

## Oswego East H.S. - Voice Lesson Information for JoEllyn Caulfield, soprano

**Availability:** Weekly daytime lessons at Oswego East will take place during “guided study,” and will be based off the student’s class schedule as well as the teacher’s availability. Lessons are available also Monday through Thursday afternoons and evenings, in 30, 45, and 60 minute intervals. They are usually given weekly, although other options are sometimes available. Students may request a specific time, and I will do my best to accommodate. Lessons are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Locations:** Students may attend afternoon and evening lessons at locations in South Naperville, North Naperville, and Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. OEHS students may opt to take lessons during the school day at Oswego East High School, if their class schedule and the school district permits.

**Tuition:** Tuition is paid monthly, and is calculated by how many weeks are in that month. It is due the last lesson taken in the current month, for the upcoming month. Note: OEHS students taking lessons at the high school pay by the school quarter, and not monthly.

**Rates:** Weekly rates are competitive with other area lesson teachers. Please contact me for current rates at [ladybugniu@yahoo.com](mailto:ladybugniu@yahoo.com) or visit the contact page of [www.thecaulfieldvoice.com](http://www.thecaulfieldvoice.com).

**Materials:** Students are to purchase the required materials for their lessons. The music needed will be determined at the first lesson. These items will last a long time, and can be used for recitals, auditions, solo and ensemble contests, competitions, etc.

**Recitals:** At least two Studio Recitals are held every year, and all students are strongly invited to participate. Other outlets for community performance may be available during the course of the year.

**Benefits of Vocal Lessons:** Every lesson is designed around the specific needs of each student. Everyone has different musical goals, and I am here to help those goals be met. Skills taught during lessons include, but are not limited to:

- Audition Preparation - School and Community Choirs, IMEA, Solos, Summer Programs, Musicals, Music Colleges/Universities/Conservatories, Scholarships, Musicals, etc
- English, Italian, German, French, Latin, and Spanish Diction
- Interpretation of Song
- Performance Etiquette
- Proper Breathing Technique
- Sight-Reading/Aural Skills
- Study of Classical, Jazz, and Musical Theatre Repertoire
- Vocal Health and Maintenance
- Vocal Warm-Ups

### **Non-Musical Benefits of Voice Lessons:**

1. Helps with school classes such as Speech, as well as giving class presentations
2. Gives self-confidence
3. Provides a fun activity through the entire year
4. Exposes students to volunteer opportunities for credit (caroling, benefit programs)
5. Builds friendships with other students who enjoy the same activities you do!