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# Lutheran Elementary Band and Strings Program



**Handbook for  
Parents**

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**2021 - 2022**

## 2021-2022 Calendar

### **BEGINNING BAND STUDENTS**

August 26, Thursday  
Beginning Band Rentals . . . . . 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Band Instrument Rental and Make-up Fittings  
CLHS Cafeteria- All Schools Welcome  
Band starts this week – bring your instruments  
August 30, Monday  
September 29, Wednesday  
November 10, Wednesday  
November 11, Thursday  
April 27, Wednesday  
April 28, Thursday  
9th Annual Fall “Band and Strings Carnival”, CLHS . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Rehearsal for Concert, CLHS Band Room . . . . . 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
WINTER CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Rehearsal for Spring Concert, CLHS Band Room . . . . . 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
ELEMENTARY SPRING CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Please arrive by 6:30 p.m. in CLHS Band Room  
Last Day for Band

### **INTERMEDIATE and ADVANCED BAND STUDENTS**

Band starts this week – bring your instruments  
August 23, Monday  
October 27, Wednesday  
November 12, Thursday  
November 12, Thursday  
March 2, Wednesday  
March 27, Sunday  
March 27, Sunday  
April 28, Thursday  
April 28, Thursday  
Rehearsal for Winter Concert, CLHS Band Room . . . . . 6:00-7:30 pm  
Rehearsal for Winter Concert, CLHS Band Room . . . . . 8:00-10:45 a.m.  
WINTER CONCERT w/CLHS, CLHS Auditorium . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Rehearsal for Fine Arts Festival, CLHS Auditorium . . . . . 6:00-8:00 pm  
Rehearsal for Fine Arts Festival, CLHS Gymnasium . . . . . 1:00 p.m.  
FINE ARTS FESTIVAL, CLHS Gymnasium . . . . . 2:00 p.m.  
Rehearsal for Spring Concert, CLHS Auditorium . . . . . 8:00-10:45 a.m.  
ELEMENTARY SPRING CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

### **BEGINNING STRINGS STUDENTS**

Beginning String Rentals . . . . . 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
String Instrument Rental and Make-up Fittings  
CLHS Cafeteria- All Schools Welcome  
Strings start this week – bring your instruments  
August 25, Thursday  
August 30, Monday  
September 29, Wednesday  
October 25, Monday  
November 3, Wednesday  
May 2, Monday  
May 4, Wednesday  
May 20, Friday  
9th Annual Fall “Band and Strings Carnival”, CLHS . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Rehearsal for Concert, CLHS Band Room . . . . . 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Rehearsal for Concert, CLHS Band Room . . . . . 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Last day for Strings

### **INTERMEDIATE and ADVANCED STRINGS STUDENTS**

Strings starts this week - bring your instruments  
August 23, Monday  
October 26, Wednesday  
October 26, Wednesday  
November 3, Wednesday  
March 26, Sunday  
March 26, Sunday  
May 3, Tuesday  
May 3, Tuesday  
May 4, Wednesday  
May 20, Friday  
Intermediate Strings Rehearsal . . . . . 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Advanced Strings Rehearsal . . . . . 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Advanced Rehearsal for Fine Arts Festival, CLHS Aud. . . . . 1:00 p.m.  
FINE ARTS FESTIVAL, CLHS Gym (Adv./H.S.) . . . . . 2:00 p.m.  
Intermediate Strings Rehearsal . . . . . 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Advanced Strings Rehearsal . . . . . 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Last Day for Strings

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Why do we have an Instrumental Program?

Music is listed federally as a core curriculum class. It is an elective class in our elementary schools. The program gives children the opportunity to learn and develop the skill of playing a musical instrument. Playing in the band or string ensemble, the child experiences the pleasure and satisfaction of joining with other children as they create music for their own as well as other people's enjoyment. In addition, the child finds another avenue by which to serve and glorify our Lord and Savior.

Music can become a creative force in the child, helping to develop discipline, accuracy, concentration, and coordination. By providing an emotional outlet, it helps the child to learn to know himself and others. Through music a child can grow socially, learning to work with others as together they create music.

### 2. Who may participate in the Instrumental Program?

All children in grades 4-8 are eligible for the band program and grades 3-8 for the strings.

