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adapting to the new norm - virtual music lessons

During this unforeseen pandemic, we have slowly been adapting to a new norm: **distance learning**. It is inevitably becoming an important schooling style for both teachers and students before resuming to the regular in-person classroom setting. Thankfully, there are many softwares that are conveniently available for students taking music lessons remotely. Distance learning might seem to be a temporary solution and you've probably wondered the effectiveness of virtual lessons. Well, the results that I have observed so far from my students are quite impressive. From my observation, virtual lessons have made students become more attentive, more independent in observing and marking their music score, better at finding hand positions, and asking more questions than ever. Students have also become better listeners to instructions and music.

Here are some important tips to help to make your virtual lessons successful:

- Make sure you, your device, and your instrument are ready before your lesson time.
- Prepare writing utensils such as a pencil, markers or a colored pencil to mark and take notes.
- Maintain a respectful communication.
- Request a recording as needed.

While I do miss the interaction of face-to-face communication with my virtual students, I am also very pleased with how they've progressed. I am looking forward to seeing both in-person and virtual students' performances for our virtual recital.

student of the month

Natalie K. is an amazing student. She always comes to class prepared and puts a great amount of effort in everything she does. She keeps progressing with each class. Keep up the great work!



- Angie Kaunang, Piano Instructor



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ALFREDO VELASQUEZ

Congratulations to the winner of the Wilks Piano Scholarship, **Scarlett K!**

And thank you to all SAMA students who applied. Your video submissions were touching.

