



LOS ALAMITOS HS ENTERTAINMENT UNIT

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Dear Prospective Entertainment Unit (Marching Band) Member,

Thank you for your interest in being a member of the Los Alamitos High School Entertainment Unit! The Directors, Mr. Richie Sebastian and Mr. John Rush, the staff, and the LAHS Band Boosters are very proud of each and every member of our program. It is through the dedication, hard work and outstanding character of our students that this program earned the title of “A/AA/AAA Grand Champions” last year at the WBA (Western Band Association) Championships in Fresno. We are looking forward to having you be an essential part of our program and joining our family in the Entertainment Unit.

The Entertainment Unit is happy to take all students (grades 9 – 12) with any musical experience, while previous music experience is always preferred. Each member is responsible for learning his/her music and is required to practice at home to attain a high level of musical excellence. Students who have the opportunity to study privately are encouraged to do so.

Wind members (brass and woodwind) will participate in an “audition” process that begins during the 2nd week of May. Mr. Sebastian will hold the private and closed playing evaluations in the instrumental music room (LAHS Room 519). Attached is an information packet regarding “auditions.” Current members are required to audition each year. Complete **and sign** the enclosed **Entertainment Unit Audition Form** and bring it to your audition. These “auditions” are more of an assessment of the student’s capabilities so we can place him/her in the appropriate level class (Beginning-Intermediate Band or Advanced Band) and so we can get a better idea of our numbers and instrumentation so we can begin the music and drill writing process early.

To schedule an audition, e-mail Mr. Sebastian (rsebastian@losal.org) with the following:

- Student’s name
- Phone number
- Instrument planning to play in marching band
- School coming from (McAuliffe MS, Oak MS, LAHS, or other), and
- TWO choices of audition time (in order of preference).

Available audition times are on website (www.losalmusic.com). I am looking forward to hearing from each of you.

Drumline members must attend workshops once a week that start the 2nd week of May and end the 3rd week of June. At these workshops they will learn the techniques/approaches to the instruments and the staff members will place them on the appropriate instrument for the group.

Color guard members must attend three workshops during the 2nd week of June where they will learn choreography and equipment techniques. The 3rd workshop will act also as the audition.

The following sheet lists the important dates for the upcoming 2010 Fall Season including:

- Summer camp dates,
- Fall afterschool rehearsal schedule,
- Saturday rehearsal schedule,
- Home football game performance schedule, and
- Competitive field show schedule.

Learning music/choreography and organizing over 100 students to march and play together requires lots of repetition and lots of consistency. In order to provide the best learning environment for everyone, we need full attendance at all these rehearsals and performances.

Note that there is a **mandatory** summer camp **for everyone** who is interested in being a part of the competitive field show for the 2010 fall season the last two weeks of August (16th to 27th).

By being involved in the Entertainment Unit, each member is billed a “fair share” account which only offsets a portion of the actual costs that are incurred during the year – the remainder comes from fundraisers. Many families were able to pay their **entire** fair share account just by participating in the multiple fundraisers that we offer all families.

The standard costs for all members for the fall season are (amounts/dates are subject to change):

- \$300 – transportation (due August 1st)
- \$250 – 1st half of Fair Share Assessment (due August 15th)
- \$160 – 1st half of Championship Trip (due September 1st)
- \$250 – 2nd half of Fair Share Assessment (due September 15th)
- \$160 – 2nd half of Championship Trip (due October 1st)

Each member has additional financial responsibilities based on group (marching shoes, color guard uniform, drumline sticks, etc.).

If you have any questions, feel free to ask. Thank you for your interest, and I am looking forward to working with you this upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richie Sebastian (rsebastian@losal.org)
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Important Dates
2010 – 2011 Entertainment Unit
(Marching Band, Drumline, and Color Guard)

Dates and times are subject to change

*Up-to-date calendar can be found on our band website (www.losalmusic.com) or
If you have questions, contact Band Director, Mr. Richie Sebastian (rsebastian@losal.org)*

Drumline Workshops (3pm to 5:30pm)

Tuesdays – 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15

Drumline Summer Camp (2pm to 5pm)

Tuesdays – 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27

Wednesdays – 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28

Color Guard Workshops (3pm to 5pm)

Wednesday, 6/9, Thursday, 6/10, Friday, 6/11

Color Guard Summer Camp (10am to 1pm)

Tuesdays – 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3

Thursday – 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5

Full Group (Marching Band, Drumline, and Color Guard) Summer Camp (8am to 5pm)

Monday to Friday – 8/16 to 8/20, 8/23 to 8/27

Parent Preview Performance – 8/27 (6:30pm; call time 5:30pm)

Fall Rehearsal Schedule

Mondays – Color Guard ONLY – 3pm to 6pm

Tuesdays – Winds and Drumline ONLY – 3pm to 6pm

Wednesdays and Fridays – ALL (Marching Band, Drumline, and Color Guard) – 3pm to 6pm

