

GENERAL INFORMATION 2025-2026

FESTIVALS / AUDITIONS:

The National Federation of Music Clubs Junior Festivals will be held at Bob Jones University on February 21. This is an event that I like to enter the majority of my students in because it is a good and profitable experience. The Music Teachers National Association District Auditions will be held at Furman University on TBA. Due to more difficult requirements, fewer students will be eligible for this event. The students who receive an Outstanding rating in the District Auditions are eligible for the State Auditions held at USC on TBA. These students please notify me within 48 hours after you know your score to tell me if you are entering the State Auditions. A handful of students will be selected by the judges from the NFMF Festivals to play for the statewide Honors Recital, and from the MTNA State Auditions to play for the State Convention. This is a tremendous honor because there are hundreds of students in both events. The fees for these events will be announced. All events are optional.

RECITALS / PARTIES:

The Christmas recital and party will be held on December 12 (Tentatively) from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at TBD. This recital is an attempt to ease students into the Spring Recital, so NO parents allowed. The Spring Recital and Awards Ceremony will be held on May 8 (Tentatively) at 7:00 p.m. at TBD, and all are welcome (I do recommend a sitter for the small wiggly ones). The MTNA offers two recitals to which I can take one or two students, and an Honors Recital at the end of the year to which I can take one student. Attendance to these is subject to my schedule, and whether or not there is a student prepared.

CLASS SEMINARS:

The students will be divided into 6 groups or classes, which I will inform you of later. The class seminars will include: reading key signatures; clapping, counting and dictating rhythms; learning all general music terms; accompanying; ear training; etc. These class seminars will be one hour long. **A great deal of important material will be covered in these class seminars, so please place a high priority on having your child there.** There are only 6 class seminars in the entire school year, and I tried to put them on non-conflicting dates and times; therefore, I will not make up missed classes. If your child cannot attend, please let me know so I won't be looking for him/her. Parents, please consider helping other children when transportation problems arise. Your child's class level will be announced after the placement tests.

Class	<u>Beginner</u>	<u>Moderate 1</u>	<u>Moderate 2</u>	<u>*Intermediate</u>	<u>*Advanced 1</u>	<u>Advanced 2</u>
Day	Friday	Friday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday	NA
Time	3:30-4:30	4:30-5:30	5:30-6:30	10:00-11:30	12:30-2:00	NA
#1	Sept. 26	Sept. 26	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 27	
#2	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 11	
#3	Nov. 14	Nov. 14	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 15	
#4	Jan. 23	Jan. 23	Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 24	
#5	Mar. 6	Mar. 6	Mar. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 7	
#6	Apr. 10	Apr. 10	Apr. 10	Apr. 11	Apr. 11	

NOTE: Classes can be adjusted to meet the needs of each set of students upon the agreement of the entire class. However, the weekends chosen need to be kept the same, so everyone can mark their calendars and be prepared.

***Classes that are Intermediate and higher need to be extended 30 min. There will be an additional fee of \$39 in the fall semester and \$39 in the spring semester. Payments for this can be worked out with me privately.**