



## JOANNE MARIE'S SCHOOL OF PIANO

### ***Dear Parents and Students:***

***The 2020-2021 Piano Term will begin on Tuesday, September 1st.***

*This year's term is offered for **36 weeks** meaning no matter what day your lesson is on, you will receive 36 lessons.*

*Our term is divided into 3 semesters of 12 weeks- fall, winter, and spring.*

*Optional, pro-rated lessons may be offered throughout June, July and August.*

**Fall semester** will run from Tuesday, September 1 through Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Winter semester** will run from Tuesday November 24 through Tuesday, February 23rd.

**Spring semester** will run from Tuesday, March 2nd through Tuesday, May 25th.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all returning students and their families, as well as those families and students who are joining the studio for the first time. As you will see on the calendar, students have the opportunity to participate in many events. We encourage this, as it helps in keeping everyone interested, motivated, and **practicing!**

### ***This year's staff includes:***

***Mrs. Joanne M. Barnaba***, who graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from Crane School of Music, and a Master's degree in education. Mrs. Barnaba has written and published numerous professional articles on piano teaching and pedagogy.

***Mr. Dan Barnaba***, is working on his Music Degree at Winthrop University, as well as composing and arranging music. Mr. Dan teaches guitar, drums, piano, and saxophone.

*(If you are receiving online- the following information is included in your email)*

Your Lesson/Class Time is: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_

***Attached is a tuition invoice for the first semester for private piano lessons with Mrs. Joanne Barnaba.*** Payments may be made in one payment, or in 3 monthly payments. Please note that each term is made up of 12 weeks.

*A \$10.00 late fee will be added to all invoices after the payment deadline.*

**Make-up Lessons:** Lessons may be cancelled, but please be considerate and notify us by phone or email at least 24 hours in advance.

Make-up lessons may be offered during or at the end of the school year at the teacher's discretion, limit of 3 per student. **If you choose not to schedule make-up lessons, or have not notified us ahead of time, you are still responsible for the tuition fee!**

A courtesy 2-week notice in writing is requested to terminate lessons.

**Parking:** If taking lessons in River Hills, due to **strict zoning** restrictions, we ask you to park your vehicles in the driveway at all times. **Please do not park in front of the house!** Pull your car all the way into the driveway, or park side by side by side to allow other vehicles room to back out. You will be admitted through the guard gate. Let them know that you will be "visiting" Joanne Barnaba. Small children need to be supervised. We encourage all students & parents to wait inside in our waiting area, or in your car.

**Your participation in our program signifies the acceptance of all the above policies.**

### **REASONS FOR DAYS OFF**

Tuesday, December 22- Monday, January 4th\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Holiday Recess  
Lessons resume Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Week of April 5, 2021 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Spring/Easter Break  
Last day of Spring semester, Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Make-up lessons may be offered the following week.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Holiday Online Recital:

Sunday, November 22, 2020, Holiday recital. Information will follow

*National Guild of Piano Teacher* auditions, River Hills church, Lake Wylie, SC

Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Or Online. More information will follow.

Spring Online Recital: More information will follow.

Sunday, May 23, 2021

If held at River Hills Country Club: 3:00-5:00 PM , \$15.00 per family

Please refer to newsletters/handouts and website for additional events and/or changes.

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**To get the most out of piano lessons and your "money's worth," students need to practice- diligently & daily.**

**Please oversee your child's weekly practice assignments.**

We are looking forward to another exciting and rewarding school year!

Thank you for choosing to study music with us.

Mrs. Joanne Barnaba

Mr. Dan Barnaba