

The Music Clubhouse

Policies and Tuition for Piano Detectives Club

August, 2026 - July, 2027

The policies stated below have been carefully constructed to ensure a quality relationship between the student and the instructor. The intent is to provide a sound educational environment for the student.

Piano Detectives Club

Piano Detectives Club is a beginning piano course for children who are 5-6 years old. It is important that students have access to a piano for practicing outside of class. Children are actively involved in an age-appropriate group class each week with small weekly assignments to prepare.

The Group Classes

Piano Detectives Club group classes will meet from 5:30—6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Music Clubhouse during the academic year (August through May). There will be no more than 6 students in the class. Each week, students will participate in group activities, will complete individual goals while working through a variety of centers, and will receive a mini private lesson. Please see the calendar below for dates when there is no class during the academic year. In all, there will be a total of 35 group classes.

The Private Lesson Schedule

Each student will have a total of 7 half-hour private lessons scattered throughout the year. These will be scheduled at times that are agreeable to both the student and the instructor and may be initiated by either the teacher or the parent. At the end of the academic year, the lessons that remain will be scheduled in the summer months. For students who will be away all summer, we can make a point of scheduling the lessons early (during the academic year, in addition to the group classes) or opt for taking them online in the summer.

Tuition and the MakeMusic Payment System

Piano Detectives Club tuition/materials for the 2026-27 calendar year (August through July) is \$1,332 which will be paid in 12 monthly installments of \$111, beginning in August 2026 and continuing through July 2027. This fee covers 35 one-hour group classes, 7 half-hour private lessons, and all class materials needed for the entire year.

To collect tuition, we use an electronic system called MakeMusic (formerly called Fons). At the time of enrollment, you will receive a link prompting you to set up your MakeMusic

account. Your credit card information will be securely stored there, and your monthly installment will be automatically deducted from your bank account on the 5th day of each month. (The August installment will be deducted on the enrollment date if that is after August 5.)

Materials

The materials for Piano Detectives Club are included in the fee stated above. Each student will have their own personalized carry bag, Piano Detective Handbook, Time to Begin piano book, Time to Begin activities book, card games, and other card packs for use at home.

Attendance

It is very important that students arrive promptly for each class. Late arrivals are disruptive and can cause lost class time for the entire group. Please arrive early enough to take your child to the restroom before class begins. This will help us make the most of our class time.

No make-up classes will be given to compensate for a student's absence, and no refund of fees will be made.

Parent Classes for First-Year Detectives

In January, a class period is set aside for parents to attend class with their student (see calendar). Students will perform pieces and the parent(s) will participate in class activities that are representative of class activities the students complete each week. We ask that parents attend without younger siblings so that they can be fully attentive to their Piano Detective during this special "show-off" time.

Music Clubhouse Recitals

There are several student recital opportunities offered each year. Typically, first-year Piano Detectives do not perform on these programs until the end of the first year of study at the Spring Recital in May. As we approach the Spring Recital, we will encourage participation, but no student is ever required to perform.

Piano Detectives are certainly invited to attend any/all Music Clubhouse recitals throughout the year, whether they perform or not. The dates of all concerts are included on your Piano Detectives calendar included in this packet.

Discontinuation

If a student needs to withdraw from the Piano Detectives Club program at any time, the final payment will be a prorated amount that will include tuition for 30 days beyond the date of notification.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of an inclement weather closing, all affected students will be contacted. All classes and lessons cancelled for this reason will be rescheduled to the end of the academic year.

Location and Parking

Piano Detectives Club classes will be held in our Trinity Lutheran Church location (1245 New Hampshire Street). To access the Music Clubhouse entrance, park in the large lot on the east side of the church, walk along the south sidewalk (13th Street), and look for the Music Clubhouse entrance sign at the far southwest corner of the building. (FYI: There is a short flight of stairs at our entrance. If you need a handicap accessible entrance, contact themusicclubhouse@gmail.com and we will arrange an alternate entrance for you.)

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2026-2027

PIANO DETECTIVES CLUB CALENDAR

AUGUST

20: First day of class

SEPTEMBER

12: Silent Film Celebration -

Piano Detectives are invited to attend

OCTOBER

24: Halloween Costume Concerts -

Piano Detectives are invited to attend

NOVEMBER

26: Fall Break - no class

DECEMBER

11-12: Winter Recitals -

Piano Detectives are invited to attend

24 & 31: Winter Break - no class

JANUARY

21: Parent Class - parents are invited to attend class with their student

FEBRUARY

12-13: Friends & Family Ensemble Recitals -

Piano Detectives are invited to attend

MARCH

15-19: Spring Break - no class

APRIL

19-23: Teacher Personal Leave - no class

MAY

21-22: Spring Recitals -

Piano Detectives are invited

to PARTICIPATE!

23-31: MC closed

JUNE

1-28: schedule remaining privates lessons

JULY

5-30: schedule remaining private lessons

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