

Saint Hildegard Music Studio -- Rewards System

Dear music families,

In an attempt to encourage student practice and engage student participation, I have decided to create a studio rewards policy. Students will receive "Bach Bucks," which will be awarded in two ways. The first will be when a student completes a weekly target practice goal, via the practice chart. The second will be when a student attends a lesson with all books, homework completed well, and good behavior. At the end of the month, students will be allowed to shop at the "Chopin Store" and purchase either small candies and/or toy prizes. My goal is that students who may not be immediately incentivized for music's sake will be inclined to participate for a more tangible reason.

In addition to this letter, I am sending home your students' first "Bach Bucks" and a monthly practice chart. Students can fill in how much they practice each day of the week and must get a parent signature or initials for each day. Students will be expected to practice at least 30 minutes a day for five days to receive a "Bach Bucks" that week. This can also be a simple average of 150 minutes over the whole week. Students will then bring this to lessons each week that they achieve the goal and will be awarded a "Bach Bucks."

Students will be expected to keep track of and maintain the "Bach Bucks" they receive and to bring them on the last lesson of the month for redeeming at the "Chopin Store."

If you would not like your students to participate in this or have any other questions, please let me know. I appreciate your support at this time as I experiment with some new ideas!

Sincerely,
Andrew McDonald