



## Bassoon Lessons

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Hello! Thanks again for taking lessons this semester! This will be a very enriching process for both myself and you. I hope that you will learn as much from me as I will from you in our time together!

### **Attendance:**

There may be a few rare occasions in which I am unable to provide you a lesson at the scheduled time for the week. If this occurs, I will work to try to find a make-up time for the lesson, or if another time is not able to be found, the lesson will not be billed. If you are unable to make the lesson at the set time, you can trade time with another student if you make arrangements with that other student. If this happens, make sure to inform me of the switch. If you have to miss the lesson, please try to inform me at least 12 hours in advance, and we can work to try to find a make-up time for the week. Failure to show up to the lesson without communicating with me will result in a billing for the lesson. If the lesson is missed because of an emergency, let me know, and the lesson will not be billed. In summary, **Communicate With Me!** My contact information is at the top. Do not rely on other people to relay messages to me.

### **Materials:**

Make sure that you are in possession of a metronome and tuner (especially a tuner with double reed instruments). I may make recommendations on purchasing a certain method book, etude book, or solo work which you can choose to either order yourself or through me. **Every week, please bring your instrument, reeds, music, a pencil, and a notebook or paper.** There is a lot to learn about the bassoon. I am still learning every day. The notebook is to help remember what was talked about in the lesson so that you can apply those concepts in your practice time.

### **Payment:**

Lessons are \$20 for a half hour lesson. If you have a make-up a lesson because of a non-emergency conflict on your part, a fee of \$5 will be added to the payment for that lesson to help cover gas expenses. If the conflict was on my end or the result of an emergency, I will not charge a gas fee. Please pay at the beginning of the lesson. You also have the option to make payments

by the month. If you plan on doing this, please communicate with me. Cash is preferred for weekly payments, but a check for weekly payments or monthly payments is still very much accepted. If the check is returned, you will be responsible for any associated fees.

### **Practice:**

Do it. Do it a lot. I could say many things on practicing, but I don't want to write an essay. Teachers know if you haven't been practicing. We have a sixth sense for it. Try to be consistent with your practice time. Try to practice at least six days a week. If you try to get all your practice time in before a lesson, you aren't going to benefit.

### **Reeds:**

Reeds are our second instrument. Make sure you come into a lesson with a working reed. We may work on your reed during the lesson, but I would prefer for us to hit the music. If you need a great source for reeds, [clarkreeds.com](http://clarkreeds.com) is the best place to buy them. Reeds are about \$20 plus shipping. Like books, I can give you the option to buy the reeds through me and put them on your lesson payment, but I would prefer you to order them so that you can have them before a lesson. Ordering through me may be limited depending on my own funds.

### **Conclusion:**

Thank you to those of you who took the time to read (a little woodwind pun) through this entire document. If you didn't, go look through it! I swear that it will take you less time to read it than it did for me to write it. There are also some useful things in this which you may be held accountable for. Please call or e-mail me to set up a lesson time. I am pretty busy throughout the day, so if you leave a voicemail, I will try to get back to you as fast as I can. I am hoping that we can have the lessons on Tuesdays after school for at least this semester because of Pride rehearsals. I hope to get started after Labor Day! We have a lot to do! I can't wait to get to know all of you! I hope to hear from you soon.