

STEP Information and Policies

Schedule:

4:00 Twinkle Class, Early book 1, Late book 1

4:45 Recital

5:15 Snacks

5:30 Books 2-3, Books 4 and up, Theory (Late Book 1)

6:15-7:00 Orchestra

Weekly Snack Volunteer:

- Each family will bring a snack for all students in the group once per semester.
- The parent snack coordinator will assign dates to each family for bringing snacks and email a reminder a few days before.
- Please avoid high sugar snacks. Examples of good snacks to bring are pretzels, chips, cheese popcorn, crackers, go-gurts, fruit, etc.
- The snack parent will be in charge of coordinating clean-up for that week.

Class Assignments (based on teacher's recommendation):

- Class assignments are made at the beginning of the semester only. This class assignment is for the full semester.
- Group classes are meant for reinforcing and reviewing skills the student has already learned. This allows students to work towards mastering group playing, musicality, and technical skills.

Attendance:

- Students are expected to attend their assigned group class and recital time every week. Students that have more than 3 absences will have to get special permission from their group and private teacher to play in the performance.

Recital Time Etiquette:

- Please refrain from talking during the recital. If your young child is causing a disruption, please quietly take them outside until they calm down. Students put a lot of time and effort into this special opportunity to perform and being a supportive audience member is just as important as being a prepared performer.

Respect for our Facilities:

- Please do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary. You may eat and drink outside the church or the designated snack area.
- Please throw away any trash before leaving group class and recital time. We should leave the church exactly the way we found it.
- Your help is greatly appreciated with set-up and clean-up (i.e. setting up chairs, moving pianos, etc.)

Orientation:

- It is essential for parents to attend an orientation session within one year of joining the STEP group. The orientation covers our philosophy of teaching and any questions you may have about participation in the group.

Group Behavior:

- STEP is an atmosphere of mutual respect between students, parents, and teachers. Parents should discuss these expectations with the students prior to attending group class.

Special Events and Fundraisers:

- Participation in special events and fundraisers is strongly encouraged.