

## **Registration Fee:**

### **Where does my registration fee go?**

Music has been found to enrich the lives of all who participate in its creation or in its enjoyment. When you choose to participate in an ensemble, you are choosing to learn a skill that will benefit you and bring you joy throughout your entire life! Music is art without a price tag. Yet, obtaining the skill will certainly require assistance from a professional—your music director. I have chosen to make music my business and my occupation. As with any business, costs are calculated to both ensure that the highest quality product is given and that the business makes enough profit to continue providing services.

### **What does my tuition cover?**

- **Time spent with the student**  
Rehearsals, performances and recitals.
- **Time spent in preparation for the student**  
Ordering lesson materials, lesson planning, bookkeeping, development of curriculum, etc. It has been cited by professional music journals that for every hour enrolled in lessons, you are investing in at least 2 hours of the teacher's time!
- **My training and experience**
- **Recital costs, music parties/performance class and preparations**  
Programs, refreshments and pizza, facility usage, T-Shirts.
- **Professional organization memberships**  
Memberships are maintained by the teacher to enhance teaching skills and provide the student with opportunities for festivals, competitions, and performance events.
- **Professional journals**  
Publications to assist the teacher in keeping current on new teaching materials and trends.
- **General expenses**  
Copying, computer software, music stands, instruments, tunings, repairs, newsletters.
- **Continuing education and Certification costs**  
Lessons and classes that keep the teacher current on methods and techniques.

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Without that support we could NOT keep the registration cost this low!**

### **How do I know if music lessons are worth the price?**

Not every teacher is right for every student. You will want to be sure that your music teacher provides things that are important to you as well as the things that are important to student's musical developments. Start by learning more about your teacher's: Education, Goals and Expectations, Philosophies of Music Education, Teaching experience, Curriculum, and Studio Policy. Above all, find out how they demonstrate commitment to excellence in music education. No price can be put on such a beautiful art as music, but by investing in your child's music education, you can provide them with a skill that they will enjoy for a lifetime!