

## PARENT MEETING INFORMATION SHEET 2020-2021

**1. Information:** Consult the ALF Website for all information and updates. <http://www.alfintridge.org>. Questions: Call ALF (818) 790-2211 or email: [instrumentalmusic@alfintridge.org](mailto:instrumentalmusic@alfintridge.org)

**2. Communication:** The primary means of communication for ALF and the Instructors will be the parent email used at Registration. Most will come from either [instrumentalmusic@alfintridge.org](mailto:instrumentalmusic@alfintridge.org) or [programs@alfintridge.org](mailto:programs@alfintridge.org). All general emails that are sent from ALF will also be posted on the website.

**3. Attendance:** Regular attendance is very important for your child's success. Please be sure your child is prepared with instrument, music, stand, and pencil so he/she can be ready in the waiting room before class. Please contact the instructor if your child will miss class, so he/she is not waiting for your child to join.

**4. Instruments:** ALF has a limited inventory of instruments available to rent for \$200 for the year; this fee will be refunded if there isn't an instrument available for your child. Instrument Rental Day is November 7 in the parking lot of Lanterman Auditorium. Time and procedure details will be sent prior to then. You may also rent from a music store or choose to purchase (not recommended for Beginners or Strings, which are size specific.)

### 5. Instrument Groups:

Band Instruments:

- Woodwinds: Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Saxophone
- Brass: Baritone, French Horn, Trombone, Trumpet
- Percussion

String Instruments:

- Cello
- Viola
- Violin

Beginning students have very little or no experience with an instrument.

Advanced students (what was Concert Band or String Orchestra) are in their second or third year with ALF or with permission from the instructor/

**6. Calendar:** The calendar is posted (coming soon) on the website and is kept updated. It will show when classes are cancelled due to school holidays.

**7. Registration:** Opens on Monday, Oct. 26 at noon and closes Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 5:00 pm. The fee is \$150 for the year. No refunds unless class is cancelled.

**8. Practice:** It is important for students to practice in order to learn their new skills and progress; class time alone is not enough. Instructors will give students assignments and help them learn how to practice effectively. More information can be found in the Student Handbook. You may always contact the instructor for assistance.

**9. Curriculum:** Every student will receive an Essential Elements Book. Beginners use Book 1; Advanced students (Concert Band/String Orchestra) use Book 2. Students who already have Book 2 will not need a new book. Instructors may supplement with other materials. If your child loses his/her book, you will need to replace it.

**10. Essential Elements Student Resources:** On the back cover of each book there is a unique Student Activation Code to log into the Essential Elements website. Through the website students can access the audio of all the songs in the book, the ability to record themselves, helpful videos, and pdfs of additional music to play. Students are strongly encouraged to use this tool which will allow them to progress more quickly.

**11. Student Handbook:** The Student Handbook is available on the ALF website and can be downloaded. Topics include information about: ALF, Instructors, Choosing an Instrument, Attendance, Practice, and Behavior Expectations. It is a valuable resource. FAQs can also be found on the website.

**12. FOR BEGINNING STUDENTS, PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE FIRST CLASS WITH THEIR CHILD.**