

EUROPEAN TOUR 2019

(March 28 – April 6, 2019)

(Vienna/Eisenstadt/Salzburg/Austria -Prague/Czech Republic)

Johns Creek High School Orchestra





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Dear Parents,

Believe it or not, it's already time to start planning for next year's exciting Orchestra Spring Break trip! I have been gathering information and making plans to make sure the trip is designed to maximize your child's learning opportunities, safety, and enjoyment. In this letter, I will try to answer the questions that we know many of you have about the trip. At this time, we will take first 42 participants on a first-come, first-served. If you have further questions, you are free to e-mail me at Jchsorchestra@gmail.com and I will get back with you as soon as possible.

Why take this kind of trip?

This trip is intended to provide an enriching educational and cultural experience for the kids that far surpass what they would be able to get in a classroom or through local performances. Art and culture have a long tradition in Vienna, the capital of Austria. Vienna is still considered the music capital of the world. It is a city of refined tastes, grace, style, and unmatched artistic accomplishments. The Burgtheater is considered one of the best theatres in the German-speaking world alongside its branch, the Akademietheater. The Volkstheater Wien and the Theater in der Josefstadt also enjoy good reputations. There is also a multitude of smaller theatres, in many cases devoted to less mainstream forms of performing arts. Vienna is also home to a number of opera houses, including the Staatsoper and the Volksoper, the latter being devoted to the typical Viennese operetta. Classical concerts are performed at well known venues such as the Wiener Musikverein, home of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Wiener Konzerthaus. Many concert venues offer concerts aimed at tourists, featuring popular highlights of Viennese music (particularly the works of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johann Strauss. The graves of Beethoven, Strauss, Brahms, and Schubert are in Vienna. This is also where the Mozart Memorial is. The personal musical instruments of composers such as Haydn, Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Straus, Brahms, Mahler, and many others are in the Hofburg. Everything in Eisenstadt reminds one of the brilliant composers, Franz Joseph Haydn. Esterhazy Palace and the Haydnsaal are where many of Haydn's works were premiered. Haydn's house, which is now a museum, is also here. Salzburg is a birth place of Mozart. It is a beautiful city still unchanged after hundreds of years. It is also the place where the movie the "Sound of Music" took place. We will have the opportunity to visit many places including the church which was used in the movie. The Czech Republic city of Prague is universally declared one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. The Mozart and Dvorak Museums are here. The Dvorak Museum displays the life and works of the most famous of Czech composers. On display at the Bertramka Museum are all available memorabilia of Mozart, namely personal keepsakes, musical instruments, manuscripts, letters, period pictures, and other documents testifying to Mozart's close relationship to Prague. Your child will have the opportunity to experience this fertile music environment first hand. Our intent is to make this a musical experience that they will remember forever.

Can child's parent or the relatives participate on this trip?

Yes, but depends on availability. Please let us know ASAP

What is the trip itinerary?

March 28 – April 6, 2019 (*Please see the attached brochure*)

Will my child be safe?

It is the primary focus of everyone connected with this trip to keep your child safe. However, no trip, no matter how short, is without some risk. We always bring along more chaperones than are required, and even bring chaperones with security and nursing training to provide for any eventuality. We have never had a safety-related incident on any orchestra trip to any location. We should also note that some of the responsibility for your child's safety does rest with your child. As you've surely already noted in the orchestra classes and concerts, the Johns Creek High School Orchestral program insists on excellent behavior from all students. This expectation is even higher when the group travels. Although the kids will be allowed some limited freedom in public areas, there are strict rules about traveling in groups, staying close by, and being on time to meeting places. Students who break, or even bend, these rules, will lose their rights to participate in parts of the trip, and may even be sent home. No refund will be made for any unused part of the trip. This is a strict policy for the students' safety. If you feel that your child will have trouble adhering to these policies, you may decide that they should not go on this trip.

Has the orchestra been on this kind of trip before?

Yes. It is Mr. Kim's intent to do this kind of trip every 5 years, so that every Johns Creek Orchestra student will have one chance to take the trip during their 4 years at school. Our previous trip in spring of 2014 to Italy went beautifully. Trip album consisting pictures from that trip can be found on the orchestra website. Several of the students who went on this trip still refer to it as the highlight of their high school experience. This will be Mr. Kim's 5th European Tour.

Are you using a trip coordinator?

Yes, Mr. Kim has selected a company called Travel Gingie's Way, Inc. to coordinate our trip. More information on them can be found at www.Travelgway.com. This is the same company that we used for the 2014 Italy trip. We had a very positive experience with this company; they came very highly recommended from several other schools and performing groups in our area.

How much will this cost?

The cost per student is projected to be around \$3,650. We say "projected" because we will need to do some group fundraising to cover some of the expenses so that we can achieve this cost. Our plan is to do a few major fundraisers that will not only cover these group costs, but also will give the kids the opportunity to earn money to help cover their individual payments. Please see the attached Trip Reservation Form for payment plan options and more information.

How will I be kept advised of trip information?

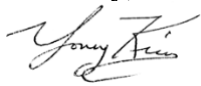
Knowing how "notes sent home in backpacks" can get lost or waylaid; thus, we would like to encourage you to visit our orchestra website, on a regular basis, so that you will be kept up to date with the latest trip information. Our first trip meeting is scheduled late Spring/2018 in the Orchestra Room.

Is there anything I can do to help the group prepare for this trip?

Yes! We will need parents to help with fundraising, communications, etc. If you are interested in helping, please note that on the Trip Reservation Form, attached.

Thank you,

Sincerely,



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Trip Reservation Form

Please return this form to Mr. Kim by **Thursday, March 29.**

My child, _____

_____ Will _____ Will not

be participating in the Orchestra Spring Break 2019 trip to Austria/Czech Republic.

Due to the different budget needs of different families, we are offering the following payment plans. Please indicate your preferred payment option below:

Check 1	Payment Plan	Payment Schedule
	All-In-One	Payment in full with trip reservation (this form): \$3,650.00
	Multi-Payment	March 29, 2018: *\$175 non-refundable deposit (with this form) By August 1, 2018: \$1000 By October 1, 2018: \$725 By November 1, 2018: \$525 By December 1, 2018: \$800 By February 1, 2019: \$425
	Monthly Budget	March 29, 2018: *\$175 non-refundable deposit (with this form) May 1, 2018: \$325 June 4, 2018: \$350 July 2, 2018: \$350 August 2, 2018: \$350 September 3, 2018: \$350 October 4, 2018: \$350 November 5, 2018: \$350 December 3, 2018: \$350 January 8, 2019: \$350 February 1, 2019: \$350

Please make all checks payable to "Johns Creek High School".

Note: With all payment plans, if the student earns money into their fundraising account and their payment is reduced, all overpayments will be refunded to them.

Signed by parent,

Please print parent(s) name: _____

Parent(s) e-mail address: _____

Parent(s) home and cell phones: _____

I can help with fundraising! (please indicate name and availability): _____

Johns Creek High School Orchestra Spring Trip 2019

(8 nights 10 days – March 28 – April 6, 2019)

Opportunity to PERFORM and EXPLORE Austria & Czech Republic!!!

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