

March 18, 2020

To: Drum Lab students, parents & families

From: David Demeter/Drum Lab

Re: Lessons

Sent via direct text or bcc email.

I want to express to all of you that I hope & pray everyone's family and friends are safe and stay healthy during this crisis. I believe we're all in this together and that starts first with taking care yourself and your loved ones. Work, school, music, sports, travel, social gatherings and almost all other activities have been cancelled and not one of us knows exactly where this will take us. Children and/or teenagers now at home 24/7 still need structure and having their lesson online with me will give them an interactive, teacher present online experience. It's a good time to focus on technique, rudiments, accents, sticking and drum set patterns and styles. The great part is that we keep the teacher student bond alive each week. One on one lessons with a live teacher is essential to learning and mastering drumming skills.

In the past few days, I've scheduled and taught two private lessons online. One lesson was taught via Skype and the other on FaceTime. I am happy to report it went well with both students! Being a member of NAMM, I was able to participate in a mass webinar about online instruction with an expert panel. Through both experiences, I've been able to learn and am working to perfect this "new" way of teaching. The current plan is to have all students schedule lessons LIVE with me. Lessons will be offered on a weekly basis and can be scheduled for up to 3x per week. The rest of this week will be used to prepare curriculum, lesson plans, videos and even some good jokes! The Coronavirus situation has isolated all of us, but the best thing we can do for our kids and ourselves is to continue provide as much structure as possible each day.

Since schools are closed and some work schedules have changed, it doesn't make sense to keep the same schedule that we've had. Here are the times I have available:

Monday: 4:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Tuesday: 12 PM to 5 PM

Wednesday: 12 PM to 5 PM

Thursday: 12 PM to 5 PM

Please contact me to secure the best time to fit your schedule. Text to: 949-307-3272 or email to thedrumlab@gmail.com

In addition to a more technical focus in lessons, I pledge to still make it fun! I'm currently planning a "master-student" contest to be held each week. Be the "master-student" winner or the 1st, 2nd or 3rd runner up for the "best song performance", best performance for "rudiment of the week" and best performance of "groove of the week". I'll announce the song, the rudiment and the groove pattern via text and email every Monday for the contest. The winner will be announced on Instagram and Facebook the following Sunday evening!

In closing, I want thank each and every one of you for your continuous support and love for the art of learning at The Drum Lab. You are an amazing group of student families and you've enriched my life as I hope that I've enriched yours.

David Demeter/ The Drum Lab