

ALF Instrumental Music Parent Meeting Information 8/27/18

1. **Keeping Informed:** Consult the ALF website regularly for all information. AlFlintridge.org
2. **Communication:** Primary means of communication is the parent email through ALF's system. To add a second email please contact Susan Bolan at ALF 818 790 2211. All ALF emails are posted on the website in specific instrument class pages.
3. **Attendance:** Regular attendance is very important for your child's success. Please ensure that your child arrives on time to class prepared with instrument, music and pencil. If your child cannot make it due to illness or other reasons contact the instructor.
4. **Instruments:** ALF has a limited number of instruments to rent. Instrument Rental Day is Saturday, 9/8 at Lanterman in the back room for those who have preregistered for a rental on our website. Times are 10-11 am for new students, 11-12 pm for returning students. Instrumental rental is \$200 for entire year. We do not rent Percussion kits. Reeds need to be purchased for clarinet (#2), sax (#2), oboe (medium soft). Talk to your instructor if there are problems with your instrument. You may also rent or purchase instruments at music stores.
5. **Calendar:** The calendar can be found on the website and is updated regularly.
6. **Registration:** Registration ends on Sept. 5 at 5:00 pm. Registration is online. Cost is \$150 for the entire year. No refunds unless class is cancelled.
7. **Concerts:** There are two concerts a year at Lanterman Auditorium in December and May for the Beginning Band, Beginning Strings, Concert Band, and String Orchestra. All students from the three elementary schools perform together. There is an additional "side by side" concert for Concert Band and String Orchestra to perform with 7/8 musicians at LCHS. Concert Band and String Orchestra perform in two in-school concerts at individual elementary schools.
8. **Concert Dress:** Concert dress for Lanterman Auditorium concerts is white tops and black pants or skirts. For in-school concerts ALF tee shirts with black bottoms.
9. **Sectionals:** There will be several sectionals throughout the year focusing on small sections of individual instruments to give the students extra help. The instructor will give the students the information ahead of time and ALF will email you reminders. Please try to attend.
10. **Practice:** It's important for students to practice regularly at home to learn their new skills and make progress. Instructors will give students assignments and help them learn how to practice effectively. More information is in the Student Handbook. Contact teachers for assistance.
11. **Curriculum:** The beginner classes use the book *Essential Elements 1*. The Concert Band and String Orchestra use *Essential Elements 2* and additional music for concerts. Each student is given one book at the beginning of the year. Lost books need to be replaced by parents.
12. **Student Handbook:** The Student Handbook is online and can be downloaded. Topics include Introduction to Teachers and Contact Information, Schedules and Calendar, Is the ALF Program Right for Your Student, Instruments, Class Information, Attendance and Commitment, Practice Expectations, Private Lessons, and Behavior Standards.