

EDEN PRAIRIE STRING ACADEMY PRIVATE LESSONS 2017-2018

Private Lessons: Private lessons give students the opportunity to work on technique and repertoire at their own pace. In addition to lessons, students are strongly encouraged to take part in a youth orchestra. Playing in an ensemble and being held to high expectations is an important part of becoming a well-rounded musician. A discount will be given to those students playing in a youth orchestra such as EPSA, GTCYS or MYS.

Practice Requirement: Although, I'd love to say I could perform miracles at lessons...but without daily dedication at home, it is just about impossible! All students registering for lessons will be required to practice a minimum number of minutes each week. The minimum number of minutes per week will be set for each student at the first lesson of the year. We will start with the number of minutes of the lesson multiplied by 4 for younger students and 5 for older students. Everyone has a bad practice week here and there – that's life, however, if non-practice is the norm rather than a freak occurrence the student will find themselves on a 1-month probation. If at the end of the month practice and preparation has not improved, the student will be dropped from the studio. If you need assistance with ideas for at home practice, please let me know!

Location: Lessons will be with Michelle and will take place at her studio at 10663 Lee Drive.

Scheduling: Lessons will be scheduled on Tuesday – Thursday at the times below.

Tuesday: 4:30 – 7:00

Wednesday: 4:30 – 7:00

Thursday: 4:30 – 7:00

It is the expectation that is a set time for the September – May school year. Please do not schedule appointments or other activities during your lesson time. *Scheduling will be done on a first received basis.*

Dates: There will be 33 Wednesday and 32 Tuesday / Thursday lesson weeks between September and May. The dates I'm teaching for each day are listed below. There will be weeks off for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break and a couple of random dates that I already have concerts/rehearsals. However, I'm only initially charging for 28 weeks. I'm building in 4-5 weeks that can be used by either student or teacher for sick days or emergency family situations. If we get to mid-April or early May and there are still weeks left in the year, you will have the option of paying by the week at your current rate for the remaining weeks of the year.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
September	5, 12, 19, 26	6, 13, 20, 27	7, 14, 21, 28
October	3, 10, 17, 24 (no 31)	4, 11, 18, 25	5, 12, 26 (no 19)
November	7, 14, 28 (no 21)	1, 8, 15, 29 (no 22)	2, 9, 16, 30 (no 23)
December	5, 12, 19 (no 26)	6, 13, 20 (no 27)	7, 14 (no 21 or 28)
January	9, 16, 23, 30 (no 2)	10, 17, 24, 31 (no 3)	4, 11, 18, 25
February	6, 13, 20, 27	7, 14, 21, 28	1, 8, 15, 22
March	6, 13 (no 20 or 27)	7, 14 (no 21 or 28)	1, 8, 15 (no 22 or 29)
April	3, 10, 17, 24	4, 11, 18, 25	5, 12, 19, 26
May	1, 8, 15, 22	2, 9, 16, 23	3, 10, 17, 24

Spring Recital: TUESDAY, MAY 30 7:00PM – IMMANUEAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, EP

Missed/Make-up Lessons: Because I've built in the 4-5 weeks this year, hopefully this will eliminate having to do any make-ups at the end of the year. I do ask that my time is respected and that you give me at least 24 hours notice if you will miss your lesson. I will grant everyone one freebie "I came home from school sick" day. Too much homework is not a "I came home from school sick" day. Other than that one freebie, if you give me less than 24 hours notice, the lesson will not be made up. If you know you will be gone in advance, you may switch lessons with another student. I will provide a list of students with contact information and you may switch lessons with each other as many times as you wish, just let me know who

will be showing up. Something worth reading: <http://ottawasuzukistrings.ca/makeuplessons>

Skype/Facetime Lessons: If you can't make your regularly scheduled lesson for any reason (transportation issues, vacation, sickness, etc) and you didn't find someone to switch lesson times, you may have your lesson via Skype or Facetime at your regularly scheduled time. If you are out of the country, we will find a mutually acceptable time taking the time zones into consideration!

Illness: As a courtesy to everyone, students that have stayed home from school or are visibly sick should either switch lessons with another students or plan to have a Skype/Facetime lesson for the week.

Siblings: Siblings are welcome to attend another child's lesson, however, they must be sit quietly and not be disruptive. Please bring something quiet for them to do. Electronic devices with sound are not acceptable. Please do not bring food or drink.

Smart Music: Smart Music (www.smartmusic.com) is recommend for all students taking private lessons. If you don't have a current subscription, let me know and I can help you.

Cost & Payments: See chart below

Students Playing in a Youth Orchestra

Payment Plan	30 Minute		45 Minute	
	Payment	Cost per Lesson	Payment	Cost per Lesson
Full Payment Due at Registration	\$728	\$26	\$1008	\$36
3 Payments Due at Registration, Nov 1 & Jan 25	\$261.33	\$28	\$354.67	\$38
9 Monthly Payments First check is due at registration and then please submit 8 postdated checks for the 1 st of each month (Oct – May) with your registration	\$93.33	\$30	\$124.44	\$40

Students NOT Playing in a Youth Orchestra

Payment Plan	30 Minute		45 Minute	
	Payment	Cost per Lesson	Payment	Cost per Lesson
Full Payment Due at Registration	\$868	\$31	\$1148	\$41
3 Payments Due at Registration, Dec 3 & March 4	\$308	\$33	\$401.33	\$43
9 Monthly Payments First check is due at registration and then please submit 8 postdated checks for the 1 st of each month (Oct – May) with your registration	\$108.89	\$35	\$140	\$45

Withdrawal from Lessons: 4 weeks written notice is required for withdrawal from lessons. If less than 4 weeks is given, you will be responsible for the next 4 weeks of lesson payments.

Registration Form

Name: _____ Grade 2017-18: _____

Address: _____ Birthday: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Parent (s) Names: _____

Parent Email: _____

Student Email: _____

Instrument: _____

Length of Lesson: _____ 30 Minute _____ 45 Minute

Youth Orchestra:

_____ I play in a youth orchestra (EPSA, MYS, GTCYS)

_____ I do not play in a youth orchestra

Payment Plan:

_____ Full Payment – Due at registration

_____ Trimester Payments – Due at registration, December 1 and March 1

_____ 9 Equal Payments – First check is due at registration and then please submit 8 postdated checks for the 1st of each month (Oct – May) with your registration

I understand that if my child can't make a lesson, 24-hour notice is required and there is only one "I came home from school sick" freebie week. I understand that I can always find someone to switch lessons times with or my child can have a Skype or Facetime lesson during his or her regularly scheduled time. _____ Initial

I understand there will be a set number of minutes each week that my child must practice. _____ Initial

In understand that 4 weeks notice must be given to withdraw from lessons or I will be responsible for the payment of 4 weeks if student wishes to withdraw immediately. _____ Initial

Please publish my contact information on the spreadsheet for switching lessons: ___ Yes ___ No

Parent Signature

Date

Please give to Michelle or send completed form and check to EPSA, 10663 Lee Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Lesson Scheduling

Student Name: _____

My preferred lesson time is: _____ (Day and Time)

My 2nd Choice is: _____ (Day and Time)

My 3rd Choice is: _____ (Day and Time)

Please cross out below all times you absolutely CANNOT have a lesson. It is my goal to give everyone their preferred lesson time, but with everyone's busy lives that is not always possible. This gives me a good idea if we can go 15-30 minutes one way or the other if your preferred times are not available.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
4:30			
4:45			
5:00			
5:15			
5:30			
5:45			
6:00			
6:15			
6:30			
6:45			