*SharpMinds Music Academy*

Individual Piano Course

STUDIO POLICY

Welcome to our *Individual Piano Course* at SharpMinds Music Academy!

Our excellent faculty is committed to teaching and guiding your child to achieve his/her musical goals. The course covers technique development, repertoire performance, and music theory.

Performance opportunities include participation in piano recitals, concerts, and masterclasses. *SharpMinds Music Academy* also encourages students to prepare for assessments and examinations.

Here are some pointers for parents with regards to making your child’s music learning a positive and fun experience.

**PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS**

1. Ensuring that your child practices according to the practice guidelines

2. Maintains and organizes class materials

3. Provides a well maintained and tuned piano at home

4. Minimal distractions, and loads of encouragement

**PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS**

1. Timed practice sessions.
* Beginners: - 30 minutes daily
* Intermediate: - 45 minutes daily
* Advanced - 1 hour or more daily
1. Follow the practice outline where each session contains the following:
2. Warm-ups and technical exercise (scales, arpeggios, etc.)
3. Assigned repertoire pieces
4. Duets, theory assignments (if given)
5. Review favorites
6. Follow the specific instructions of the teacher.
7. Do the indicated practice steps
8. Follow the number of repetitions
9. H.S. (hands separate) means each hand**,** not just the right
10. Make all corrections marked by the teacher

**CALENDAR**

Classes are not conducted, and students not charged for the following:

* Thanksgiving
* Winter Break
* Spring Break

**TUITION**

Monthly fees are determined by the duration of the lesson and location.

Location A: Pinecrest Community Center – On-line payments to Village of Pinecrest

 Christ the King Lutheran Church – Electronic Payments to SharpMinds Music

 Virtual on Zoom – Electronic Payments to SharpMinds Music

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| Duration | 30 – minutes | \*45 - minutes | 60 - minutes |
| Per Lesson | $40 | $60 | $80 |
| Monthly (4 lessons) | $160 | $240 | $320 |

 \*Note: 45-minute lessons not available at the Pinecrest Community Center

Location B: Student’s Home – Electronic Payments to SharpMinds Music

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| Duration | 30 – minutes | 45 – minutes | 60 - minutes |
| Per Lesson | $50 | $65 | $85 |
| Monthly(4 lessons) | $200 | $260 | $340 |

**MAKE-UP LESSONS**

Please inform the teacher at least 24 hours prior to the lesson if you are unable to attend. Make-up lessons are given for reasons of illness, family emergencies, planned family travel, religious functions or compulsory school events. Lessons canceled for other reasons will not be made up. Make up lessons will be arranged at the convenience of the instructor. No refunds or credits for missed lessons will be given.

All lessons missed by the instructor will be made up.

**CONCERTS & MASTER CLASSES**

All students are required to perform in student concerts/recitals (once or twice annually). Students may also take part in piano master classes, music theory, & appreciation classes.

There will be additional recital/concert, and masterclass fees charged.

**EXAMINATIONS**

Students are encouraged to prepare towards music examinations and assessments, depending on their progress and musical interests. These exams may include the Federation, Guild, and/or the Yamaha Grade Examination (YGE).

Participation in these assessments will be based on the instructor’s recommendation and direction, determined by the preparedness of the individual student.