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Dear JCHS Orchestra Parents,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 JCHS Orchestra Program!! Whether you are a returning parent or new to Johns Creek High School, you probably have a good idea about the wonderful orchestral program we have here at Johns Creek High School. Our students are extremely fortunate to have such a high-quality program available to them. This program is the pride and joy of Johns Creek High School. The students not only receive an in-depth knowledge of the music played in this high school, but more importantly, through their musical involvement, the students learn 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 High School Honor Orchestras. The "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. In addition, interested orchestra students will be traveling to Orlando, Florida during spring break to perform and engage in fun activities.

This year, the Chamber Orchestra has been selected to perform at the prestigious Midwest Clinic, an International Band & Orchestra Conference in Chicago, Illinois. The Midwest Clinic is the largest music education conference in the world. Our orchestra is one of six high school string orchestras in the entire country selected to perform at this venue.

In addition to performances, the 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.

So, 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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