

# MY LESSON INFORMATION



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## ABC ACADEMY TEACHING DAYS 2021-22

HOLIDAYS: Closed
MAKE-UP WEEKS
No MUSIC TOGETHER or ROCK BAND
Music Together Class Dates
\*SSW/MTAC
† No Rock Band

	September				October				November				December				January					
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Wednesday	<b>1</b>	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	<b>29</b>	5	12	19	26
Thursday	<b>2</b>	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	<b>30</b>	6	13	20	27
Friday	<b>3</b>	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	*17	24	<b>31</b>	7	14	21	28
Saturday	<b>4</b>	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	<b>1</b>	8	15	22	29
Sunday	<b>5</b>	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	<b>2</b>	9	16	23	30
Monday	<b>6</b>	13	20	†27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	<b>3</b>	10	17	24	31
ISWK					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<b>NO CLASS</b>	13	14	15	16	

	February				March				April				May				June					
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	1	8	<b>15</b>	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	2	9	<b>16</b>	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	3	10	17	24	3	10	<b>17</b>	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	4	11	18	25	4	11	<b>18</b>	25	1	8	<b>15</b>	22	29	6	13	*20	27	3	10	17	24	24
Saturday	5	12	19	26	5	12	<b>19</b>	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	*21	28	4	11	18	25	25
Sunday	6	13	20	27	6	13	<b>20</b>	†27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	*22	29	5	12	19	†26	26
Monday	7	14	<b>21</b>	28	7	<b>14</b>	21	28	4	11	18	25	†2	9	16	<b>23</b>	30	6	13	20	27	27
ISWK	17	18	19	20	21	22	<b>NO CLASS</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1a	2a	3a	4a	5a	6a	7a

## DATES TO REMEMBER

DATES*	EVENTS
September 6, 2020	Labour Day
September 7	Fall lessons begin
October 11	Thanksgiving: no lessons
December 17-23	Make up week #1
December 24	Winter Holidays begin: no lessons
January 3, 2021	Music Together Resumes
January 3	Lessons Resume
February 21	Family Day: no lessons
March 14-20	March Break: no lessons
April 15	Good Friday: no lessons
May 3	Spring Recital, Fall Priority Registration Begins
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Fall 2021 REGISTRATION OPENS to General Public</b>
May 23	Victoria Day: no lessons
June 24-30	Make-up Week #2

\*This schedule subject to change at any time. Check our waiting room board often. **NOTE:** There ARE lessons on Long Weekends, just not on the statutory holidays, themselves. Refer to the calendar for details. There are no group programs (Music Together, Rock Band) on long weekends.

# FAQ & USER'S GUIDE TO ABC: How to Get the Most out of Your Lessons!

1. **We recommend putting this sheet in an obvious place** – it is full of useful information, and will help you stay aware of important dates and times during the year.
2. **Remember to Confirm your lesson** – if you don't, your teacher may leave if you are later than 10 minutes! You will get reminders by email and text, making it super easy to confirm! You can confirm via your email or text message reminder.
3. **You are only charged for lessons that are scheduled on your day** of the week – you are not charged for any dates that are in boxes. At the end of the year, everyone pays the same amount *per lesson* – regardless of the day of the week.
4. **Students are allowed 2 'anytime' make-ups during the year**, for any reason (with a minimum of 24h notice). Any lessons beyond that are at the discretion of ABC. Cancellations are only accepted by phone. If a teacher misses a lesson, and no sub is scheduled, you will be offered a make-up. If your lesson is on a Saturday, you must call by Thursday, as we are closed on Fridays.
5. **Students should warm up their instrument or voice before coming to your lesson** – many lessons are 30 minutes, or 45 minutes, and you can get a lot more out of your lesson if you can arrive 'warmed-up' and ready to dive into the work. This is a great way to get more value out of your time.
6. **If you are a parent, your child's teacher expects you to come in to meet for a few minutes at least every other week**. Young students often need help (and to some degree supervision) to make sure that they are progressing as quickly as possible. It is important that you know how much time your child should realistically spend practicing. Parents often expect too much, creating pressure, and this can reduce interest. Teachers will also be able to give you advice on how to best structure your practice time. *This is the most important part of your lesson!*
7. **Students are expected to have a binder or dictation book** and parents should make sure they are subscribed to our news feed (News Page of our website) so lessons can be tracked from week to week, at home. If you are not able to see your child's teacher every other week as a parent, this will be an important point of contact, and we encourage you to remain actively involved – if your child gets derailed or loses interest, you will be paying for expensive babysitting, which is not the goal of teachers at ABC. We are your partners in education, and need your assistance to make lessons productive.
8. **Students should write their names and phone numbers in their books**. Often students forget their books at the school, and unless we can call you to pick it up, you could go a whole week without your music that you need to practice!
9. **Our recitals (concerts) happen once a year**. We expect that parents bring their students to see one of these sessions every time they occur, even if your student is not performing. Being an audience member and seeing live music is an important part of a well-rounded music education, and our recitals are an excellent, low key way in which to introduce your children to live music, and a variety of instruments, styles, and ages of performer. Recitals are rich in vitamin 'CC' – Culture and Community! Seeing other kids (and adults) perform will also help them to develop their own interest in taking part.
10. **Withdrawing from Lessons?** You can now complete your withdrawal over the phone *in the first week of the month that you are stopping lessons in, in person*. For example: If you are stopping at the end of November, you need to sign the withdrawal form before the end of the first week of November (the 7th of the month, at the latest). After this time, your withdrawal will apply to the following month, and you will continue your lessons in the following month. If you do not complete the withdrawal over the phone with a desk staff, your payments may continue. Voicemail is not accepted for withdrawals. We have, in the past, had families whose payments continued for many months because they did not complete their withdrawal properly. Please help us avoid this.



**QUESTIONS? Call the office at 416-651-7529**