### 3. When should a child start instruction on an instrument?

In order that a child may attain the proficiency necessary to play in a band, it is urged that children begin instruction in the fourth or fifth grade, but we continue to welcome the older beginner, too. (At times, they progress very rapidly and are soon in stride with the rest. If an older child wishes to play an instrument, he/she will be given the opportunity.)

### 4. What instruments are used?

The instruments used include: flute, clarinet, oboe, alto and tenor saxophone, cornet, trumpet, trombone, French horn, baritone, sousaphone, and percussion. The strings program utilizes violins, cellos, and basses.

### 5. Who decides what instrument a child should play?

The choice is up to the child and parents. However, the director may wish to guide the decision based on physical, mental, or emotional characteristics of the child; based on the needs of the program; or the demonstration given to each child.

### 6. Who supplies the instruments?

Most instruments are supplied by the parents except. For beginners, there are rent-to-own plans through Sweetwater Band and Orchestra. With Sweetwater's flexible rental program you are not locked into a long-term contract and can cancel your rental contract at any time.

### 7. How is instruction provided?

The directors establish the band/string lesson schedule in cooperation with the school administration. Teachers travel to each school twice or three times each week.

### 8. How much practice must a child do?

A child's progress is determined essentially by the practice done at home. It is required that your child spend time preparing for lessons and rehearsals. To progress satisfactorily a child should practice no less than 75 minutes each week.

### 9. What about grades?

All students receive quarter grades reported to their home school. The report takes into consideration instrumental proficiency, musical progress, attitude, behavior and general contributions to the total program.

### 10. How do we know whether a child has the talent to play a musical instrument?

Any child has the talent! Playing an instrument is a learned skill. Progress is determined by attitude and commitment. Some students have more God-given ability in this area, but that is true of every area in life. All can progress and enjoy God's gift of music, just perhaps at different rates.

### 11. Does a child need previous musical training before starting instructions?

The majority of children beginning lessons on an instrument have had no previous musical training. The beginner program is adapted to these children. However, a child who has had previous training or experience in music will certainly benefit by that training.

### 12. What is expected of a child in the program?

Any child in the instrumental program is expected to conduct him/herself in a courteous, Christian manner. A child is expected to show proper respect and care for his/her instrument and for all music loaned him/her (lost music will be replaced for a fee). The success of the program depends upon each child's fulfilling his role in the group. **The rehearsal and performance schedule is included in this brochure. A commitment to these rehearsals and concerts is part of the program, not an option.** Written excuses for absences are required. Unexcused absences from rehearsals will result in not participating in concerts. It is crucial for your child to attend these rehearsals. The rehearsals and concerts are part of your child's instrumental music class and are included in the quarterly grade.

### 13. What does the instrumental program cost?

Registration is now open for Concordia Lutheran High School's Elementary Band & Strings Program, which is presented at your grade school. We are now doing registration online through CampBrain (our Summer Camp software). Please register online and select the 9-month or full pay option. Payment is accepted with a Visa or Mastercard (credit or debit). Registration costs are associated with your grade school. A registration fee of \$45 will be collected when you register.

This amount should be considered as an annual fee. Because it is a class, students make a year-long commitment. All students are required to complete at least one semester. If a parent wishes to withdraw a student at the semester, a note must be sent to the director.

### 14. Where does the music come from?

Each student will be provided with and billed for an initial lesson book. If additional books are needed later, they may be purchased locally from Quinlan & Fabish Music or Mynett Music. Other stores may have the appropriate books, also. Concert music will be loaned to the student by the Instrumental Department. It must be returned, when requested, and remains the property of the department.

### 15. Where should my child get accessories?

Depending on the instrument, students may need accessories throughout their instrumental study. Reeds, cork grease, valve oil, polishing cloths, swabs, mouthpiece brushes, rosin, etc. can be purchased from the local music stores. Woodwind students need at least 4 reeds in their case at all times. Brass students need valve oil.

### 16. Does my child need his/her own music stand?

Your child's school will have music stands available for use at school. However, an important tool in the proper posture for practicing is a good music stand. Music stands can be purchased relatively inexpensively from the local music stores.

### 17. Will private lessons benefit a child?

The lessons provided at school are planned to lead the child through an orderly development of the many skills needed. However, parents are always welcome and encouraged to consider private lessons to supplement and strengthen what is being taught at school! Your teacher can help set these lessons up with a private instructor.