



School of Music

Policies and Procedures

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Dear Parent,

Thank you for your participation in the Trinity Christian School of Music. Each year we raise thousands of dollars for Trinity Christian School, but more importantly, we contribute to the musical development of your children.

This manual is for your reference. Please read the policies carefully and keep it handy throughout the year. In it you will find valuable contact information and answers to most of your questions.

If you have a question that is not addressed in this manual, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Holly Reynolds, Director
Trinity Christian School of Music
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Introduction

The Trinity Christian School of Music offers private lessons by qualified, Christian instructors in piano, voice, guitar, brass, violin, cello, woodwinds, percussion, and theory exam preparation during the school day at competitive rates. Lessons are available to students in grades 1-8. This program supports the fundraising efforts of Trinity Christian School.

Books and Equipment

Your instructor will likely recommend certain books or items that will assist you in achieving your goals. These may include method books, music collections, metronomes, music or instrument stands, or other accessories. Your instructor will give you a Purchase Request Form with all the information you need to find the right item. If you have any questions, please contact your instructor. These may be purchased at the store of your choice. Here are some suggested purchase locations:

Ashby Musical Enterprises
Tel: 905-963-1268
scott@ashbyme.com

Leslie Music Supply
198 Speers Road
Oakville, ON
Tel: 800-291-1075

Lakeshore Music (Long & McQuade)
3180 Mainway Dr.
Burlington, ON
Tel: 905-319-3330

Mojo Music
430 Speers Road
Oakville, ON
Tel: 905-842-2665

Contacting the School of Music

If you have any questions or communications pertaining to the Trinity Christian School of Music, please contact the Director. It is possible to send mail via Kiddie Kourier to the school office "Attn: School of Music," however, please do not call the main school number for this purpose.

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Instructors' Contact Information

Caitlin Muller (Piano)

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Charlene Flikkema (Piano & Voice)

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Holly Reynolds (Piano & Theory)

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Jennifer Cole (Guitar & Piano)

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Krystal Fusilli (Woodwinds & Piano)

Tel: (905) 582-3788 Email: kfusilli@gmail.com

Natalie Kim (Cello)

Tel: (289) 795-8012 Email: nuriandi@yahoo.com

Scott Ashby (Brass, Percussion, Voice, Piano & Theory)

Tel: (905) 630-2179 Email: scott.ashby@tcsonline.ca

Stephanie Scholman (Piano & Violin)

Tel: (905) 315-7815 Email: mikensteph@scholman.ca

Lesson Cancellations

If a student is unable to attend school on his/her lesson day, **please contact the director** by phone or email, in addition to contacting the school office. The director will notify the music instructor. This is very important!

Lesson Time

When it is time for the lesson, the instructor will go to the student's classroom. The student should be watching for the instructor and leave the class, taking his books and equipment, with as little disturbance as possible. At the end of the lesson, the instructor will return the student to the classroom.

Make-Up Lessons

Our make-up lesson policy is designed in an attempt to fairly compensate the instructors for their time while allowing for the day-to-day factors of a school environment. The result is a policy that is congruent with industry standards for private music instruction.

Our policy is to provide make-up lessons for teacher- or school-initiated absences (snow days, class trips, etc.). Make-up lessons are not given for student-initiated absences (illness, vacations, etc.).

The music instructors keep track of make-up lessons owing. They will contact the parent to arrange times for make-up lessons. The director will notify the classroom teachers of any lessons occurring outside of the regular schedule. No guarantee is made that make-up lesson times will always coincide with the usual missed subject.

Vacation Exception

Some flexibility is allowed for those with upcoming vacations to arrange a lesson switch with another student. The procedure is as follows:

1. The parent must notify the instructor at least 2 weeks in advance (no last minute requests, please).
2. The instructor will provide the names of students/parents who may be able to switch lesson days to accommodate the vacation time.
3. The parent must arrange and obtain permission from the other parent prior to any switched lesson days.
4. The lesson switch must be only a day/time switch and must not alter the instructor's regular teaching schedule.

Music Instructor Absences

If an instructor is unable to teach due to sickness or an emergency, the student and parent will be notified. Within a few days, the instructor will contact you directly to arrange a make-up lesson.

Practice

The music instructor will recommend a certain amount of practice time each week. Please plan this time into your weekly schedule. Consistent practice is important in achieving success.

Recital

Trinity Christian School of Music will hold two year-end recitals in the school gymnasium. All students enrolled in private lessons are expected to perform in one of these recitals. This is an opportunity for the students to share with friends and family what they have learned throughout the semester. Your child's teacher will assist them in choosing an appropriate selection for this night.

Registration

To enrol in the School of Music, the procedure is as follows:

1. Complete Registration Form (this form can be found at the end of this document or picked up at the school office).
2. Enclose a cheque payable to Trinity Christian School for the \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee per student per instrument. This holds their place for the fall and will be applied to the lesson payments. Please note that after May 20th, 2016, this non-refundable registration fee will increase to \$35.00, of which \$25.00 will be applied to the lesson payments.
4. Return this form and the registration fee to the school office (attn: School of Music) as soon as possible. The sooner your registration forms are received, the more likely you will obtain the desired lesson time preference.
5. During the first week of school, the lesson schedule will be formed. You will receive notice of this during the first week of school.
6. You will receive a payment schedule for your lesson day. Lessons are \$24.00 per half-hour weekly lesson. After you receive the payment information, please send your payments immediately by cheque(s) (in full or by monthly post-dated cheques for the school year) made payable to *Trinity Christian School*. If payments are not received by October 21, 2016, lessons will be suspended until payments are received. Please note that in the case of new registrations received during the school year, lessons will not begin until payment has been received.

Scheduling

Although we attempt to create a schedule that is positive for all, we cannot guarantee that you will always receive the ideal time. We will endeavour to communicate with you regarding which class the student is missing; however, it is the student's responsibility to make up any missed class work. Parents will have the opportunity to select a lesson time online based on: Instructor availability, order of registration and classroom teachers' input.

Withdrawals

Two weeks written notice (emails will suffice) must be given to terminate a program. Refunds and/or returned cheques will be calculated from two weeks past the date of written notification.

Office use only

Date received _____ Teacher _____

Registration Fee _____ Lesson _____

Notified _____ Payments _____