



April 12, 2023

REMINDER – THE EXTRA BAND PRACTICE IS THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH

4/15 Extra Band Practices (CMR at ALF)

Beginning band (beg brass, WW & percussion): 9:30am-11:30am

Concert band (adv brass, WW & percussion): 11:45am-1:45pm

March 7, 2023

Dear Brass Instrument Families,

We are off to a great spring semester and working hard to prepare for the Spring Concert in May. Class time is short so please encourage your students to be on time and, most importantly, to practice their instruments for at least 15 minutes a day. It makes a difference!

The schedule for the rest of the spring semester is as follows:

- 3/13 Brass Sectionals (CMR at ALF)
- 3/29 String Sectionals (CMR at ALF)
- 3/30 Woodwind Sectionals (CMR at ALF)
- 4/1 No percussion class due to maintenance at ALF
- 4/3-4/9 LCUSD Spring Break- No Classes
- 4/12 String Sectionals (CMR at ALF)
- 4/15 Extra Band Practices (CMR at ALF)
 - Beginning band (beg brass, WW & percussion): 9:30am-11:30am
 - Concert band (adv brass, WW & percussion): 11:45am-1:45pm
- 4/17 Brass Sectionals (CMR at ALF)
- 4/27 Woodwind Sectionals (CMR at ALF)
- 5/1 Strings Rehearsal (Lanternman) {no string orchestra class@ PCY}
 - Beginning Strings: 3:15pm-4:30pm
 - String Orchestra: 4:45pm- 5:45pm
 - Solos: 5:45pm
- 5/2 Strings Spring Concert (Lanternman) 7:00pm start
-String Instruments only (student drop off 6:15pm-6:30pm)
- 5/3 Band Rehearsal (Lanternman) {no concert band class @LCE}
 - Beginning Band: 3:15pm-4:30pm
 - Concert Band: 4:45pm- 5:45pm
 - Solos: 5:45pm

- 5/4 Band Concert (Lanterman) 7:00pm start
-Band Instruments only (student drop off 6:15pm-6:30pm)
- 5/6 Last Percussion Class of 2022-23
- 5/9 Last String Instrument Class of 2022-23
- 5/11 Last Brass & Woodwind Instrument Class of 2022-23

The Brass sectionals (noted above) will be split up by instrument type per the schedule below.

Sectional Schedule (Brass)

- 3:15pm-4:15pm All Trombone & Baritones
- 4:15pm-5:15pm Beginning Trumpets
- 5:15pm-6:15pm Concert Band Trumpets
- 6:15pm-7:15pm All French Horns

The Woodwind sectionals above will be split up by instrument type per the schedule below.

Sectional Schedule (Woodwinds)

- 3:15pm-4:15pm Beginning Clarinets & Saxophones
- 4:15pm-5:15pm Concert Band Clarinets & Saxophones
- 5:15pm-6:15pm Beginning Flutes & Oboes
- 6:15pm-7:15pm Concert Band Flutes & Oboes

Sectionals will all be held in the Chapter Meeting Room (CMR) behind the Assistance League Chapter House, (4607 Oakwood Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge). Your students should bring their instrument, music folder, and a pencil.

Concerts: Dress for the students will be black pants or skirt and ALF Music T-Shirt with black dress shoes (if possible). Concerts shouldn't be more than an hour and a half.

Concert Solos: The instructors have been talking to the **advanced** students about the opportunity to audition for a concert solo. If your child is interested, they will need to ask their instructor for a solo request form. Although we would love for every student to have a solo, due to time constraints, we need to limit the number of solo performances. We also want the solos to be a positive experience for the students so please understand if your student is not chosen for one. Feel free to contact your student's instructor if you have any questions or concerns regarding solos.

Classes: Regular morning classes will continue during Concert week (5/1-5/6); however, there will not be any afternoon classes that week due to rehearsals/concerts. Each class will have one final regular class time for the year after their respective concerts. Please send your child to this wrap-up class so that the instructors can discuss the concert, collect rental instruments, and encourage the students to play over the summer and to continue on next year.

Instrument Rentals: Please return your child's instrument at the last music class (following the concerts). If your student cannot attend the last class, please return their rental at the concert or drop off at the ALF Chapter House before 5/12/23. Families who have already paid for a Summer

rental may return their instrument on or before 7/14/23 directly to ALF. Let us know if you haven't paid but would like to extend your rental to July. The fee is \$50.

Summer School: ALF Summer School offers instrumental music classes as well as the opportunity to extend your instrument rental through the end of summer school (7/14/23). Summer School registration opened on 3/6/23. Please visit <https://alflintridge.org/programs/summer-school-home/> for more information and to register for summer classes.

Please let us know if you have any questions. You can email us at instrumentalmusic@alflintridge.org or programs@alflintridge.org

Thank you again for supporting a love of music in your homes!

Mary Carney & Denise Johnson

ALF Music Co-Chairs 2022-23