**Top 10 Reasons to Have Your Child Participate in Instrumental Music**

**10.**

Develops a sense of discipline and commitment -

practicing music, scheduling rehearsals, preparing for and participating in performances.

**9.**

Develops an understanding and appreciation of teamwork and provides opportunities for the development of leadership skills.

**8.**

Provides structured activities and keeps students busy in a positive way – rehearsals, competitions, football games, parades, etc.

**7.**

Promotes opportunities to be with a group of peers who share similar interests and fosters development of close, long-lasting friendships with a “good” group of kids.

**6.**

Builds brainpower – research shows that kids who play an instrument tend to be smarter and earn better grades.

**5.**

Builds coordination– playing an instrument enhances fine and gross motor skills.

**4.**

Gives parents an opportunity to interact with their kids and get to know other parents through chaperoning, helping with band functions and fund raisers.

**3.**

Helps provide for a more well-rounded education by exposing kids to the arts.

**2.**

Offers opportunities for kids to participate in exciting school-sponsored trips and events.

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IT’S FUN – for both KIDS and PARENTS!!!