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Dear Parents,

Hello everyone, enclosed please find:

- Student Registration form
- Studio Contract
- Lesson Scheduling form
- Updated Studio Policy
- Studio Calendar for the 2009–2010 school year

Please read the policy and sign the contract page. Please fill out the two forms: student registration and lesson scheduling forms, and return the two forms to me ASAP with the signed contract and your check in the envelope provided—complete payments are due at the first lesson of the semester (see registration form).

\*\*\*All Delray/Boynton Beach students' lessons will be held at the home of Laura Phillips, 6383 Coolidge Ct, Boynton Beach (where the Thursday kids have been going for lessons this summer).\*\*\*

### **Competitions/Performances**

My being now a member of both the Palm Beach and Broward Music Teachers Associations, there are many events available for my students. Please see the *Calendar* for more info. (If you're interested in more info, check that box on the registration form.)

### **Piano Explorer magazine**

*Piano Explorer* magazine introduces piano students to music history, famous composers, theory, technique, practice tips, and composition with plenty of games and puzzles to keep things fun. Students have the opportunity to submit original compositions, drawings, be a student editor and more. It's a great deal at just **\$8.00** a year. If you want to subscribe (or renew), please check that box on the registration form and add \$8.00 to the total due.

### **New this year: Book deposits:**

In addition to buying books at my online store (see *Studio Policy*) and ordering books that I've set up as an order for you @ **www.primamusic.com**, you may now leave with me a book deposit in the amount \$25 or \$50. A running tally of books and their prices, with remaining balance, will be kept in the assignment binder (as well as a copy with me), and when the deposit is depleted, you can then replenish the book deposit funds. This way I purchase the books and you don't have to worry about it. (For more info, see "Book Deposits" in the *Studio Policy*.)

### **New this year: Student registration fee:**

All students are required to pay a nonrefundable student registration fee of \$25. This fee covers the costs of the assignment book practice pages, miscellaneous xeroxed music, piano party/spring recital expenses, etc.

**New this year: Home visits:**

For in-studio students, I will be doing one lesson at your home during the fall semester. This is to check up on the instrument you're practicing on, the home practice environment, proper seating, lighting, etc.

**New this year: No. of private lessons/group lessons:**

In place of a regular private lesson, there will be a group lesson, one per semester, and probably during a week *before* a performance event (e.g., Halloween Musicale or Winter Piano Party). Details on this coming in September. Please also note that the Spring Recital (required) also counts as a lesson.

**REMINDER: Rate Increase**

As I indicated in my May mailing, my rates increase as of September 1.

In-studio lessons: new rate is based on \$60/hour. Thus, \$30 per 30-minute lesson, \$45 per 45-minute lesson, \$60 per 60-minute lesson.

In-home lessons will increase to a rate based on \$60 per 45-minute lesson (\$45 plus \$15 travel fee), and \$75 per 60-minute lesson (\$60 plus \$15 travel fee).

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to email me anytime, or call me mornings, Monday through Friday. **NOTE: I will be on vacation from Mon, Aug 24–Sun Aug 30.** Please leave a message and I'll return your call/email promptly on Mon, Aug. 31.

I am really looking forward to an even greater and better year of piano playing with all of my current and new students!

Sincerely,

Julie Cleveland/Miss Julie

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