



**2024-2025
HANDBOOK**

**Piano and Voice
Private Lessons**

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Kathi Richards, Director

Dear Lakeshore Academy of the Arts Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 academic year! This is going to be another incredible year of musicianship for our students! I am very excited about what this year has in store for LAA! We are now offering Ukulele lessons!

I believe that piano and voice lessons should be an enjoyable, comfortable experience where students learn to understand musical language and develop proper techniques. We will perform a variety of styles of music that are appropriate for the stage of development for your student. With the help of students and parents, we will have a very fun and musical year!

Students will have the opportunity to participate in many exciting activities, including recitals, festivals, theory tests and our annual Pianothon! Enclosed you will find the LAA policies, our calendar for the year, and other important information.

Parental involvement can truly be a driving force behind a student's success. Any amount of encouragement and time spent during practice sessions, no matter how limited, will be greatly beneficial to your student's success!

*I hope that you will take time to carefully examine this handbook. I also ask that you **sign and return the appropriate pages.** I am very excited about our music opportunities here at LAA, and with your help, this will prove to be a very successful and rewarding year for our students. Please follow us on our Facebook page @lakeshoreacademyoftheartstx for updates, fun facts, and photos and videos showing off what our students are doing!*

We will be offering online payments again this year which you can find on our website at www.lakeshorebaptist.com/academy.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of help to you in any way. I am truly honored to be a part of your student's musical journey!

Kathi Richards,

Director, Lakeshore Academy of the Arts

**Lakeshore Academy of the Arts
Fall Calendar 2024**

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Aug 19	Monday	All Day	Lessons begin	Lakeshore
Sept 2	Monday	All Day	Holiday/No lessons	Lakeshore
Sept 13	Friday	End of day	WMTA student affiliate fees are due	Lakeshore
Sept. 23-25	Mon-Wed	4:00 or 5:30 - no 5:30 class on Wed.	Performance Classes	Lakeshore
Oct 5	Saturday	8:45am – 11:30	Theory Boot Camp	Lakeshore
Oct 26	Saturday	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	WMTA Theory Test	Lakeshore
Nov 4–6	Mon-Wed	4:00 or 5:30 - no 5:30 class on Wed.	Performance Classes	Lakeshore
Nov 16	Saturday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	WMTA Fall Festival	Lakeshore
Nov 25	Monday	All day	Regular Monday lessons	Lakeshore
Nov 26-29	Tues-Fri	All day	Holidays/No lessons	Lakeshore
Dec 5-7	Thu-Sat	All day	Pianothon!	Antonio's
Dec 19	Thursday	All day	Last day of regular lessons	Lakeshore
Dec 21	Saturday	10:00 am and 1:00 pm	Winter Recital	Lakeshore
Dec 23-Jan 3	All days	All day	Holidays/No lessons	Lakeshore
Jan 6	Mon	All day	Lessons begin	Lakeshore

Mission Statement

The Lakeshore Academy of the Arts was established in the summer of 2001. From the beginning, it was intended to be an outreach ministry of Lakeshore Baptist Church. It is our goal to provide an atmosphere of learning that reflects God's love for all. The instructors are Christians who are highly qualified to teach and guide each student in developing the talents God has given them. Our desire is to help each student develop as an individual and to realize the potential God has placed within them.

Registration

Registration can be done on-line each semester. Please visit www.lakeshorebaptist.com/academy. A non-refundable fee per student per semester is required to be enrolled in the Academy. Registrations are taken on a first come, first-served basis; however, current students receive priority when scheduling lessons. New students may register at any time during the semester if space is available. **It is understood that students are enrolling for the entire semester, unless unusual circumstances arise.** Registration fee and Tuition Schedule are located at the end of this flyer. Registration is complete when the office has received your registration and/or supply fees. You will be notified via email with a lesson day/time.

Academy Offerings

Private Lessons

The Academy currently offers private lessons for piano (ages 5+) and voice (ages 12+). Our teachers carry degrees in music and education. Lessons are scheduled for 30 minute weekly sessions unless other arrangements are made with the private teacher. The Academy offers lessons on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons and early evenings.

