2004-2005 Lesson Policy
Martha Schrempel

Phone numbers: Studio--610-861-1625 (please leave a message at my home as well)
Home--610-391-0290 (no calls after 9:00 PM, please, except for emergencies)
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e-mail--marthaks@fast.net (I check every day or 2--don't count on me getting these
messages immediately)

Welcome to the spring semester!! Please read carefully & call if you have questions.

PLEASE NOTE THIS PARAGRAPH:
This term begins the week of January 17 and ends the week of April 25. All lessons must
be completed by the end of that week.

CANCELLATION POLICY: I understand that, on occasion, there are circumstances which
necessitate canceling. Lessons missed due to illness or emergency will be made up if there is
time before the end of the semester; please call my home before 9:00 A.M. to let me know.
Lessons will not be made up if they are not canceled. Also, excuses such as colds,
doctors/dentists' appointments, tests the next day, or lack of preparation are not acceptable.
You are free to switch times with another college student if there is a scheduling conflict, but, since
your primary commitment is to piano lessons at this time, I will not be able to make up these
lessons. If there is bad weather, do not assume that lessons are canceled; always call to check.
Of course, I'll make up any lessons I must cancel, including those due to orchestra rehearsals.

MASTER CLASSES: We will have several master classes during the semester; I will try to
schedule them so all students can come. Attendance is required, and each student is required to
play at least once per semester. If a given class is known to be a short one, students of other
teachers are welcome to perform as well. Consult with me to make sure we have time.

GRADING POLICY: I grade every lesson, based on preparation, progress from the previous
lesson, and willingness to learn (see enclosed rubric); I then do a rough average at the end of
the semester. One or two poor lessons will not necessarily be held against you, but continued
lack of preparation, achievement and/or lack of attendance at lessons will take its toll on your
final grade. Remember that even a “B” is considered to be above average!

I hope you have a great semester; let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

ABOUT YOUR TEACHER: Martha Schrempel graduated with honors and distinction in music
from Vassar College, where she twice won the piano prize and was inducted into Phi Beta
Kappa. She was a scholarship student of Rosina Lhevinne at The Juilliard School, where she
earned her Masters degree. She is principal keyboardist for the Lehigh Valley Chamber
Orchestra and the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra. She has served on the boards of the Friends
of Music of Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Music Teachers
Association, as well as being a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers. She holds a
Permanent Professional Certification from the Music Teachers National Association. She recently
began work towards a Doctor of Musical Arts at Temple University.