

About Us

When LCA opened its doors in 1998, Kay Sauers joined the staff as the part-time music teacher. She began offering piano lessons on her off days. As interest grew, Mrs. Sauers organized a piano studio at LCA. In 2012, the piano studio adopted the Royal Conservatory Certificate Program and became the only RCM "Founding School" school in Georgia.

In 2016, Lindsey Gherardini began teaching piano at LCA and quickly grew to love the students and the school. When Mrs. Sauers retired from the piano studio in 2018, she asked Ms. Gherardini to oversee the piano program.

Ms. Gherardini's love for music showed itself at an early age when her parents could not keep her off the piano. At the age of 13, she was playing the piano in church and continued until she went to Pensacola Christian College where she earned a bachelor's degree in music in 2009. After graduating, Ms. Gherardini began teaching piano immediately and is now a full-time pianist at her church. She understands first-hand the importance of getting an early start in piano lessons and giving students opportunities to use their musical talents. Ms. Gherardini specializes in customizing lessons to meet individual needs, and her greatest desire is for students to not only learn music but to love learning it.

FAQ...

1) What is the advantage of taking lessons at school?

- Timely Piano Studio offers the highly acclaimed Royal Conservatory music curriculum. Students have the extraordinary opportunity to participate in assessments by professional RCM adjudicators/musicians.
- No driving to lessons after school and waiting around.
- A Timely Piano Studio teacher is available when school is in session in the event that students have questions or concerns.
- The availability of optional Coaching Sessions. These 20-minute sessions are available exclusively to students of Timely Piano Studio.
- Students have the opportunity to perform several times during the year.

2) What lessons are offered?

Private Piano Lessons

- > 20-min. lessons for students in grades K-1: This is an abbreviated lesson; therefore the teacher will have discretion in prioritizing content.
- > 30-min. lessons for students in grades K-12.
- > 45-min. lessons for students in grades 6-12.

3) When are the lessons given?

- Lower School students will have their lesson in lieu of recess one day per week. If these openings fill, the classroom teacher will be consulted to determine an alternate lesson time that is not disruptive to the student's academic schedule.
- Middle and High School students are scheduled before or after school.

Timely Piano Studio Policy Brochure 2018-2019



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Lessons

- 1) Timely Piano Studio offers private lessons in piano.
- 2) Timely Piano Studio accepts students who are currently enrolled at Loganville Christian Academy.
- 3) Students will receive 30 lessons during the school year.
- 4) Lessons are not made up for any reason except the following:
 - Teacher absence if a substitute can't be arranged.
 - School-sponsored field trips, events, or assemblies. Please note: For students enrolled in sports, a 24 hour notice is required if a student is unable to attend his lesson due to a scheduled sport activity. If the teacher is not notified, the lesson will not be made up.
- 5) Lesson books and/or music must be brought to school on lesson day. If not, the teacher has the option to cancel the lesson. This lesson will not be credited or made up.
- 6) Lower School students are accompanied to and from each lesson by the teacher.
- 7) Middle and High School students are expected to go to their lesson at the assigned time. Teachers are required to wait at least 15 minutes. If a student arrives late, the lesson time will not be extended. If a student does not appear, the family will be notified via email. This lesson will not be credited or made up.

Coaching Sessions (optional)

- 1) Timely Piano Studio teachers will be available to coach" students in successful practice techniques and/or preparation for a performance. Sessions are designed to offer clarification, guidance, support, and tips for effective practice. No new material will be assigned.
- 2) Sessions are 20-minutes in length. They will be scheduled upon request by the parent.
- 3) The cost is \$20.00 per session and must be paid prior to, or at the time of, each session.
- 4) Openings are limited; therefore availability or teacher preference cannot be guaranteed.

5) Students must be enrolled in piano lessons, with Timely Piano Studio, in order to register for coaching sessions.

Fees

- 1) A one-time, non-refundable registration fee of \$150.00 is due at the time of enrollment. This annual fee covers administrative costs and the first set of lesson books, recital music, and materials for the current school year. Additional music or material may incur a separate fee.
- 2) The ACSI Piano Festival, for students in 3rd grade and up, is an extra, nominal fee. This event will be held in March 2019.

Tuition

- 1) Tuition is as follows:
 - \$ 1050 per year for 20-minute private lessons.
 - \$ 1,200 per year for 30-minute private lessons.
 - \$ 1,400 per year for 45-minute private lessons.
- 2) Tuition may be paid in advance or in 10 monthly installments, August through May, as follows:
 - \$ 105 per month for 20-minute private lessons.
 - \$ 120 per month for 30-minute private lessons.
 - \$ 140 per month for 45-minute private lessons.
- 3) A 5% discount is available for tuition that is paid in full by August 31, 2018.
- 4) Monthly installment tuition payments are due on or before the first lesson of each month, August through May.
- 5) Monthly installment payments are the same each month for 10 months, August through May. There are no partial month discounts.
- 6) A late fee of \$10.00, per student, is charged if tuition is not received by the 5th of each month.
- 7) If tuition is over 30 days past due, lessons will be suspended until the account is current. If a lesson is missed, as a result of suspension, it will not be credited or made up.
- 8) All fees for recitals and other performances are included in tuition. This fee is not optional.
- 9) Tuition must be current in order to participate in all performances and/or recitals.

Recitals

- 1) Recitals are considered a critical element in all music instruction. Therefore, they are not optional. However, it is certainly understood, that there are occasions in which students are unable to participate. Refunds or credits will not be issued for absence or inability to participate.
- 2) Students are required to abide by LCA dress code for all performances. Dress guidelines will be published in the Timely Piano Studio newsletter prior to each event.
- 3) Students are required to be enrolled as students of Timely Piano Studio in order to participate in all recitals, performances, or festivals.

Withdrawal

- 1) Budgets are set - and teachers are hired - based on enrollment. Therefore, families will be required to commit to lessons for the entire school year.
- 2) In the event of early withdrawal, the parent or guardian (not the student) must notify the teacher in writing, noting the date and reason for withdrawal.
- 3) In the event that withdrawal becomes inevitable, a withdrawal fee of \$200 will be assessed.
- 4) The withdrawal fee must be paid at the time of withdrawal.

Enrollment Requirements

- 1) Families with unpaid account balances, from prior years, will not be permitted to enroll a student unless the following criteria is met:
 - The past due balance, including late fees, is paid.
 - Payment is made for the full 2018-19 year in advance. The advanced payment discount will not be available.
- 2) To avoid confusion for both students and teachers, families must consult with Timely Piano Studio if they desire to take concurrent, additional lessons off campus.