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2020 MA SUZUKI FESTIVAL

It will be held at the New England Conservatory on March 14-15. Students can sign up for group classes, special presentations and master classes. Get info at www.suzukima.org.

A SAD LOSS FOR THE SCHOOL

Some students who pay weekly are not paying for those weeks that they miss. This results in a loss for the school since we still have to pay the teachers for coming in to teach. Our phone bill and rent do not decrease because your child has a birthday party they want to attend. When I first started teaching as a graduate student, students paid in cash and I brought my grocery list with me. When students didn't show up, I had to cross items off the list. We don't want to go back to those days.

As we lost so much tuition in December 2019 alone from missed lessons, we had to take out loans to cover basic expenses. We don't have a magic pot of money to draw from. Our income comes almost entirely from tuition. See the policy to the right.

DONATE UNUSED ITEMS

You can help by donating violins, music stands that you no longer need to help scholarship students who need them.

PLANNING YOUR PRACTICE

You can add predictability and structure to your practice by having it at a regular time each day, or at least planning your practice schedule a few days in advance so that each day's practice doesn't come as a surprise to your child but is part of their daily expectation that is prepared in the previous day.

WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS

Please tell your friends about us. Let us know of any preschools or after school programs that would like to have us providing music lessons at their school.

Students are asked to pay tuition in full or make payment plans with the director prior to the first lesson.

Lesson fees for a 16-week semester

30 minutes \$1060.00*

45 minutes \$1540.00*

60 minutes \$2020.00*

This includes the registration fee of \$75.00 and a materials fee of \$25.00.

Group class for additional children in the same family is \$200.00 per term.

We normally don't send out bills to save on administrative costs so we rely on parents to be proactive in paying their tuition so that we don't have to call you. You can help by checking your records and paying before we have to contact you.

Students who use a weekly or monthly payment plan must pay for the weeks that they miss.

Students who pay monthly should pay at the end of the month for the following month.

The materials fee covers all practice recordings, replacement strings, and printed materials. In this way, you don't have to pay for each item separately.

VACATIONS

MLK Day Mon. Jan. 20

Winter vacation Sat. Feb. 15 – Fri. Feb. 21

Classes resume Sat. Feb. 22

IN CASE OF SNOW

Check the website for a snow message or call 617/566-0002 before you leave home. We make every effort to call students scheduled for individual lessons.

WINTER CAUTION

Don't leave your violin in the trunk on cold days. It will go way out of tune.