

WES CRAWFORD'S TEACHING STUDIO POLICIES - September 2018

The following policies shall take effect as of September 2018 and shall remain in place until further notice.

Prime Time Lessons are any regularly scheduled lessons on Mondays-Saturdays and *any* time from *September through June*. The policies for prime time lessons are as follows:

1. The rate for these lessons is a flat \$140/month for a regular half-hour lesson four times per month (prorated for more, fewer, or longer lessons), i.e., \$35/half hour of lesson time. Payment is due by check, cash, PayPal, or credit card on the student's first lesson of each month. Any payment made after this time is considered *late* and a *late fee of \$10 should be added to the payment. Please make payments at the beginning of a lesson. There will no longer be a fee for using credit cards or PayPal.*
2. A discounted option is offered for students that desire to take four (or more) hour-long lessons in a calendar month. This fee will be \$220 for four hour-long lessons, a savings of \$60 over prorated regular lessons!
3. With at least a calendar day notice to me via email, phone message, or phone text, a student may miss a lesson for any reason. The lesson will be made up or rescheduled at our mutual convenience. I would appreciate knowing if a student is not coming to a lesson so that another makeup may possibly be scheduled. If everyone follows this procedure, it will be easier to make up lessons for all students!
4. All lessons canceled by me will be made up at a mutually convenient time or, at my discretion, a payment credit may be given to the student towards future lessons. All makeup lessons must be arranged and completed by the end of August of the SEP-AUG lesson year or else they are forfeited. Except for illness or family emergency, I will give at least a day's notice of my cancellation of a lesson via e-mail or phone message (or attempt at such) or else I will give an extra prorated payment credit to the affected student.
5. A student may quit lessons at the beginning of any month for any reason. Any lessons owed to a student should be immediately scheduled and taken within a month or else they are forfeited.
6. A student must be enrolled in lessons and in good standing through June in order to reserve their same spot in the following September of the same calendar year.
7. If a student desires to change to a different day and/or time, I will do my best to accommodate them.
8. Due to Summer activities and vacations, all July and August lessons are treated under the more relaxed NON-Prime Time Lesson policies below.
9. Lessons on snow/inclement weather days may be missed with a makeup lesson due if the student gives me advance notice.

NON-Prime Time Lessons are regularly or irregularly scheduled lessons in July and August. These Policies consist of the following:

1. The rate for these lessons is \$35 per half-hour lesson, prorated for longer lessons. Unless other arrangements are made with me, please pay for a month's lessons in advance on the student's first lesson of each month.
2. A student may cancel any lesson for any reason and will not owe for that lesson if I have been given at least a calendar day's notice via e-mail or phone message. A student may cancel with less than a day's notice if due to illness or family emergency.
3. I may cancel a lesson for any reason. If other than for illness or family emergency, I will give a free lesson to the student affected if I do not give at least a calendar day's notice via e-mail or phone message (or attempt).

4. A student may quit lessons at any time for any reason. Any lessons owed to the student should immediately be scheduled and taken within a month or else they are forfeited.

All Students

1. Lesson Materials.

a. All students should bring a typical spiral notebook to each class, preferably one which may be dedicated to drum lessons and does not share space with a school subject.

b. Students will be asked to purchase method books early on. The Kit may be purchased online at <http://www.DrumKitMethod.com>. Beginner students will also use Practical Principles for Snare Drum. I will generally purchase this from the local author and give it to you to purchase from me for \$15.

c. After several lessons, I will burn and give a copy of the play-along CD “Turn It Up And Lay It Down - Vol. 1” to the student. It is out of print.

d. After several months of lessons, students will be asked to purchase my “Wes Crawford’s Drumset Play-Along DVD.” The regular retail price of this DVD/CD package is \$30, but I will offer it at lessons for \$10.

2. Practice - All students need to spend quality regular and recurring time practicing the assignments from each lesson. Please remember:

- Practicing some each day is *much* more effective than practicing a lot on just a few days!
- Always practice my assignments *first*, then jam to your heart’s content!
- The *quality* of practice time is more important than the *quantity*. Don’t stop practicing on a given day until you honestly feel that your assignments are better than before you began practicing.
- Practice everything slowly and solidly at first; work on speed later.
- COUNT!!!
- Set reasonable daily practice goals. Remember, the most difficult note to play is the first one! After you hit a drum once, it can be difficult to stop!
- “Practice makes perfect” only if you practice perfectly!

3. Please Be On Time - I work off of my cell phone clock and do my best to start and end lessons on time so that other students’ plans are not disrupted.

4. I encourage all students to experience live music of diverse styles as often as possible. Many of my performances are for private events or recording sessions, but you may go to the “Schedule” section of www.WesCrawford.com to see when and where I may be performing at a public event.

5. I shall schedule a student recital in May or June of each year. All students are encouraged to participate and family and friends are invited to attend. There is no extra fee to participate.

6. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns:

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www.MusicAndGames4U.com (my original media projects)