

Piano Lesson Policies 2024/25

Updated August 2024

Payment Policy & Schedule

30 minute weekly lessons = \$298 monthly

45 minute weekly lessons = \$447 monthly

60 minute weekly lessons = \$596 monthly

I offer lessons **40 weeks** through the school year from **Sunday, Sept.1st – Thursday, June 26th**.

During this timeframe, there are 3 weeks off built in - 2 for winter break (December 22nd - January 2nd) and 1 for spring break (March 9th - 13th).

You will receive an invoice 7 days before the first of every month with the amount due which is payable by e-transfer to lizcraig17@gmail.com. The due date for each invoice is the first of the month. **A late fee of \$30 will apply if the invoice is not received by the 7th of the month.** Payments made by PayPal will be subject to a 4% fee.

In the months of July and August 2025, lessons will be scheduled and billed individually at the rate of \$149 per 60 minute session. Lessons in July & August are not guaranteed but I do strive to offer up to 4 lessons per month to keep momentum going.

Included in the monthly fee is:

- weekly one on one lessons as per the schedule described above
- a highly personalized lesson plan and practice notes
- access to all content on the Piano Maestro app (\$10/month value)
- access to all **non-competitive*** performance opportunities (workshops, recitals, etc.) run by ORMTA Central Toronto Branch as well as organized by myself
- all sheet music, books and materials

*Competitive recitals/festivals and exams will be an extra fee and are completely optional.

[Scholarships offered by ORMTA Central Toronto Branch](#) can be a great incentive for these opportunities!

High school credits are offered by Ontario for Level 7 & 8 exam completion.

Student Cancellations/Makeup Lesson Policy

Please cancel your lesson as soon as you know you can't make it in the student portal (<https://www.mymusicstaff.com/>) so that another student can book the open slot. Less than 48 hours notice will result in no makeup given. **Makeups for student cancellations are not guaranteed.** You can look through the calendar and book in an open slot to reschedule your lesson if it is before the 48 hour deadline.

All makeups for student cancellations must be completed prior to June 26th, 2025 and will not be made up in the summer months (July & August 2025).

Teacher Cancellations/Lateness

If I need to cancel for any reason, I will add a makeup credit to your account. These credits can be used to book extra lessons during the school year or during the summer and will expire on September 1, 2025. If there is very bad weather and it is unsafe for me to drive over, I will offer an online lesson instead.

I strive to build in enough time between students to drive and arrive on time, however sometimes heavy traffic can make me late. If I arrive late, I will always stay and teach the full amount of lesson time booked.

Performance Opportunities 2024/2025 - more details to come as they are available!

Oct.27th afternoon Halloween recital – open to students age 12 and under

ORMTA Fall Auditions **November 2/3 weekend** - competitive & opportunity to win scholarships

November 5th - Deadline to register for December theory exams

November 24th afternoon - Scholarship Recital (only for those who pass the audition)

December Long and McQuade holiday recital - date TBC - charity event, open to all

December 13 & 14 - in person theory exams

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Teen recital **Feb 23, 2025** - open to students age 13-19, non competitive

April 5/6 weekend - ORMTA Spring Auditions - competitive & opportunity to win scholarships

April 27th - ORMTA Scholarship recital

May 25th at 5:30 - Studio Recital at Hugh's Room Live - all are encouraged to perform!

For adult students, there is a monthly recital organized by the Toronto Amateur Pianists meetup group.

For students who are old enough and have enough repertoire, I also offer paid gigs at retirement homes, weddings, receptions, charity events, etc. as they come up.

Exams can be booked for in person sessions in February and June, and online throughout the year.

