

Information Sheet
FREE GROUP INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS
Spring 2012
Evangelical Presbyterian Church Newark, DE 19711
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Group Lessons

Group lessons are instrumental music lessons given in a group. Students will learn at their own pace but with a group of other instrumentalists. The groups will be arranged by age and level. Students will also have the opportunity to play in an ensemble as they progress in their learning.

When and Where and Who

The start date for the Spring semester is January 19, 2012 and will continue to happen on Thursdays through May 10, 2012.

Grades 2 through High School are encouraged to register.

All aspects of the program will occur on the campus of Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

The program will take around 1 hour and 30 minutes beginning at 4:30pm to 6pm. Students will participate in group lessons on their instrument, ensembles and musicianship classes. There will also be a devotion presented from the Bible. Students must participate in the full program; the instrumental, Bible and musicianship components.

Registration Forms

Registration Forms are available on December 21, 2011. They are due by January 13, 2012. Late registrations will be reviewed on a case by case basis for Fall semester admittance. Also, new registrations will be considered on a case-by-case basis as certain instrument groups are full at this time.

Teachers

Qualified Christian teachers who have advanced degrees in music and music education. Students will receive quality, passionate instruction.

Mandatory Parent/Guardian Meeting

A meeting will be held for parents/guardians on January 19, 2012 at 5:30pm to 5:50pm in the Fellowship Hall at Evangelical Presbyterian Church. This meeting will outline the program, expectations of participation and answer questions that you may have. In order for your child to participate in our program a parent/guardian must be present at this meeting.

Commitment from the Student and Parent/Guardian

Since this program is offered for free, the student must devote themselves to a practice record, consistent attendance and a record of progress throughout the semester.

Each student will receive a practice sheet each week to fill out to bring to the next lesson. Each practice week must be filled out and signed by the parent.

Student attendance is of utmost importance in order for musical progress. A student may miss one unexcused lesson per semester. Absences that are excusable are absences for deaths in the family or doctor excused illness. All other absences due to school sports, activities, vacation and health are considered not excused lessons. We begin the program at 4:30pm. Two tardy arrivals will be considered on unexcused absence.

Plan to arrive at 4:15pm. This will enable your student to set-up and warm-up for their lesson and ensemble.

The instruments used by the students must be in good working order. They must be the appropriate size. Any questions regarding the appropriateness of the instrument should be made immediately to the director of the school or to the faculty member of the group class.

Commitment from the student to these four elements (attendance, practice record, instrument appropriateness, and progress) is essential for participation in the program. Failure to meet these standards will result in dismissal from the program after a first verbal warning to the parent/guardian of the student from the Director of the School, Benjamin Harding.

Why are we doing this?

We want to invest in our community. We want to bring the joy of music and the love of God to the diverse community that we are called to serve.