



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters**: forward-thinking resources and inspiration for music teachers from Teach Music 21C.



When my student Patrick recently told me that he didn't much time to practice that week, it occurred to me there are basically two ways music teachers can respond. The first way, which we've inherited from previous generations of music teachers, is to tell students that "excuses" aren't allowed and continue as planned. The second way is... [Click to Read More](#)

All the best with your own transitioning!

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3 Ways to Support & Inspire

Here are three ways music teachers can support and inspire our students:

1. Listen actively so students feel valued and recognized.
2. Read between the lines. Help students to clarify their thoughts.
3. Be a coach not a boss. Provide guidance for students instead of just telling them what to do.

Free Downloads

Attention music teachers!

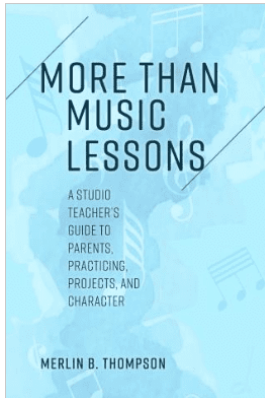
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Keep these resources handy. You'll be glad you did!

From More than Music Lessons



Teaching Tip

Everyone wants to be valued for who they are and what they do.

1. Students want to be valued for who they are and what they do.
2. Parents want to be valued for who they are and what they do.
3. Teachers want to be valued for who they are and what they do.

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Solving Problems

Often music teachers can be so fixated on solving problems in particular ways that we miss simpler, more practical solutions. Instead of relying on what we've always done, there are huge benefits in asking the question - "What is preventing me from trying something new?" By changing our starting point, we can gain insights that our normal problem solving process might miss.

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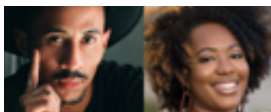


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Music Teaching

Remember that student attitude and intention are qualities just as valuable as students making progress.

Upcoming Dates

January 28: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

"What Music Teachers Need to Know about Practicing" - Edmonton ARMTA

February 11

Start date for the next Certification program

[Register NOW](#) and reserve your place. Spots are limited.

February 21: 7-8:30 p.m. Calgary time

"Beyond the Notes: Collaborative Teaching, Lifelong Impact, and Inspiring Practice" - Calgary Suzuki Strings Association

February 22: 2:3 p.m. Calgary time

"Music Teacher Wellbeing & Self-Care" - Alberta Piano Teachers Association

Questions, Thoughts

Do you have questions?

Would you like more info?

How about chatting with Merlin Thompson?

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What about ideas or thoughts you'd like to share? SEND me a message!



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