



# Johns Creek Orchestra Newsletter

## 2020-2021 WRAP UP REFLECTION/RECAP

by Keneh Nwizubo

Well guys, we made it! For the very first time in the history of most schools in America, students and teachers started a brand new school year completely virtual. Various school clubs and sports that had once given schools their spirit and culture were no longer allowed to take place. And those that were allowed, took on various restrictions such as limitations of participants, social distancing, and virtual settings that made it hard to truly connect with others and create bonds as we once had. Yet throughout these trying times, Johns Creek High School and its Orchestra have remained spirited as ever. Through our various contributions to the school's atmosphere such as playing in the rotunda and our concerts, we have managed to keep that same JCHS Spirit of previous years alive. Instead of settling and "going with the flow" like many schools have, we decided to make ways to continue striving for the best through integrity, service, and excellence. A prime example of our striving to keep making wonderful music can be seen through our adoption of the UpBeat Music App, which allowed our orchestra to play as one even though some of us were in person and others were online. We were also able to practice together in after school rehearsals to continue striving for excellence and ultimately serve our community by providing them with wonderful music. In the end, although this year wasn't ideal for anyone, especially performing arts departments, our orchestra was still able to not only get through, but to excel and put on outstanding performances. As we leave this school year moving to the next and adapting this new "normal", let's remember what we learned through the adversity we faced this year and make the necessary changes to do better and be successful in everything we do. Have a great summer Glads, and see you next year!

### **Do you have any fun plans for the summer?**

Orlando Trip- Emma Surbrook

Washington DC fencing training- Kelly Feng

Miami, New York, Seattle, and Maine -Zoe Gotlin

Florida and California- Aarya Matharu

Chicago- Margaret Wei



## SPRING CONCERT

by Clara Kim

Our last concert for the 2020/2021 school year was a huge success! This year's last memorable concert was held in the JCHS auditorium, maximizing the number of spectators to 150 and maintaining social distancing. This spring concert consisted of Jupiter from the Planets by Gustav Holst, "Spring" from the Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi, Simple Gifts, and many more. Additionally, the soloists rocked the stage, creating a blissful aura on stage. Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's spring concert! We made it happen!!

### What is it that you're most excited for in the upcoming summer?

Sleep - Adhya Singh

No School Work - Dubem Nwizubo

Time to spend with friends  
- Laura Lee

GHP - Abbi Kim

## A WORD FROM OUR INCOMING SENIORS

by Naya Patel

The time has come for the class of 2021 to graduate. But as they walk across the stage and onto the next steps of their lives, a new class will have to replace them: the class of 2022. The class of 2022 has been both cursed and blessed by the tumultuous events of the past year. We were lucky enough to experience one full year of high school as freshmen, and we will (hopefully) be lucky enough to experience a normal senior year. So how do these rising seniors feel about everything? Rising senior Pooja Nagamohan says she is "excited to be a senior and take part in prom and orchestra movie nights". Rising senior Margaret Wei says she is "excited to be in the same room as Carly Yin". After having two years of non-traditional graduating classes, let's hope '22 has the best senior experience and wish them luck!

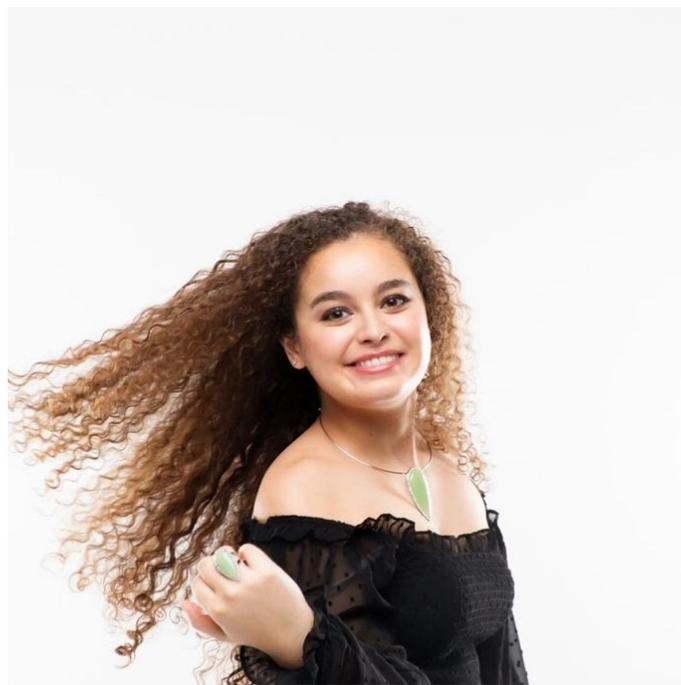
# OUR CLASS OF 2021!

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

Psychology Major

"Everyone should go on at least one of the orchestra trips. They are a blast even if you don't know anyone (or that many people). You get to go to a super cool place and visit all of the sites and make a ton of friends on the way."

GABY ARDILLA



ZOE GOTLIN



Vanderbilt University

Violin Performance

Practice your instrument.

## CLARA KIM

Georgia State University

Nursing Major

Become the best version of yourself  
because it'll take you far in life:)



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## EMMA SURBROOK



University of Georgia

Take advantage of your opportunities.  
There are so many great activities and  
groups that this school has to offer.  
Don't miss out on trying new things  
and meeting new people.

## CHELSEA YOUNG

University of Florida  
YOLO



The Johns Creek High School Orchestra department will hold its Orchestra Mini-Summer Camp this summer (July 30-July 31, 2021)

The camp is open to ALL JCHS Orchestra Students!!!

Fri. July 30 - 8:30am - 9:00pm

Sat. July 31 - 9:00am - 6:00pm

(6:00pm - Concert)

This chamber camp is open to any Johns Creek High School Orchestra students who are interested in practicing and performing Chamber Music.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 16, 2021**

**- FREE (but must pre-register)**

# Note from the Editors

## Abby Gan

I cannot believe that this year has already come to a close! I am so grateful that we had the opportunity to create a newsletter to try and help connect and keep everyone updated in a year where things were so uncertain and we were unable to gather fully as an orchestra. Radhika and I were so fortunate to have a newsletter team that approached each newsletter with such wonderful ideas and dedicated themselves to whatever they wrote. I also would like to thank Mr. Kim not only for giving us the opportunity to create this newsletter but also for creating an orchestra community that I am grateful to have been a part of these past few years. I wish the best of luck to the incoming orchestra management team and newsletter team and hope the newsletter continues for years to come!



## Radhika Uchil

As the year is coming to a close I would like to thank everyone who helped put this newsletter together. This year was unlike any other, but we were still able to come together and make something great. Abby and I were lucky enough to have a team that worked hard and was committed to making this newsletter. I would also like to thank Mr. Kim for giving Abby and I the opportunity to lead and have creative freedom to make a newsletter of our liking. I wish the best of luck to next year's staff and managers. I hope you continue with the newsletter and enjoy it as much as Abby and I did!

