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Dear JCHS Orchestra Parents,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 JCHS Orchestra Program!! Some of you are returning and already have a good idea about the wonderful program we have here. For those who are new to JCHS or the Orchestra, congratulations on joining a program that will enrich your child in many ways.

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, connect with other students for help, 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 Washington DC during spring break to perform and experience the history of our country. As always, we will kick off the year with our Fall banquet on Tuesday the 13th at 6:30PM to socialize and connect. Please stop to introduce yourself and say hello to the orchestra board members at the event. We will close out the with a banquet which is a time for enjoying delicious food and the presentation of student awards.

How can you help and get involved? At the simplest level, bringing food to share for the receptions after concerts. You can help with fundraising throughout the year, assist uniform fittings, or help set up for the concerts and banquets. Most importantly, encourage you 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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