our program!

Q: Do you offer online lessons?

A: Yes. Some instructors offer online lessons. [Inquire](#) for more details.

Q: How old do students need to be to take lessons?

A: We welcome students ages 5 and up for most instruments, but some teachers may have different age requirements.

Q: What style(s) of music are offered?

A: Students can learn a variety of genres including classical, jazz, pop, rock, musical theatre, and more.

Q: Do I need to have my own instrument for lessons?

A: Yes. The school has pianos and drums available for lessons, but you need to have an instrument at home for practice. For all other instruments, you need to bring your instrument to your lessons each week.

Q: Do I need to buy music books for lessons?

A: No. The school will provide any necessary books for your lessons. You are responsible for bringing your books to your lessons each week.

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