



instructor corner

Jacob Vallejo, B.M.E., Guitar Instructor

Making the Time!!!

The new school year is just around the corner which means making time for practice can be a bit challenging but is key to progressing in your lessons. Whether it's homework, sports, band, theater, MMA, or just work and family, carving out time for your lessons is important. Everyone's schedule is different but there is time, so find it.

Figure out which day and time will work best. It could be the same day as your lesson. When I was taking lessons, I found that practicing before and after my lessons always helped me have a much better lesson. Also, your lesson doesn't count as practicing for the day.

I tell my students to practice 4 - 5 days a week for 15-20 minutes a day if you're a beginner and 30 minutes and up if you've been in lessons longer or you're older. Make it consistent. Practicing is your homework so if you miss a day then you need to make it up. That might mean practicing on a day that you don't normally practice, or waking up a little early to squeeze in a quick session. I had one

student that started to practice in the morning before she went to school and it really helped with her progress.

I try to tell my students and parents if I was grading you for how much you practice it would look something like this.

A = 5 days of practice

B = 4 days of practice

C = 3 days of practice

F = 2 days or fewer

Lastly, however many days that you do practice, make sure that it's quality time. Don't just play through stuff you already know. Also, make sure you don't have any distractions around such as electronic devices or noise from the house such as a tv being on, siblings, or pets. Try to find a quiet place to concentrate and focus on what you're doing. Make every minute count.

upcoming events



AUG
3

Summer Send-Off
at THE ROCK @ La Cantera
5-10pm



AUG
24

Eric Young's Birthday



AUG
25

Junior Varsity Band
Free Class Demo
5:55pm

RSVP FOR
FREE DEMO



student of the month

Arin C.

is a hard-working student. He is always going above and beyond in his lesson book by practicing songs ahead. He received an Achievement Medal for SAMTA's Fall Theory Test and participated in SAMTA's Achievement Auditions in April. Congratulations, Arin!

Leslie Vela, B.M., Piano Instructor



student accomplishments



Congratulations to Penny M.,
student of Khadijah Enriquez,
for being cast as Sister Mary
Robert in the Jr. production of
Sister Act at the Wonder
Theatre!



Congratulations to Olivia G.,
student of Khadijah
Enriquez, on being cast as a
nun in the Jr. production of
Sister Act at the Wonder
Theatre!



Congratulations to Saydee R.,
student of Khadijah Enriquez,
for being cast as Ensemble in
the Jr. production of
Sister Act at the Wonder
Theatre!

HAPPY 3 YEAR SAMA ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating 3 Years of Musical Growth

Abbey L.
Alejandro G.
Angelie A.
Ariana C.
Ava B.
Avery L.
Avery S.
Caius L.
Charlee G.
Ean B.
Elijah Z.
Ethan B.

Georgina R.
Jacoby B.
Joaquin G.
Jude A.
Julia H.
Julian M.
Julianna V.
Julien A.
Juan L.
Korbin P.
Lauren O.
Leticia A.

Liam M.
Lillian G.
Lucas H.
Melanie G.
Mia H.
Miles A.
Noelle B.
Ricardo F.
Tessa B.
Victoria F.
Zahir O.