

# TEN TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR PRACTICE TIME REALLY COUNT!

1. Practice a little EVERY day; this is far more beneficial than one or two long practice sessions a week.
2. Have a certain time each day that is set aside specifically for your practice. It will then become part of your daily routine.
3. Split your daily practice into even smaller time chunks.
4. Learn music a phrase at a time. Practice each phrase SLOWLY until you have it, and then go to the next phrase.
5. Starting at the beginning of the piece and playing through to the end each time you practice is not an effective use of your time! You are merely practicing mistakes!
6. Don't practice mistakes or you will become very good at playing them!
7. Sometimes start in the middle of your piece and work to the end.
8. Regularly record yourself and listen carefully to it.
9. Practice the hard bits – not just the bits you like.
10. Listen to your pieces being played by the great players.



## Practice Records 2019-2020

- Practice Records will be handed out weekly.
- Signed Weekly Practice Records are due on **MONDAY** of the following week.
- Practice Records count for **15%** of the student's grade.
- **5 days** must show at least **15 minutes** of practice. **75 minutes** for full credit.

### Practice Record: Week of September 9-15 (5 days per week – 15 minutes per day minimum)

DATE	Sept. 9	Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 15
MINUTES Practiced							
WHAT was Practiced							

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**DUE: September 16, 2019**