



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your music teacher inspiration from Teach Music 21C during precious summer months.



Everywhere I go, music teachers always seem to have questions about parental involvement. What are the advantages and disadvantages of working with parents? To find out more about this compelling topic, check out the first instalment in a summer series with must-have information for all music teachers. Read [more...](#)

Hope your summer is going well,

Merlin B. Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Thinking About the Future

20 years from now, what music making activities will your students be engaged in because of their most recent music lessons with you? Here are some suggestions:

- let off steam
- form a band
- make a music video
- teach a pop song to a peer
- use music as self-care

Now is a great time to make musical investments for the future!!

TM21C Certification July Schedule

What are your July plans for professional development? It only takes

5 one-hour sessions to complete TM21C Certification.

The July modules take place on Mondays and Thursdays as follows: Monday July 8, Thursday July 11, Monday July 15, Thursday July 18, and Monday July 22.

Why wait any longer!? Now is a great time to [register...](#)

CBC Interview

Here's the [link](#) to the CBC Radio interview with Merlin Thompson and Paul Karchut from Day Break Saturday morning. They have a great conversation about keeping music students connected to summer music making.



Certification Testimonial

Testimonial from Angela - "Since taking the Teach Music 21C Certification program, I feel more like myself when I teach. I've learned that what I thought was possible for me as a teacher IS possible!"

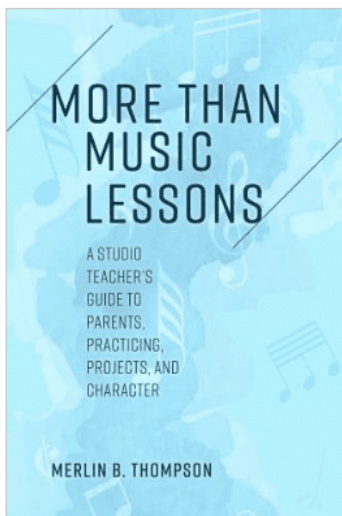
Podcast Recommendation

Teach Music 21C Podcast #33: Summer Plans. Another informative session with Lorrie Merrell and Merlin Thompson as they discuss Summer Plans for Music Students. Check it out on [Youtube](#) and [Spotify](#).

"More than Music Lessons"

This book contains 3 insightful chapters that detail working with parents.

From Chapter 2: Parents Make A Difference
"Music is a constant in the home life of most families. It isn't something stored away waiting for music lessons to begin. It's a vibrant part of parents' and children's daily life."



(Kindle & paperback available on [Amazon](#) & from the publisher [Rowman & Littlefield](#).)

Upcoming Dates

10:00 MST, Friday, July 5 - Twenty Years From Now: What Will Your Music Students Be Doing? Online presentation for the Canada Federation of Music Teachers Conference.

1:00 MST, Saturday, July 6 - Working with Parents: Past, Present, & Future. Online presentation for the Canada Federation of Music Teachers Conference.

Tuesday, July 16, 10-11 a.m. MST

Idea of the Month Webinar

TM21C Certification August Schedule

Are you looking to complete Certification in its most condensed format? Then our **August cohort** (Wed., Thurs., Fri., Mon., Tues.) is scheduled to meet your needs. The 5 one-hour modules take place Wednesday August 14, Thursday August 15, Friday August 16, Monday August 19, and Tuesday August 20.

[Click here](#) to register. The August schedule is just weeks away.

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