

## FAQs about the PCS Piano Program at BJA...

***Are the PCS Piano teachers teaching in the Piano Program at BJA believers?*** Yes, this is their most important credential! Experience and degrees are important, but more essential is the godly influence our piano teachers will have in the lives of their students at BJA. Our teachers are excited about the opportunity not only to develop your child's musical skills, but also to have a significant spiritual impact in the lives of each of their students as well.

***How old does my child have to be to start lessons?*** We are currently accepting enrollments from students 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. All levels of experience are welcome too – from beginner to advanced!

***Will lessons be held during the school day and after school?*** Yes! We are happy to offer scheduling options during the school day as well as after school.

***How will I be billed?*** Tuition is charged on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month through PCS's convenient automated billing system. Piano tuition will no longer be included on your BJA school bill.

***Why is there a price difference in the summer?*** Summer lessons are scheduled and billed a little differently to offer you the most convenience and flexibility while still reaping the significant benefits of continuing on with instruction in the summer.

While our basic package is eight lessons over the summer (May – August), you can always upgrade to longer lessons or more lessons. If you decide to pause for the summer, all we need is written notification. Come the next school year, priority scheduling will be given to those students who continued through the summer.

***When does enrollment end?*** Enrollment is open year-round, and students may enroll at any time. However, the best scheduling options are available at the beginning of the school year. Once enrolled, enrollment is ongoing, meaning that we consider you as enrolled until you submit a written notice of withdrawal.

***What kind of lesson should I choose – private, semi-private, or group?*** Private lessons are always an option for any student, including beginners. Parents will definitely want to consider private lessons for any student who has had 2 or more years of lessons. Because the private lesson can be customized for the student's interests and learning style, private lessons allow the student to move at his pace.

Semi-private lessons are most appropriate for beginners and students who have had 2 years or less of piano instruction. In a semi-private lesson, students are paired by age, grade, and experience level and have their lesson at the same time.

Group classes are available for beginning students.

***How many students will be in a group class?*** A group class consists of 3 to 6 students.

***What if there isn't a Semi-Private or Group option for my child?*** Group and semi-private lessons are subject to demand, and may not always be available either for reasons of scheduling or for "best fit." We can always accommodate private lessons and would certainly be glad for you to consider that option should other choices not be available.

***How many lessons a week will my child have?*** Lessons are taught once a week. Enrollment in the PCS Program also includes many other benefits and opportunities as well, such as our two annual recitals, performances at an Assisted Living Center and at Haywood Mall, the NFMC Festival, the PCS Music Fest (a judging event), and more!

***Where will recitals be held?*** PCS Recitals will be held in the Academy Auditorium. Recital dates are listed on the BJA Calendar which may be found under the "Schedules" tab on the PCS website.

***What do I do if I don't have an instrument?*** Practice at home throughout the week is essential to a student's ability to progress and succeed at the piano, so students should have an instrument accessible for daily practice. We encourage you to talk to the sales staff at Piano Central (232-5164) if you are in the market for your first piano or for an upgrade.

If you already have an acoustic piano, be sure it is in good condition and in tune. PCS recommends Mr. Sam Taylor for tunings. Mr. Taylor may be reached at 288-2353.

Your digital piano should have 88 full-size keys, weighted keys that are velocity-sensitive, and at least two attached pedals. The instrument should not be on a stand.