



Amazing Grace Notes

making music | inspiring joy

## Studio Policies Fall 2021 - Spring 2022

### | Books and Materials |

Students are to bring along to each lesson:

- **Assignment Notebook/Music Folder**  
A special gift from Mrs. Smith! This is also to be used DAILY at home.
- **All the music books and materials** that will be needed at the lesson (theory books, special music, etc).

I recommend that each advanced beginner student buy a metronome for use at home. The student will not be required to use it every day, or even every week, but it comes in very handy once a student advances beyond the first year.

### | Schedules and Cancellations |

Please see **Schedule of Special Dates** (for dates of vacations, holidays, Master Classes, etc.).

#### **THERE ARE NO MAKE-UPS FOR MISSED LESSONS**

**If you cannot make a lesson, please make every effort to switch lesson times with another student.** Refer to the lesson schedule that lists each student, lesson time, phone number, and parent names.

I have built in one extra “freebie” lesson into the schedule for everyone. If you have to miss a lesson, you’ve got the cushion of the free one. If you don’t miss any lessons all year, you received a completely free lesson!

I follow the Falls Church City Schools Inclement Weather decisions. (If they are closed, I **will not** have lessons. If a two-hour delay affects any school district’s early release day, parents are to call me ASAP to make other arrangements.) In the event that I need to cancel a lesson, I will schedule a make-up as soon as possible.



## Amazing Grace Notes

making music | inspiring joy

### | Performances and Recitals |

I encourage students to participate in school, church, or community performances, and I will gladly work with them on any special music for these events. Performances are excellent practice motivators!

In the spring, I arrange for students to perform in the Falls Church area, serving both as a community outreach as well as offering these budding musicians another opportunity to perform for others. In the past, we have entertained at senior living communities for a rewarding and enjoyable afternoon. More details will follow regarding this year's performance.

At the end of the school year, we will have a recital for all students and their families. This is always a very exciting and rewarding event, where students showcase their yearlong hard work.

### | Practice Guidelines |

#### **Beginner students** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years)

- A **minimum of 15-30 minutes per day**, five days a week is encouraged. This can be split into five- or ten-minute mini-sessions, if that works best.

#### **Intermediate students and up**

- A **minimum of 30-45 minutes per day**, at least five days per week is acceptable.

**Parents, please encourage students to consistently practice on a daily basis.** Gentle reminders, creative practice times (10 minutes here, 10 minutes there is still better than no minutes at all!), and effective routines make all the difference. Please ensure theory lessons also are given attention throughout the practice sessions each week.

### | Parent and Sibling Waiting Area |

Parents are always welcome to remain for all lessons. **Parents and siblings may wait in the Music Room, in the adjacent hallway (there is a bench for seating in the foyer), or on the front porch bench.**

While waiting before or during lessons, please respect the following:

#### **NO LOUD OR DISTRACTING NOISES**

Please ensure that sibling noise levels and social conversations are kept to a minimum to avoid distraction to the student.

#### **NO FOOD OR DRINK**



# Amazing Grace Notes

making music | inspiring joy

|Tuition|

PAYMENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	AMOUNT	NOTES
Time of Registration	<b>ONE STUDENT</b> 30 min: \$120 + \$60 fee 45 min: \$165 + \$60 fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The registration fee is the first month's tuition and will hold your spot. It is <b>non-refundable after September 1, 2021</b>.</li> <li><b>\$60 Materials/Book Fee</b> per student is <b>non-refundable</b>.</li> </ul> <p>Covers all lesson/theory books for the year, access to SproutBeat® online theory resource, plus materials and fees for recitals, group classes, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please make checks payable to <b>Claudia Smith</b>, or you may Venmo payment directly to <b>Claudia-Sgro-Smith</b> or <b>571-212-0026</b>.</li> </ul>
	<b>TWO STUDENTS</b> 30 min: \$210 + \$120 fee 45 min: \$288.75 + \$120 fee Combo: \$255 + \$120 fee	
October 1, 2021	<b>ONE STUDENT</b> 30 min: \$400 45 min: \$550	
	<b>TWO STUDENTS</b> 30 min: \$700 45 min: \$962.50 Combo: \$850	
January 1, 2022	<b>ONE STUDENT</b> 30 min: \$400 45 min: \$550	
	<b>TWO STUDENTS</b> 30 min: \$700 45 min: \$962.50 Combo: \$850	
April 1, 2022	<b>ONE STUDENT</b> 30 min: \$400 45 min: \$550	
	<b>TWO STUDENTS</b> 30 min: \$700 45 min: \$962.50 Combo: \$850	
<b>YEARLY TUITION TOTALS</b>		<b>ONE STUDENT</b> 30 min: \$1,320 45 min: \$1,815
		<b>TWO STUDENTS</b> 30 min: \$2,310 45 min: \$3,176.25 Combo: \$2,805



Amazing Grace Notes

making music | inspiring joy

#### What Does a Year's Tuition Cover?

- 33 lessons (½ hour private)
- 1 “freebie” lesson (already on schedule)
- Assignment book and music folder
- 2 Group classes
- 1 “mini” Recital (Spring)
- 1 End of Year Recital and dress rehearsal
- Other optional performance opportunities
- SproutBeat® account per student for entire year

#### | Piano Tuner |

If anyone is in need of a good piano tuner, I highly recommend **Bruce Anderson (703) 532-5820**.

I am really looking forward to this new piano year!