

INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS & COMBO GROUPS AT BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

August 3, 2017

Dear Parents,

Brookwood School offers an individual music lesson and combo group program open to any current Brookwood student. Lessons are given once a week throughout the school year and a recital is given in April/May. Combo groups perform at various times during School Meetings. Currently we offer piano, guitar, bass, voice, drums, violin, all woodwinds and brass, harp, and percussion.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS WILL HAVE SOME GAME CONFLICTS DURING THEIR PRIVATE LESSON TIME IF THEY ARE ON BROOKWOOD TEAMS. WE CAN ONLY REIMBURSE ONE LESSON AT THE END OF EACH SEMESTER FOR THESE LOST LESSON TIMES. PRIVATE LESSON TEACHERS ARE RESERVING THAT TIME ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR STUDENT ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND WE COULD NOT RETAIN GOOD TEACHERS IF THEY WERE NOT PAID FOR THE TIME EACH WEEK. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN SCHEDULING PRIVATE LESSONS.

Enrollment is offered online in May (prior to the next school year), and in September and January by contacting dgantt@brookwood.edu. Details of this program are sent out to parents online in May. Students waiting for music lessons or for a carpool after lessons are to go the appropriate After School Care.

Calendar

Individual Music Lessons and combos will begin the 1st full week of school. This year that date is Monday, September 18. Makeup lessons for Fall Term are December 11-15. First day of lessons for the Winter/Spring Term is Monday, January 2. Makeup week is Tuesday, May 29 – Monday June 4.

Recitals 2018

Lower School	PreK, K and 1 st 2 nd and 3 rd	Tuesday, April 24	12:45-1:45 pm in SMH
Middle School	4 th and 5 th	Tuesday, April 24	1:45-2:45 pm in SMH
Upper School	6 th , 7 th and 8 th	Wednesday, April 25	2:15-3:45 pm in SMH
		Friday, April 27	1:15-3:00 pm in SMH

Contemporary Music, Jazz, and Classical Combos

These groups are open to third grade and above students, formed in August by Mrs. Gantt. There are no auditions for these groups, though space dictates how many groups can be formed. Please contact Mrs. Gantt if you or your student would like to participate. We ask that students involved in these groups are also taking an individual lesson in their respective instrument. These groups remain intact for the entire school year.

School Meeting Band

This group accompanies Brookwood students at many School Meetings. This group is open to upper grade instrumentalists. This is an advanced group. There are no auditions, but check with Mrs. Gantt if your child is interested. In rare exceptions a Middle School student can join. There is a six-month term limit on this group, unless certain instrumentalists cannot be found. This group meets every morning from 7:30-8:05 am in the Beinecke Music Room.

Middle School Concert Band

This group is open to students who are just beginning their instrument or are in an ensemble for the first time. This is a group that will teach the basics of being a part of a band. Students who play clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, and, percussion are eligible. This ensemble will meet once a week. For more information, please contact Alex Edwards at aedwards@brookwood.edu.

MS/US Concert Band

This group is open to band students who are at a more advanced playing level by audition only. Students who play clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, guitar, bass, piano, and percussion are eligible. This ensemble will meet once a week. For more information, please contact Barbara Friend at barbarafriend14@gmail.com.

String Ensemble is open to students who play violin, viola, cello or string bass. This ensemble will meet once a week and is open to all ages.

Acapella Groups

Open to all singers, no auditions. For more information, please contact Alex Edwards at aedwards@brookwood.edu.

Stepping Tones (Grades 3, 4 and 5) Thursday mornings Science gym 7:30-8:05 am

Acaposse (Grades 6 and 7) Friday mornings Science gym 7:30-8:05 am

BAM (Grade 8 boys) Wednesday mornings Science gym 7:30-8:05 am

Stairwell Singers (Grade 8 girls) Tuesday mornings Science gym 7:30-8:05 am

There is a combo fee charged on all of the above groups. The day/time that above groups meet is determined in late August.

INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSON POLICIES:

1. Lessons are weekly, one half hour in length, after or before school. Not all lessons can be scheduled immediately after school is out. Teachers will offer times that they have available and are not required to fulfill requests. Parents of students up through the second grade may have to enroll their child in after school care until their child's lesson time. Students in third grade and above must enroll in the REACH or Homework Club. **Students waiting for a lesson or waiting to be picked up from a lesson must go to after school care locations. Parents should pick up their student from a lesson in these locations.**
2. The cost per half hour lesson is \$28.00, payable by the term (twice a year) in advance. The terms are September-December and January -June. Payment is made directly to the instructor by the second lesson of the term. If payment is not received, the private lesson may be terminated. **Once a student has committed to lessons, he or she is required to continue for the full term. If a student chooses not to attend these lessons, the money is nonrefundable.**
3. The instructor may make materials available to the student, which parents will be required to purchase.

4. If an instructor is absent from a lesson, the lesson will be made up. An instructor will allot one lesson at the end of each semester for a "Makeup Lesson." Teachers are only required to allot one make-up lesson per semester. This includes make-up lessons for snow days.
5. Please keep your music lesson instructor's home phone and contact them directly to cancel a lesson. The front office is not responsible for calling the music lesson teacher to cancel a lesson.
6. All private lesson students will be eligible to participate in our yearly recital in April/May. No student is required to perform. Students who take lessons outside the school are welcome to join us for this event. Please contact Debbie Gantt for more information about the Brookwood recital.
7. Students must have access to an instrument for daily practice.
8. No combos or lessons are scheduled on noon dismissal days. Lessons and combos can meet on 3:00 pm dismissal days but an individual music teacher will confirm this with the parent.
9. 7th and 8th graders will have some game conflicts during their private lesson time. We will provide one makeup lesson per semester. There may be more than one missed lesson because of athletic games, (which cannot be reimbursed) so please keep this in mind when scheduling private lessons.

Please contact me with any questions,

Debbie Gantt

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Coordinator of the Individual Lesson/Combo program