

## PARENT MEETING INFORMATION SHEET 2021-2022

- 1. Information:** Consult the ALF Website for all information and updates. <http://www.alflinridge.org>. Questions, Contact ALF: [programs@alflinridge.org](mailto:programs@alflinridge.org), or (818) 790-2211 or Chair, Nancy Gunther at: [instrumentalmusic@alflinridge.org](mailto:instrumentalmusic@alflinridge.org) or Instructors: Email addresses are on the website (Music staff) and on tonight's handout.
  - 2. Communication:** The primary means of communication for ALF and the Instructors will be the parent emails used at registration. Most emails will come from either [instrumentalmusic@alflinridge.org](mailto:instrumentalmusic@alflinridge.org) or [programs@alflinridge.org](mailto:programs@alflinridge.org). If you think you didn't receive an expected email, check your Spam. Also, be careful that you don't unsubscribe. All general emails that are sent from ALF Music will also be posted on the website.
  - 3. Attendance:** Regular attendance is very important for your child's success. If your child has to miss class, please let the instructor know. This is especially important as we deal with COVID-19. Your child should be prepared for class with his/her instrument, music, mask, and bell cover, if provided.
  - 4. Instruments:** ALF has a limited inventory of instruments available to rent for \$200 for the program year; this fee will be refunded if there isn't an instrument available for your child. Instrument Rental Day is September 18 in the parking lot of Lanterman Auditorium. 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: Drums, Bells
    - String Instruments: Cello, Viola, Violin
- Beginning students have very little or no experience with an instrument.
- Advanced students (Concert Band and String Orchestra) are in their second or third year with ALF or with permission from the instructor.
- 6. Calendar:** The calendar is posted on the website and is kept updated. It will show when classes are cancelled due to school holidays.

**7. Registration:** Closes Wednesday, September 15 at 5:00 pm. The fee is \$200 for the year.

**8. Practice:** It is important for students to practice in order to learn 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, so they can record themselves playing with the song track. There are also 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 and their emails, Schedules, Choosing an Instrument, Attendance, Practice, and Behavior Expectations and FAQs. It is a valuable resource.