

2008 - 2009
MUSIC LESSON EXTENSION PROGRAM

The Fine Arts Department of the Newton Public Schools offers students the opportunity for private instrumental and vocal music lesson study for students in grades 5 – 12 through the Music Lesson Extension Program.

Professional instrumental and vocal teachers who work and perform in the Boston area staff the program as instructors. Lessons will be taught on a weekly basis beginning in the fall and continuing throughout the school year. Provisions can be made with selected teachers to continue lessons through June and the summer months.

LESSONS WILL NOT BE TAUGHT IN THE STUDENT'S HOME SCHOOL UNLESS THAT SCHOOL IS A CLUSTER SCHOOL FOR THE ASSIGNED TEACHER. LESSONS WILL BE TAUGHT ONLY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS ON SPECIFIED DAYS FOR SPECIFIED INSTRUMENTS BY DESIGNATED TEACHERS.

The school year will be divided into two (2) semesters with each semester consisting of fourteen (14) lessons and make-up time periods which allow for vacations and holidays observed by the Newton Public Schools.

There will be a yearly Registration Fee of \$25.00 per year.

The half year fee for fourteen 30 minute private lessons is \$325.00. The full year charge for twenty-eight 30 minute lessons is \$650.00. Total fee and charges is \$675.00.

The half year fee for fourteen 45 minute private lessons is \$487.50. The full year charge for twenty-eight 45 minute lessons is \$975. Total fee and charges is \$1,000.00.

Checks or money orders are made payable to: Music Lesson Ext. Program and mailed or delivered to the Fine Arts Department, 100 Walnut St., Newton, MA 02460
Phone: 617-559-6147 - Fax: 617-559-6148

Lessons will consist of instruction on a one-to-one student/teacher ratio for 30 or 45 minutes per week unless other arrangements are made with the teacher. Parental agreement with teacher recommendation for extended or combined lessons may be coordinated where scheduling is possible.

SCHEDULING AND LOCATION

It should be noted that security and space availability have been an area of concern in establishing past teaching schedules and lesson times. Lesson location and scheduling are subject to these concerns.

Lessons cancelled due to teacher illness or unavailability will be rescheduled. Lessons cancelled due to student illness, supplemental school programs (i.e. assemblies) or student/parent decision will not be made up unless the teacher has the available time to reschedule. A maximum of two (2) make up lessons per semester will be scheduled for lessons missed due to unscheduled school closings, school field trips, and system-wide testing. In cases where it is known that lessons will need to be rescheduled, teachers should be notified at least one week in advance. In cases of student illness, the teacher should be called, in case of teacher illness or unavailability, it is the teacher's responsibility to notify schools and/or students affected prior to lesson times. Make-up lessons will be rescheduled at the teacher's discretion based on student availability during each semester of lessons.

ELEMENTARY LESSONS (grade 5)

Lessons will be taught after school Monday through Friday after school. Given security concerns and space limitations at our elementary schools, it is necessary to give lessons at secondary schools on specific days for particular instruments matching students' signups and teacher availability.

SECONDARY LESSONS (grades 6-12)

Lessons will be taught after school Monday through Friday after school. Given security concerns and space limitations at our secondary schools, it is necessary to give lessons at secondary schools on specific days for particular instruments matching students' signups and teacher availability.

COST AND PAYMENTS

Payment will be made in full to the Fine Arts Department before the first lesson of each semester. Due to the complexity of scheduling and the time commitment of the professional staff, no refunds can be made once the lessons in a semester have begun.

SEMESTER I

OCTOBER – FEBRUARY

(14 (30 min.) lessons cost: \$325.00)

(14 (45 min.) lessons cost: \$487.50)

SEMESTER II

FEBRUARY – JUNE

(14 (30 min.) lessons cost: \$325.00)

(14 (45 min.) lessons cost: \$487.50)

REGISTRATION

The Registration Form should be completed and returned with the yearly \$25.00 fee to:
**Fine Arts Department,
100 Walnut Street, Newton, MA 02460**

**Check or money orders should be made payable to:
MUSIC LESSON EXTENSION PROGRAM**

SEMESTER CHARGES ARE DUE BEFORE THE FIRST LESSON EACH SEMESTER.

All pre-registrations should be received as soon as possible and no later than September 1, 2008. This will insure a teacher for your student in the fall **IF SCHEDULING** can be arranged. Registrations received after the September 1st deadline will be assigned to teachers when time and space are available. This is necessary because of limited teaching time and space in the various school buildings.

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MUSIC LESSON EXTENSION PROGRAM
REGISTRATION FORM
DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION: SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

Please print clearly or type:

STUDENT NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

TOWN/STATE/ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____ DAY TELEPHONE: _____

GRADE IN SEPT. 2008 _____ SCHOOL IN SEPT. 2008: _____

PRESENT INSTRUMENTAL/VOICE TEACHER _____

2007/2008 TEACHER

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

REGISTRATION FEE (\$25.) ENCLOSED: _____

FIRST SEMESTER PAYMENT ENCLOSED (\$325.00 or \$487.50.) _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS/COMMENTS: _____

Return this form and \$25.00 Registration Fee To:

MUSIC LESSON EXTENSION PROGRAM
FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT
100 WALNUT STREET
NEWTON, MA 02460

Instrument/Voice: _____

Secondary Schools for Lesson Site Preferences: (Circle School Preferences)

Bigelow Brown Day Oak Hill North High South High

Day Preferences: (Circle Day Preferences)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Lesson Length: Check One: _____ 30 minute lessons _____ 45 minute lessons