Top 7 reasons for Music Education

1. Music is a gift given by God. He expects us to use it to praise Him and to give Him thanks for His blessings to us (Psalm 150). It is for everyone. One of our music students recently said "playing and singing are some of the purest forms of worshipping God because you are putting your heart and soul into it."

2. Music is considered as one of the eight parts of human intelligence and it is part of all of us.

3. Music education explores a unique language that gives insights to our world and society. It gives us an idea of events in history and people's interpretation of those events through sound and emotion "… carrying on when words cannot."

4. The lessons of music education last a lifetime. Music educators teach the joys of music to many students who will not perform once they leave school but who still will have many opportunities to enjoy music

5. Music education helps develop our children's ability to discern. Music is all around us – radios, MP3's, CDs, concerts – and much of it is lost and misdirected. Music education gives students tools to understand what some of this music is communicating and provide alternatives and answers.

6. Music education helps train our children for today's society. When a child is learning to play an instrument or to sing, he/she is also learning perseverance. Students need real determination to take the mystery out of notes and rhythms and turn them into music. It is a healthy stubbornness that develops into perseverance, concentration, and self-confidence. The reward of this is accomplishment. After a while, this effort turns into a good habit that benefits any endeavor – music, schoolwork, or even being a Christian (Hebrew 12:1 "let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us").

7. Music education teaches essential academic skills. Listening, analysis, problem solving, working in a large group, using mathematical and creative skills with physical action make music classes an essential part of every student's education.