

Dear Students,

I am excited to offer you the opportunity to study **voice** and **piano** in private lessons this year! UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest will be here soon, and it is time to get prepared. I am looking forward to a very strong presence at the Solo & Ensemble Contest. Voice instruction is offered once a week for 30 minutes. Due to my teaching position at T.W. Ogg I will be offering lessons, in the evening, at my home.

Investing in music is a wise decision. Studying music can reap many benefits, including greater performance in the choral program, successful competition in the All-State Choir program, earning scholarship money for college, as well as personal enjoyment and fulfillment. It is important to pursue the things you love to do, so if you are serious about music, you should strongly consider enrolling in private lessons.

The cost to participate in this program is \$20 per lesson. All checks should be made payable to the instructor. Each month should be paid in full at the first lesson or before. It is the student's responsibility to stay current on their payments. No lessons will be given until the month's payment has been received, and after two weeks of non-payment the lesson time will be forfeited. If you should need to miss a lesson for any reason, please give advanced notice to the instructor so that you can be credited for the lesson or schedule a make-up lesson. In case of illness, please contact the choir office as soon as possible to notify the voice instructor.

If you would like to participate in private lessons, please contact me as soon as possible so we can assign you a time.

I look forward to working with you.

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