



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters**: September ideas and inspirations from Teach Music 21C.



Can you believe it?! It's already September! This time of year always gets me thinking about upcoming conversations with parents and students about why music making is so important to all of us. Why are human beings so enraptured by music making? What is it about music making that people from cultures around the world find so natural and meaningful throughout their entire lives? I have the impression people return to music making again and again because music making sparks something deep inside every one of us. Read [MORE...](#)

Merlin Thompson

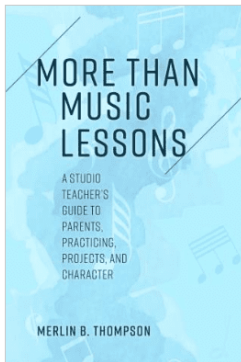
Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Vision Letter

September is the perfect time to share with parents and students your Vision of Lifelong Music Making. A formal letter is a good way to organize thoughts that you can share in a pre-lesson email. You can also let parents know you'll have a 10-minute discussion with them during the month of September and have them read a one-page vision letter in the studio. Sharing your vision at this time of the year sets things up so you can return to this topic regularly during the upcoming months.

Click [HERE](#) for a Vision Letter you may modify to suit your studio.

More than Music Lessons



Page 176 - "Kyle explains how through piano, he's developed a willingness to open up to himself, others, and his social life. From his musical explorations he's learned about honesty, about what it means to experience and accept emotions from frustration to celebration. He concludes with a compelling statement about how music has helped him to develop his own voice."

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September Resource Package

Be sure to check out the TM21C September Resource Package filled with FREE downloadable resources for today's vocal and instrumental music teachers. We've got Best Practice Cards, Best Teacher Phrases, Student Profile and Info Sheet, Getting Ready for September Video, and more. Click [HERE...](#)

TM21C Podcast



Episode #58: September Practice.

How to help students get back into the routine of practicing during the month of September is the theme for this podcast with Lorrie Merrell and Merlin Thompson. A timely topic for this start-up month. Click [HERE](#).

Teach Music 21C Certification



- Would you like to know more about engaging your music students?
- Are you interested in tools for working with real life students?
- How about taking steps away from what you've always done?

Teach Music Certification consists of 5 modules you won't find anywhere else! Our goal - to



inspire students to explore the music that inspires them. Does that sound like something you're interested in??

👉 [Click here for more info and to register for our Oct/Nov Cohort.](#)

Video Presentation

Would you like some tips about setting up the month of September? Please check out this video presentation for Long & McQuade. It's a practical and inspirational launch pad for your teaching. "Getting Ready for September" Click [HERE](#).

Upcoming Dates

September 19: "What Music Teachers Need to Know about Practicing". Presentation for Chilliwack BCRMTA.

September 22: "Repertoire that Resonates: Connecting with Student Choice". Presented by Long & McQuade.

September 27: "Finding the Right Words: Communication from the Start with the End in Mind". Presentation for APTA Conference.

September 30: Start date for Sept/Oct/Nov Suzuki Enrichment. Click [HERE](#) to register.

October 7: Start date for Oct/Nov Certification. Click [HERE](#) to register.

October 25: "We Can Do This: How to Be a Mentor, Facilitator, and Collaborator in Today's Evolving Music Studio Environment". Presentation for Music Conference Alberta.

Questions, Thoughts

Do you have questions?
Would you like more info?
How about chatting with Merlin Thompson?

SEND me a message at
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and we'll get together!



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