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Dear JCHS Orchestra Parents,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 JCHS Orchestra Program!! Some of you are returning and already have a good idea about the wonderful program we have here, and some of you are new to the orchestra program at JCHS. Our students are extremely fortunate to have such a high quality program available to them. The students not only receive an in depth knowledge of the music played in this high school orchestra, but more importantly Mr. Kim uses the music as a vehicle for teaching important life lessons. For many, the orchestra room becomes a “home base”, a place where they can be themselves, study, use the computers and even eat lunch. Students will have opportunities to take on leadership positions and learn to work with others. With each passing year, Mr. Kim continues to build the orchestra into a strong program dedicated to guiding our young people through their high school years.

What do our young musicians have to look forward to? All students will perform in three major concerts this year attended by parents, classmates, school leaders and community folks. The concert is followed by a reception. They will also have the opportunity to audition for All-State and the Fulton County Honor Orchestras. “Notes of Joy” is a student run group that is a wonderful opportunity for students to give back to the community by playing for assisted living residents in the local area. This year, Mr. Kim and some of the orchestra students will be traveling to and performing in Washington D.C. during spring break. Additionally, students and families will come together to socialize at the beginning of the year potluck dinner as well as the end of the year banquet which is a time for enjoying delicious food and the presentation of awards.

How can we as parents help? We can do something as simple as bringing food to share for the receptions after concerts. We can help with fundraising throughout the year, assist uniform fittings, or help set up for the concerts and banquets. Most importantly, we can encourage our children to continue playing-the rewards are great! It is only with our support that the JCHS Orchestra program can stay solid and continue to be a place where our children can thrive and grow.

Thank you for your support. Please do not hesitate to call or email me with questions.

Sincerely,

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