Performance Classes are offered each semester where students are given the opportunity to perform, develop critical listening skills, are exposed to new literature and reinforce music theory learning through group activities. Make up lessons are not given for studio class absences. No private lessons are given during the week of Studio Classes.

Theory Boot Camp

Students are offered the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills of music theory in a focused and fun experience! These mini camps take place at Lakeshore on a Saturday morning in the Fall and in the Spring. Students will be grouped by ability level and rotate through stations such as ear training, notation, rhythm and other aspects of music theory.

Weatherford Music Teachers Association (WMTA)

The WMTA sponsors two festivals, and two theory tests each year. These events are held here at Lakeshore. Ensemble teams have the opportunity to play at the Texas Music Teachers Association Convention in the summer. All students are encouraged to participate in these events.

Summer Lessons

Summer piano and voice lessons are available beginning the first week of June and conclude the first week of August. Flexible scheduling is available.

Academy Policies

Attendance

The Academy requests a 24-hour advance notice when cancelling a private lesson. Please contact the Academy office to inform the Director. You may call the office at 817-596-0100, ext. 105 or my cell phone at 817-597-4647 and leave a message.

Lesson time is reserved for your student and the teacher expects to see the student at their reserved lesson time each week. Due to the Academy's consecutive scheduling of students, lessons may not be extended to make up for late arrival. **Students are to arrive on time, come prepared for their lesson, bringing any literature and supplies needed.**

Please be courteous of the teacher's time! When setting up appointments for your family, consider planning them on days other than lesson day!

Withdrawal

A written notice is required of each student who plans to withdraw from the Academy. **This notice must be given one month prior to the last lesson. Tuition is expected for the entire semester remaining. Remember, you are committing to an entire semester when you register, and registration fees are non-refundable.**

Make-Up Lessons

Make-up lessons will be offered in the case of an illness, family emergency or if the teacher must cancel the lesson. There will be only **2 make-up lessons per semester**. There are no make-up lessons for unexcused absences or missed make-up lessons.

Sorry, but no discounts are given due to missed, unexcused lessons.

2024-2025 TUITION SCHEDULE

Lessons Begin:

Week of August 19, 2024

Registration Fee:

\$30 per person, per semester, \$50 max per family, per semester

Payment Schedule:

Payment made monthly is DUE the first week of each month. Payments can also be made by semester. A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed if payment is made after the 7th of the month.

Tuition for Private Lessons 2024 - 2025:

Fall and Spring Semesters:

30-minute lesson - \$110 per month (\$27.50 per lesson)

45-minute lesson - \$165 per month (\$41.25 per lesson)

Summer Semester:

Same tuition fees as above.

Registration Fee - \$10 (family max: \$20)

Pay online for tuition and books online at www.lakeshorebaptist.com/academy.

Acknowledgment Page

I, _____, parent/guardian of, _____

have read this handbook and understand that I my student is expected to attend regularly scheduled lessons, attend the Performance Classes offered each semester, bring needed materials to each lesson and practice as well as complete assignments his/her teacher assigns each week. I also understand that monthly payments are due the 1st of each month and that a \$10 late fee will be assessed if payment is later than the 7th of each month. I acknowledge that 2 make-up lessons will be offered for lessons missed due to illness or emergency. I have also read and understand the cancellation policy.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

LAA Student Release for Publication Form

LAA requires that before student photos or videos can be published in any format, permission must be granted from the student and the student's parent or guardian.

STUDENT RELEASE

Name _____ Age _____

I give permission for photos or videos of myself to be published in newspapers, magazines, and/or on the Internet.

Student's signature _____ **Date** _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN RELEASE

I give permission for my child's printed work, photos and videos to be published. I hereby release LAA and any teachers with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from the publishing of my child's work or photos in newspapers, magazines, and/or on the Internet.

_____ I give permission for my child's work and photos of my child to be published in newspapers and/or magazines, on the Internet, or in any publications.

_____ I give permission for my child's image (video and/or photos) to be used/published in LAA video productions.

_____ I do NOT give permission for my child's work, photos or videos to be published in any format.

Signature
of parent or guardian _____

Home
address _____

Date _____

Phone number _____