



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your source for 21st century music teaching tools, strategies, information, and inspiration.



Music teachers' enthusiasm and encouragement go a long way in helping students get back on track after a summer of relaxed music making. We welcome students back with open arms and smiles, reminding them that music making is a rewarding journey, not just a skill to be learned. For this Newsletter, a collection of tools and strategies to introduce any time during the month of September and still have a positive impact on students' musical journey. All the best as you resume your teaching schedule,

Merlin B. Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

#1. After the Summer Break

How can music teachers effectively help students transition back to music after their summer break? What steps are productive? What steps are less effective? By starting with what students already know, changing things up, and incorporating students' personal choices, it's always reassuring how quickly students regain the fluency and security they enjoyed prior to the summer. [Read more...](#)

#2. Intro Letter

Writing an introductory letter to our students' parents is a great way to share our enthusiasm for teaching, outline our plans, and create a

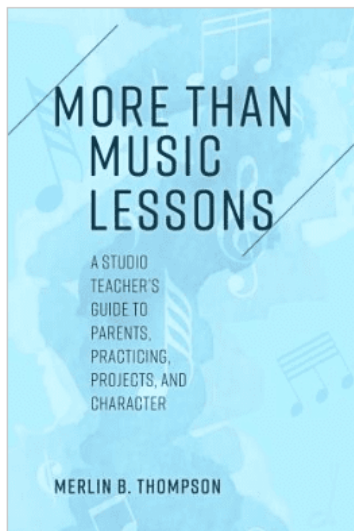
collaborative spirit for the year ahead. It's all about building meaningful bridges between our studios and our students' families. Would you like a 5-point template? [Read more...](#)

#3. Podcast Recommendation

Here it is! Hot off the press! TM21C Podcast #26: The Return to Music Lessons. Merlin Thompson and Lorrie Merrell chat about strategies that empower students as active participants at this time of year. Available on [Youtube](#) and [Spotify](#).



"More than Music Lessons"



"Music dances in our fingertips.
Music lives in our breath, in our boldness, our
whispers, our sighs.
Music grabs on without being asked.
Our enduring companion.
Our welcome friend.
Always music..."

Available on [Amazon](#) or from [Rowman & Littlefield](#).

#4. CBC Daybreak Interview

Check out this dynamic 11-minute conversation with CBC host Paul Karchut and Merlin Thompson. Watch for the moment when Paul realizes he's just heard a perspective he didn't expect. [Click here](#).



Upcoming Dates

Monday, September 23, 12 noon

Presentation UCalgary Music Department

Thursday, September 19, 10-11 a.m. MST

Idea of the Month Webinar - Register [here](#).

October 18-19

Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers Conference

October 25-26

Music Conference Alberta

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Quite simply - because we have forty years of continuous research and development as our backdrop. We're not just passing on the latest gimmick or trend. We're sharing tools and strategies that you can depend on to empower your students every lesson day after day and week after week. Click [here](#) for more info.

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