



March 8, 2024

Dear String 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 20 minutes a day. It makes a difference!

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

- 3/13 String Sectionals (CMR at ALF) - **See Schedule Below**
- 3/27 Brass Sectionals (CMR at ALF)
- 3/28 Woodwind Sectionals (CMR at ALF)
- 4/1-4/8 **LCUSD Spring Break - No Classes at School**
- 4/8 Make-up Classes for Monday Groups (CMR at ALF)
 - PCY Concert Band: 1:00-2:00 pm
 - LCE Concert Band: 2:00-3:00 pm
 - PCY String Orchestra: 3:00-4:00 pm
 - PCR String Orchestra: 4:00-5:00 pm
- 4/8-4/15 Solo Auditions in Class
- 4/23 Brass Sectionals (CMR at ALF)
- 4/24 String Sectionals (CMR at ALF) - **See Schedule Below**
- 4/25 Woodwind Sectionals (CMR at ALF)
- 5/6 Band Rehearsal (Lantermann) - No Concert Band Class @LCE
 - Beginning Band: 3:15-4:30 pm
 - Concert Band: 4:45-5:45 pm
 - Solos: 5:45 pm
- 5/7 Strings Rehearsal (Lantermann)
 - Beginning Strings: 3:15-4:30 pm
 - String Orchestra: 4:45-5:45 pm
 - Solos: 5:45 pm
- 5/8 Band Concert (Lantermann)
 - Start Time 7:00 pm
 - Band Instruments Only - Student Drop-off 6:15-6:30 pm
- 5/9 Strings Concert (Lantermann)
 - Start Time 7:00 pm
 - String Instruments Only - Student Drop-off 6:15-6:30 pm

- 5/11 Last Percussion Class of 2023-24
- 5/15 Last Brass & Woodwind Instrument Classes of 2023-24
- 5/16 Last String Instrument Class of 2023-24

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

String Sectionals Schedule for 3/13 & 4/24

3:15-4:00 pm Beginning violin/viola/cello (last names A-J)

4:00-4:45 pm Beginning violin/viola/cello (last names K-Z)

4:45-5:30 pm String Orchestra cellos

5:30-5:35 pm Break

5:45-6:30 pm String Orchestra 2nd violins/violas

6:30-7:15 pm String Orchestra 1st violins/violas

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, see the attached solo request form and details. 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 5/6-5/9; 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 continue 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 5/17. Families who have already paid for a Summer rental may return their instrument on or before 7/12 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 to 7/12. Summer School registration will open on 3/11. For more information and to register for summer classes, please visit <https://alflintridge.org/programs/summer-school-home/> .

Please email us with any questions you have. instrumentalmusic@alflintridge.org or programs@alflintridge.org .

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

Mary Carney

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