



Pittsburgh Music House

# Winter Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2026



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Invoices Due:** at or before your first lesson/class of the month.

Late fees applied

on the 20th of each month.

Autopay will run

on the 1st of each month.

**Spring Recital Registration:**

March 1st-31st

**Summer Camp Registration:**

April 1st-30th

**Studio Closed:**

April 2nd-6th for Spring Break

May 22nd-25th for Memorial Day

June 23rd-July 6th for Summer Break

Students will NOT be charged for lessons during these breaks.

## HELLO AND WELCOME!

We have a lot of new faces around the studio (students AND teachers)! It's been incredible to see our community of musicians growing year after year. Thank you so much for supporting our mission of creating an engaging, inclusive environment for anyone who wants to make music part of their life.

This newsletter contains important information and reminders about everything from communication and policies to recital dates and summer camp.

Our goal is to keep you connected to what's happening in our community and to demonstrate our dedication to giving you, your child, or your family the most enriching and joyful experience possible.

Thank you for being here with us. You help make our studio a special place to be!

Warmly,

Mrs. Brooke Zangaro (studio owner)



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# IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND UPDATES

## Communication Updates

We send important updates about scheduling, invoices, and studio news via:

- Text: 833-412-7529
- Email: [pittsburghmusichouse@gmail.com](mailto:pittsburghmusichouse@gmail.com)

**Please note:** We are a small studio, and all communication is handled by Brooke and Shannon. Responses may not be immediate. If you don't hear back right away, we are likely teaching or it's outside business hours. We guarantee a response within 24 hours or 48 hours on the weekends. For urgent matters, please leave a voicemail and we'll relay the information as quickly as possible.

**We are not available 24/7, but we are committed to timely and clear communication. Thank you for your patience!**

## School Closures and Delays

We follow North Hills School District closures for snow and severe weather. This ensures consistent scheduling and safe travel for families attending school and lessons the same day. In the event of a snow day, you will receive a notification by text and email. A non-expiring makeup lesson will be automatically added to your account. If you prefer a monetary credit instead, text 833-412-7529.

## Private Lesson Cancellation and Absence Policy

Type	Notice Required	Makeup Lesson	Payment
<b>Vacation Day</b> (2 allowed per year)	1 week	N/A	Not required (will be deducted from invoice)
<b>Excused Absence</b> (1 allowed per quarter)	At least 4 hours before lesson time	Yes, must schedule makeup within 30 days	Paid as usual (makeup lesson is provided)
<b>Unexcused Absence</b>	Less than 4 hours before lesson time	Not available	Full lesson fee applies
<b>Studio/ Teacher Cancellation</b>	N/A	Yes, automatically added to account (non-expiring)	May request a monetary credit if preferred over makeup lesson
<b>Planned Studio Closures</b>	Beginning of calendar year	No	Not charged





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## SPRING RECITAL AT RUCKUS CAFE

**Date:** Saturday, May 16th, 2026

**Time:** Four recital sessions: 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7:00 PM

- Each recital is approximately 40-60 minutes.

**Registration & Time Selection:**

- Registration is open from March 1st-31st. You will receive a text on March 1st inviting you to RSVP. Please RSVP early if you have a strong preference for your recital session (sessions are first-come, first-served).
- Registration is required to perform.
- Invitations not accepted by March 31st may forfeit a performance spot.

**Location:** Ruckus Cafe, 1707 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15209

- Admission is free, but please consider purchasing a drink or snack.

**Parking:**

- Ruckus Cafe lot available (overflow parking at Dollar General next door).
- Guests with mobility needs may park in the back and use the rear entrance.

**Guests:**

- Guest numbers must be indicated when RSVPing.
- Each recital is capped at 100 attendees (students + guests).
- No assigned seats.

**Recording:** The entire performance will be recorded and shared with families.

**Dress Code:** Avoid gym clothes. Performers should wear something that makes them feel comfortable and confident on stage.



# SMALL ENSEMBLE SUMMER CAMP!

**Dates:** Monday, June 22nd - Friday, June 26th, 2026

**Time:** 8:30-11:30 AM

This camp will take place during Pittsburgh Music House's summer break.

Please note: The first day of camp, Monday, June 22nd, is not part of our summer break and may coincide with your regularly scheduled lesson.

**Tuition:** \$350 per student (equivalent to one hour-long lesson per day)

**Spots:** Limited to 12 campers

**Ages:** 10-16 | All instruments welcome

## Camp Highlights:

- Focus on musical confidence while playing in groups of mixed instruments.
- Learn practice techniques to apply to personal lessons.
- Work in chamber groups (quartets), grouped by ability and song selection.
- Take home a recording of your ensemble.
- Play fun games and activities to develop musicality and ensemble skills.
- Receive coaching from Miss Shannon and PMH instructors (full staff to be determined).

## Registration:

- Text 833-412-7529 to get in line for a spot.
- Official registration opens in April.

## REFERRAL BONUS

Refer a friend who **books recurring private lessons**, and you'll both enjoy special rewards:

- \$50 credit added to your account.
- Free method book for you and your friend.
- Priority recital registration and 2 extra guest seats for you and your friend.

Please make sure to let us know which friend you referred so we don't miss it!

**This offer ends on February 28th, 2026.**

Thank you for sharing the joy of music with others!



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# STUDIO CALENDAR 2026

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Jan 1 through Jan 3	Winter Break Full winter break is Dec 21 - Jan 3
Jan 19	No penalty for cancellations
Feb 16	No penalty for cancellations
Apr 2 through Apr 6	Spring Break
May 22 through May 25	Memorial Day Weekend
Jun 19	No penalty for cancellations
Jun 23 through Jul 6	Summer Break
Sep 4 through Sep 7	Labor Day Weekend
Oct 12	No penalty for cancellations
Nov 25 through Nov 30	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 20 through Dec 31	Winter Break Full winter break is Dec 20 - Jan 2

## GROUP CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes are 30 minutes long and are intended for mixed ages (16 months-6 years)

**Sundays at 3:00pm** with Miss Emma

**Mondays at 4:00pm** with Miss Brooke

**Every other Monday at 6:00pm** with Miss Brooke

**Tuesdays at 6:00pm** with Miss Brooke (waitlist)

**Wednesdays at 6:00pm** with Miss Brooke (waitlist)

**Thursdays at 9:30am** with Miss Brooke



sign up to sing, dance, and play with your little one!

## AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC CLUB

All private students ages 5-8 may attend one After School Music Club meeting each month for free!

During the club (also known as Rock Band), students play along to classic rock and pop songs on guitar, keyboard, percussion, and voice (no experience needed). Miss Brooke teaches the group each instrument part, then students rotate to play the parts they learned along with a recording, just like a real rock band!

Text 833-412-7529 to secure a spot. The club meets every other Monday at 6:00pm. Students book single classes (no subscription required).



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