

Dear JCHS Orchestra Parents,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 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 be enriching 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 music played in this 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.” It is a place where students can be themselves, study, connect with other students, and even eat lunch. 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.

This year, our musicians will perform in three major concerts. Each concert is attended by parents, classmates, school leaders, and community members. All concerts are immediately followed by a reception for our students and all other attendees to enjoy. Students will also have the opportunity to audition for All-State and Fulton County Honor Orchestras. Orchestra students can also take part in our club, called Notes of Joy. This student-led club is a rewarding volunteer opportunity for students to give back to the community by playing for assisted living residents in the local area. Additionally, students will have opportunities to take on leadership positions and to serve the orchestra in other ways. Each year, Mr. Kim and some orchestra students partake in an annual trip. This year, they will be traveling to Italy during spring break. As is our tradition, we will kick off the new school year with our fall potluck dinner on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30PM. At this event, we will review important orchestra news, socialize with old friends, and meet new ones. This will be a great opportunity to stop by and introduce yourself and say hello to the orchestra board members. To close out the year, we will end with a banquet to enjoy delicious food together, recap the year, and there will be a presentation of student awards. We hope you will be able to attend the many orchestra events and concerts we have planned this year.

Lastly, a successful orchestra community requires support. There will be many opportunities throughout the year for you to volunteer your time and resources. For example, bringing food to share for the receptions after concerts, helping with fundraising efforts throughout the year, assisting with uniform fittings, or setting up for concerts and banquets. We appreciate any level of support you can give to the orchestra. Most importantly, encourage your children to continue playing – the rewards are plentiful! It’s only with our shared support that the JCHS Orchestra Program can remain a distinguished program and continue to be a place where our children can thrive!

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

Sincerely,  
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