



## **POLICIES & INFORMATION**

Fall Semester 2023 : (Monday, September, 11th – Friday, January 18th)

Spring Semester 2024: (Monday, February 5th – Friday, June 14th)

### **About Us:**

The Commonwealth Music School is a traveling music school offering private music lessons in the student's own home. We primarily serve the towns of Hingham, Norwell and Cohasset teaching private guitar and piano lessons. Our students range in age from six years old and up.

At Commonwealth Music School, our music lessons are catered to the individual student and their own unique way of learning. We believe that there is no one universal way to learn music, and our program is designed around this concept. While each lesson is deeply rooted in music fundamentals, we offer a music lesson that is fun and challenging while working towards realizing the full potential and aspirations of each individual.

Our staff is comprised of musicians who are active members of the local music community. Each teacher has studied music at the college level, and has a great amount of experience playing music at the professional level. To find out more about our staff, please go to [www.commonwealthmusicschool.com](http://www.commonwealthmusicschool.com) to view each teacher's bio, picture, and hear sound-clips of their music.

### **Lesson Length and Teacher Availability:**

All of our lessons are 45 minutes in length. Throughout years of teaching countless students, we find that this allows us the opportunity to teach a well-balanced lesson in addition to repertoire. All students are enrolled for a semester's worth of lessons (seventeen lessons in total)\* Our program loosely follows the public school calendar, but please consult the Commonwealth Music School calendar for the exact dates we are in session. The teachers are available Monday through Friday in the afternoon and evening.

\*(Due to various holidays during the Fall semester - Monday students will be enrolled for 15 lessons. For spring, Monday students will be enrolled for 16 lessons. Tuition will be prorated to match this. Please consult the CMS 2023 – 2024 calendar for full details).

## **Tuition and Enrollment for Fall 2023 & Spring 2024:**

### **Tuition Rates for Fall 2023 & Spring 2024**

60 minute program - \$1,394 per semester (\$82 per lesson)

45 minute program - \$1,156 per semester (\$68 per lesson)

## **Cancellations, No Shows, Time Changes and Makeup Policy:**

**Makeup Policy:** Students are allowed *two* cancellations per semester, as long as we're notified 24 hours in advance. Same day cancellations are ineligible for makeups. All makeups must be completed during the designated makeup period at your normal lesson time, or will be forfeited.

**No Shows:** If a teacher arrives at your home for your scheduled lesson and no one is home, the teacher will wait for fifteen minutes for you to arrive. After that time, the lesson is deemed a “**No Show**” and you forfeit the lesson. “**No Show**” lessons are not eligible to be made up.

**Time Changes:** It is important to note, that you are booking an ongoing appointment with one of our teachers. This spot is specifically saved for you, and you alone. In addition, to do what we do, we need regular attendance and practice from our students. Music is a life-long practice, and one we hope will become a large part of your daily routine, as it is ours. If something comes up, and you do need to change your lesson time, we will do our best to accommodate a time change, but any missed lessons due to a time change, are ineligible for makeups.

**Snowdays/Weather:** If school is canceled due to snow, weather, or other acts of God, lessons will be still be held, but virtually through a video conferencing service at your normal lesson time.

**Covid Policy:** If you have a Covid outbreak in your house, please contact us as soon as possible. To keep our staff and students healthy, we will do our best to schedule an online lesson the same week.

## **Refund Policy:**

At Commonwealth Music School, we take great pride in our staff. If you feel you are not completely satisfied with your teacher and you want to withdraw from the program or switch to another teacher, you may do so before your fourth scheduled lesson and receive a refund of the remaining lessons.

## **Sibling Discounts and Trial Lessons:**

**Family Discount:** Save \$5 per lesson on each new student when you sign up an additional family member. To be eligible, students must be of immediate kin, or be able to take their lessons in the same household.

**Free Trial Lesson:** We understand that signing up for music lessons is a commitment. That's why we always offer a free first lesson to any new students.