



## Prodigy Program

Westwood Performing Arts

# Winter 2025 Newsletter

## Welcome and Introduction

The 2025-2026 has been off to an amazing start and I hope you have been having a great year of music so far! It was wonderful getting to meet so many of you in person at Westwood Day back in September. This is my third year with the program and it's nice to get to finally have some face-to-face time with all of you.

This newsletter contains few updates, notifications, and reminders about the Prodigy Program as we settle into the 2025-2026 school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email with any questions or concerns. I am here to help with anything Prodigy Program related.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy holiday season and thank you for all being an important part of the Prodigy Program.

***Brianna Creamer***

***Prodigy Program Director***

## Prodigy Student Spotlight

The MMEA Eastern District Auditions were held on November 1st. Congratulations to the following Prodigy Program students for acceptance into Senior Districts. Students with All State Recommendations will audition in late January for the All-State Festival, to be held in March. Bravo students and instructors!

<b>Lilith Brooks</b>	<b>Band, Mallets</b>
<b>Lily Champion</b>	<b>Band, French Horn</b>
<b>Jason Cirillo</b>	<b>Band, Bass Trombone</b>
<b>Charlie Goodman</b>	<b>Chorus</b>
<b>Jack Goodwin</b>	<b>Band, Tenor Saxophone</b>
<b>Micahel Mansour</b>	<b>Chorus</b>
<b>Manjula Viswalingam</b>	<b>Chorus</b>
<b>Melissa Yang</b>	<b>Band, Clarinet</b>

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## Website, Policy Information, and FAQs

The website is updated frequently and many questions regarding attendance, payments, missed lessons etc. can be found on our website.

Please make sure you bookmark or look to the following pages if you have questions. If your questions are not answered on the website, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Director.

***Just a reminder that any changes to billing or lesson status (length/teacher etc.) need to be communicated first to the Director.***

Prodigy Program Website <https://www.theprodigyprogram.org/>

Tuition and Fees <https://www.theprodigyprogram.org/tuition-and-fees>

Policies <https://www.theprodigyprogram.org/policies>

FAQs <https://www.theprodigyprogram.org/faqs>

JackRabbit Parent Portal <https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/jr3.0/ParentPortal/Login?orgId=506099>

## Registration Statements/Tuition Payments

In early January, I plan to send out invoices to families to confirm their account balances. My intention in doing so is to provide families with important account information and to identify and resolve any account discrepancies that may exist.

- **If you have already paid your family's tuition in full** you will not receive a statement. Thank you for your payment!
- **If you have already issued a partial payment** for the current school year, this should be reflected on the statement you receive. All remaining tuition balances will be due on February 1, 2024.
- **Families participating in the Monthly Payment** will continue to have payments applied through the remainder of the school year. No additional payments are necessary at this time and you do not need to take any further actions with respect to payment.
- **If you have a past-due balance on your account**, please contact me immediately to make payment. If you believe your past-due balance is an error, kindly let me know.

**To make a payment or change your family's billing/account information**, please click this link: <https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/jr3.0/ParentPortal/Login?orgId=506099>

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## Prodigy Faculty Updates

This Fall, we welcomed a new faculty member to the Prodigy Program: Joshua Lennox, (violin/viola/Intermediate Strings).



**Josh** started playing violin and viola at Whitinsville Christian School at the age of 13. He studied at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Music Education. During his time as an educator in Florida, he initiated a 120 student after school program for elementary students, taught middle school orchestra, and taught symphony orchestra for the Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County. He also volunteered for the Florida Orchestra Association; implementing orchestra competitions and events across the state. Now, he directs the orchestra at Walpole Middle School, and plays violin in the Brockton Symphony Orchestra where he is also the Symphony's Personnel Manager. In his free time, he loves traveling, singing, camping, and hanging out with his cat, Eva.

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## A Friendly Reminder About Attendance Policies

In the interest of student progress, and with an effort to maintain a degree of fairness for both families and lesson instructors, the Prodigy Program previously established policies regarding lesson attendance, cancellations, and make-up lessons.

Established weekly lesson times are bound to flex at various points throughout the year due to illness, school holidays, weather cancellations, etc. Since both students/families and instructors have a mutual investment in their music lessons and classes together, the Prodigy Program has asked families and instructors to agree to certain guidelines in the event of a missed lesson or class.

Our **current Absence and Makeup Policy** is set forth below. Please click [here](#) to read all of the Program's policies.

1. **Private Lessons:** Students are entitled to make up lessons for **two excused** absences. Excused absences are those in which (i) the student has provided at least 24 hours advance notice to the instructor (not the Prodigy Program Director), or (ii) the student is ill and cannot attend the lesson (whether or not 24 hours notice is provided). Absences for **any other reason** are not excused and are forfeited.

**More than two absences of any kind are forfeited.**

2. **Semi-Private Lessons:** Because semi-private lessons involve other students, lessons are **not** made up when a student is absent.
3. **Classes:** Because classes involve other students, lessons are **not** made up when a student is absent.
4. **Teacher Absence:** A teacher's absence from a lesson or class will be made up by the end of the school year.
5. **School Closings and Holidays:** All lessons missed because of school closings for religious holidays or inclement weather will be made up.
6. **Credits and Refunds:** Tuition credits or refunds will be provided for long-term illness or injury. There are no credits or refunds for class lessons or semi-private lessons.

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