

# Ann Vanderschaaf Piano Studio

## 932 Blue Spring Circle, Round Rock, TX. (512) 630-9908

Welcome to the Ann Vanderschaaf Piano Studio! Your child will be exposed to a variety of repertoire, theory, ear training, and performance opportunities. Your child will play on a grand piano in private lessons, and use music computer programs in conjunction with an electric piano for additional theory instruction. The curriculum is designed to give your child a complete picture of music through piano lessons and to develop lasting musical skills.

### CALENDAR

#### **FALL SEMESTER 2024**

Sept. 3 Tuesday - Fall lessons begin  
Oct. 26th Saturday - Piano Halloween Party\*  
Nov. 26-Nov. 30 Tuesday<>Sunday – THANKSGIVING RECESS  
Dec. 20th Friday - Piano Christmas Party\*  
Dec. 21st Saturday - End of Fall Semester

#### **SPRING SEMESTER 2025**

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Lessons resume  
Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Piano Valentine Party\*  
Mar. 16-22 Tuesday through Saturday – SPRING RECESS  
Apr. 13-17 Sun-Thurs – Pretend Piano Guild  
Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Piano Spring Party\*  
May - Piano Guild Auditions - Date to be Announced  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Mandatory PIANO RECITAL  
May 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - End of Spring Semester

#### **SUMMER TERM 2025**

July and August Dates to be Announced (**NOTE:** Those who take summer lessons get priority scheduling for the fall)

### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **TUITION**

Tuition is \$140.00 per month for families of 2 or less students. Families with 3 or more students remain at the previous \$120/month rate for each student. This consists of one 30-minute “in-studio” (my house) **PRIVATE** lesson (**STUDENTS ONLY**) each week. Please note that I **ONLY** accept checks or cash as payment.

#### **PAYMENT OF FEES – September through May**

Fees, payable in advance of lessons, are to be made no later than the first lesson of each month. This fee **RESERVES** your time on the teaching schedule and is not refunded if a lesson is missed. This fee is **NOT** per lesson. This fee will remain constant for nine months, September through May. A late fee of \$1.00 per day, up to fifteen days, will be charged when prompt payment is not received. Any further delay of payment may result in being dropped from the teaching schedule. A bounced check will result in a returned check fee of \$35.00 and in all future payments being made in CASH.

#### **PAYMENT OF FEES – Summer Lessons**

Fees for summer lessons are to be made no later than the first lesson of each month. **UNLIKE** the Sept. through May tuition, summer tuition is only for lessons attended.

#### **ADDITIONAL FEES**

- Throughout the year, any music purchased specifically for your child and/or any music damaged by your child will be included on your next month's tuition.
- You will be charged for Piano Guild Membership, an annual fee. This is a mandatory fee.
- A metronome is recommended.
- Arrange to have your piano tuned on a regular basis. [Click for a list of piano tuners](#)

### ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at lessons and parties is essential for the student's success. **Only TWO make-up lessons will be allowed each semester. For a lesson to be rescheduled (when not due to illness), teacher must be notified 24 hours in advance by phone call 630-9908 or by email vdschaaf@sbcglobal.net. If you forget to come, there is no makeup. When child is ill, notify teacher ASAP! AND PLEASE, if your child has a fever or is vomiting, DO NOT bring child to lesson until symptom free for 24 hours!!!** Lessons missed by the teacher will be rescheduled (or refunded if TEACHER chooses not to reschedule). **PLEASE NOTE:** Attendance at recitals and piano guild is mandatory. Failure to attend can result in being dropped from my teaching schedule.

### SCHEDULING

The following criteria is used for assigning lesson times to students

1. Students who took summer lessons and were students in the spring get top consideration
2. New students who took summer lessons are next
3. Returning students who did not take summer lessons are third.
4. New students who have not taken from me before are last.

In cases of conflicts the number of summer lessons taken and how long a student has been in my studio will be used.

### ASSURING YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN PIANO LESSONS

Successful, satisfying piano study is dependent upon correct and consistent practice habits. In order for students, parents, and the teacher to experience success, adhere to the following recommendations:

- Arrange a set time **every day** for your child to practice and insist on it being kept.
- Provide a practice setting free from distraction (sibling, TV, etc.).
- Check on your child's practice progress during the week (is child making a check daily each time assigned pieces practiced three times?)
- Remember to sign and return each weekly practice record.
- Make sure your child brings **all** of the correct music and materials to EACH lesson, preferably in a music tote bag.
- Check the music assignment notebook regularly for communication from the teacher.
- Make sure your child finishes all written assignments and is **prepared for each lesson**.
- Arrive on time for all lessons and pick up from lessons **PROMPTLY**.
- Keep your child's nails clipped short.