

First Coast Community Music School

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Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you are having a rich and rewarding summer and are looking forward to continuing music lessons with us for the upcoming year. We want to let you know of some changes that will be taking place at The First Coast Community Music School (FCCMS).

We are in the process of planning for this coming year and have decided to offer some exciting new programs and some additional opportunities to reach out into the community. As we look into the future of our growth and expansion, we are becoming aware of our need to increase the price for our private lessons. Effective September 1, we will be changing the pricing to:

30 minute lessons	\$27.50
45 minute lessons	\$41.25
60 minute lessons	\$55.00
75 minute lessons	\$68.75

Students who are on scholarship grants will continue to pay the percentage they are eligible for in the scholarship grant. For example the student eligible for a 60% grant for a 30 minute lesson will change from paying \$15.00 per lesson to paying \$16.50. The new payment is arrived at by taking the percentage of the new charges for lessons.

Effective September 1, we will also add a once a year registration fee of \$30.00 for the year that will be paid once regardless of how many groups or classes you are taking. We are so pleased with the large group of students who are already enrolled at FCCMS that we want to offer them the opportunity to pay a reduced registration fee this first year of \$15.00 as a way of saying thank you for your support during our first years.

The registration fee will be used to cover a number of expenses that will benefit students in the school such as paying for accompanists for recitals or rental of recital space and refreshments for recitals. We will also use the funds generated from the registration fee to provide students with information about festivals and competitions.

Students who are on scholarship grants for financial assistance will pay the same percentage of the registration fee that they are paying for lessons. If the school is paying 60% of the cost of the lessons and the student is paying 40%, then that student will pay \$40% of the registration fee.

We have done a great deal of research into programs of Community Music Schools throughout the United States and we feel we are right in line with most of these schools with our new charges. We are indeed still under the fee schedule of many good schools we talked with. We hope to continue offering you and your family the best quality music instruction available anywhere in the greater Jacksonville Community.

Look on our website for more information about the following new and some previously offered programs we will provide this fall:

- **A Comprehensive Home School Program that will meet or exceed the Florida Sunshine Standard in place for all Florida public education students.**
- **A Home School Band/Chorus Program**
- **A Community Jazz Band for middle school students.**
- **A Community Jazz Ensemble Program for high school students**
- **Music Therapy Program for special needs students**
- **'Music for Little Mozarts' program for students ages 5 -6.**
- **Kindermusik for students ages newborn to 7 years of age**
- **Suzuki Piano and Strings for students ages 4 and up with one group lesson every other week and a private lesson every week.**
- **Chamber Ensemble – opportunities for students to play with other students with the same proficiency and to play classical or jazz repertoire.**

We look forward to a very exciting and challenging year this year and we look forward to continuing our relationship with each and every one of you as we move into the third year of The First Coast Community Music School.

**Jane Condon
Executive Director
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