Why Music?

“Being a musician maps the human mind for success; success in all avenues of life.”
— Tim Lautzenheiser

Music helps students navigate adolescence.
The music classroom is a place where it’s safe for your students to fail, get constructive criticism, and try again. It’s where they’ll find a second family and a place to belong. Your students work with the same music educators at Norwin for multiple years, giving them stability they may not find in other subjects. Plus students who participate in music report the lowest lifetime and current use of all substances (alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs).

Brain benefits.
The latest music education research shows that making music produces physiological changes in students’ brains, resulting in more gray matter and brain plasticity. Playing music activates more regions of the brain at once than almost any other human activity. According to researcher Anita Collins, when you actually play an instrument, it’s like a full-body brain workout.

Music sets students up for success.
The benefits of music education include teamwork skills, self-discipline, healthy self-esteem, personal confidence, learning to reach short and long term goals, perseverance, grit, dependability, composure, courage and pride in results. Those qualities will stick with them for the rest of their lives, making them better students and successful adults in whatever they choose to do. Students begin to enjoy the benefits of music education after just a short time making music. But the longer they stay involved, the more benefits they’ll gain!

Making music is FUN!
For some students, music class might be the only reason they look forward to coming to school. It’s a welcome break in the day from academic classes while they get to make music with their friends.

Stay in music:
Band, orchestra or choir!

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