Home Football Game Performance Schedule (all games start at 7pm at Vets Stadium)

** Friday, 9/3 – vs. Norwalk (call time 4:30pm) ** (tentative)

Thursday, 9/16 – vs. West Adams Prep (call time 4:30pm)

Thursday, 10/21 – vs. Newport Harbor (call time 5pm)

Thursday, 10/28 – vs. Marina – HOMECOMING (call time 5pm)

Thursday, 11/11 – vs. Edison (call time 5pm)

WBA Competition Schedule (call time TBA; as soon as we find out our performance time – usually week before event)

Saturday, 10/16 – Ayala HS

Saturday, 10/30 – Riverside Community College

Saturday, 11/6 – Mission Viejo HS

Saturday, 11/13 – Trabuco Hills HS

Friday, 11/19 to Sunday, 11/21 – Championship Trip to Fresno, CA (TBA)

Saturday Rehearsals (10am to 2pm)

9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23

**Los Alamitos High School
Entertainment Unit
Audition Requirements**

Wind Audition Requirements

Instruments available:

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| • Flute | • Trumpet |
| • Clarinet | • Horn in F/ Mellophone |
| • Bass Clarinet | • Trombone |
| • Alto Saxophone | • Baritone/Euphonium |
| • Tenor Saxophone | • Tuba/Sousaphone |
| • Baritone Saxophone | |

- Audition on the instrument you want to play in marching band (Concert Band chair placement will be determined during 1st semester)
- Please see attached audition music sheet. You **MUST** perform everything
- Students will be judged on: tone, intonation, rhythms, technical proficiency, and interpretation
- Current member auditions will be held during class May 10th – May 14th (sign up in band room)
- Incoming or New Members will be after school May 10th – May 17th (sign up by e-mailing Mr. Sebastian (rsebastian@losal.org). Please see list of available times on website (www.losalmusic.com). First come, first served. This will be updated as people sign up.)
- There are **NO** visual auditions, only playing

Percussion Audition Requirements

Instruments available:

- | <u>BATTERY</u> | <u>PIT/FRONT ENSEMBLE</u> | |
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| • Marching Snare Drum | • Marimba | • Timpani |
| • Marching Tenor Drum | • Vibraphone | • Drum Set |
| • Marching Bass Drum | • Xylophone | • Percussion Rack |
| • Marching Cymbals | • Bells | • Piano/Synthesizer |

- You must attend a series of workshops to learn the techniques/approach to the instruments, warm-ups, and additional music that applies to techniques taught. Dates are below.
- May 11th, 18th, 25th, June 1st, 8th, and 15th – 3pm to 5:30pm
- Things to bring: sticks, pad, pencil, comfortable shoes/clothes

Color Guard Audition Requirements

Equipment available:

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| • Flags | • Rifles | • Sabres | • Props |
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- You must attend workshops on June 8th and 9th from 3pm to 5pm where you will learn a series of choreography/routines that you will be expected to perform on June 10th for the audition from from 3pm to 5pm.
- Things to bring: comfortable shoes/clothes

2010 Entertainment Unit Wind Member Audition Form

Please fill out all the information below and bring to the audition

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Street: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Student Phone #: _____

Student E-mail: _____

Current Grade (circle one): 8th 9th 10th 11th

Current School (circle one): LAHS McAuliffe Oak Other _____

Primary Instrument: _____ **Time studying instrument:** _____

Additional Instrument: _____ **Time studying instrument:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail: _____

Private Instructor: _____ **Contact #:** _____

Previous playing experience: _____

Other activities (sports, clubs, etc.): _____

By signing below, I have read about the “audition” process, financial responsibility (of approximately \$1100 per fall semester), Important Dates for 2010 Fall Season, and the time commitment (to practice at home, attend all rehearsals, and competitions/festivals/performances), and agree to these requirements to be in the Entertainment Unit. Failure to attend performances and afterschool rehearsals will result in a lowered grade and possible removal from the program. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher to remain in the instrumental music program.

_____ _____ _____
 Print student’s name student’s signature date

_____ _____ _____
 Print parent/guardian’s name parent/guardian’s signature date

----- **DO NOT WRITE BELOW** -----

2010 Los Alamitos HS Entertainment Unit Wind Audition Score Sheet

	TONE	INTN	RHY	TECH	INTER
F Major “Velocity”	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)
Bb Major “Velocity”	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)
Eb Major “Clarke”	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)
Bb Chromatic Scale	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)
	Lowest note	_____	highest note	_____	
Aggressive (Mvt. 3)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)
Heartfelt (Mvt. 1)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)	_____ (10)

TOTAL _____ (out of 300)

COMMENTS: