

Johns Creek Orchestra: Washington D.C. Trip

(March 30- April 3, 2012)

March 30th:

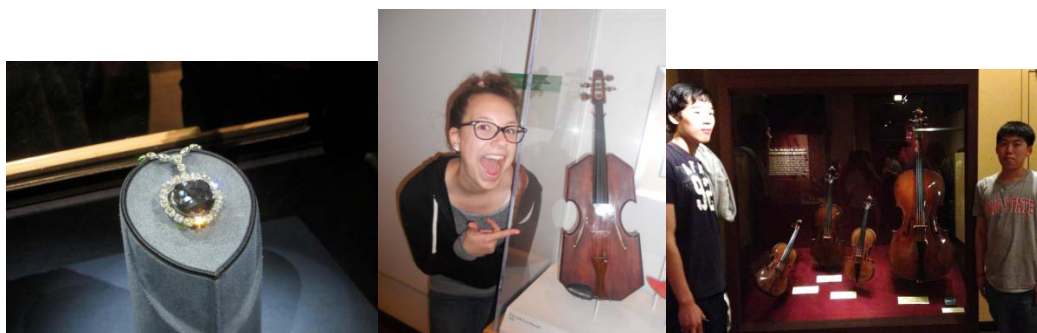


Johns Creek High School Orchestra Students Depart for Washington D.C.!!!

March 31st:



After a 12 hour bus ride, 44 students and 8 chaperones arrived in Washington D.C.! We didn't waste any time site-seeing and went straight to one of our nation's most "hallowed grounds," Arlington National Cemetery. Then we visited the Marine Corps War Memorial (also called the Iwo Jima Memorial).



Our next stops were the American History Museum and the Natural History Museum. Here, many tourists goggle at the Hope diamond; however it was common to see our Johns Creek students posing next to their impressive Stradivari instrument collection.



Continuing our day with our tour guide, we saw the Ellipse (where a kite festival was taking place), Old Executive Office Building, LaFayette Park, and White House. Before checking in at the hotel we shopped for souvenirs and enjoyed hearty dinners at the Hard Rock Café.

April 1st:



In the morning, we ate breakfast at the hotel and then left to visit Mount Vernon where we did a mansion tour. Then, we explored the Air and Space Museum and watched “To Fly” in the IMAX Theater. We then ventured to the Ford’s Theater; Peterson House and Education Center.



The excitement continued as we participated in “Game Show” activities at a dinner theater. Student contestants stood behind buzzers and racked up points by correctly answering an assortment of trivia questions. Following dinner and the game show

competitions, students partied on the dance floor. Returning to the hotel, we enjoyed each other's company chatting and playing cards on the lobby floor.

April 2nd:



The following day we visited many national monuments including: Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial, Lincoln's Memorial, Franklin D. Roosevelt's Memorial, Thomas Jefferson's Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, and the Air Force Memorial Foundation Memorial. Due to the unfortunate 5.8 magnitude earthquake that happened in D.C. a few months prior to our trip, the Washington Monument was closed; however it was visible during many points of our trip.



That windy afternoon we performed at the National Cherry Blossom Festival on the Sylvan Theater Stage, near the base of the Washington Monument.



Later, our eyes were opened to the tragic history of the Holocaust at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: *Remember the Children: Daniel's Story and Exhibit*. We also visited the Capital Building and took a personalized tour of Congressional Floor. We were then amazed by the Library of Congress. Then we went to the Old Post Office Pavilion for dinner. Later that evening, we went back to the Vietnam Memorial and Lincoln Memorial to view spectacular nighttime view of the Memorial and the Capitol. Our last night at the hotel was full of bonding moments as we gathered once again in the lobby.

April 3rd:



The next morning we departed from the hotel and arrived back at Johns Creek High School that evening. What a great trip!!! It was a memorable trip for us all !!!

--- Summarized by
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