

Dear Music Students and Parents:

August, 2017

I am excited for another great season of music!

We have put together the quarter schedule for the 2017-2018 lessons. The prices of lessons are monthly (\$22/lesson) and quarterly (\$20/lesson). We are happy to send you an email reminder, please give us your most reliable address and we will be sure that you know what is coming up.

If you are paying by the quarter, payments are due by September 5th for the Fall quarter. The amount due is \$260. There are no lessons on Labor Day, Sept. 4th.

Tuesday, September 5th is the first official day of the Fall quarter.

Please keep the calendar that we made for you as a reference. And keep in touch with us through email, Facebook, or tele/text if you have any questions or need to inform us of an absence.

We are so blessed to have you continuing on in your musical instruction. We're looking forward to another great year!

Sincerely,
Scott and Jill Lee

Music Keeps Your Brain in Tune!

1. Music stimulates the young brain and boosts the neural connections important for brain development.
2. Early musical training helps develop brain areas involved in language and reasoning. It is thought that brain development continues for many years after birth. Recent studies have clearly indicated that musical training physically develops the part of the left side of the brain known to be involved with processing language, and can actually wire the brain's circuits in specific ways. Linking familiar songs to new information can also help imprint information on young minds.
Tests show that children with music instruction show greater flexibility in math and reading.
3. There is also a causal link between music and spatial intelligence (the ability to perceive the world accurately and to form mental pictures of things). This kind of intelligence, by which one can visualize various elements that should go together, is critical to the sort of thinking necessary for everything from solving advanced mathematics problems to being able to pack a book-bag with everything that will be needed for the day.
4. Music study develops skills that are necessary in the workplace. It focuses on "doing," as opposed to observing, and teaches students how to perform, literally, anywhere in the world. Employers are looking for multi-dimensional workers with the sort of flexible and supple intellects that music education helps to create as described above. In the music classroom, students can also learn to better communicate and cooperate with one another.
5. Music training at an early age helps build skills necessary for abstract reasoning and problem-solving.