Dear JCHS Orchestra Parents,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 JCHS Orchestra Program! Some of you are returning and already have a good idea about what a great program we have here, and some of you are new to the orchestra program at Johns Creek High School and have yet to experience first-hand the excellent quality of education your child will receive. The students receive not only an in-depth knowledge of the music played in this high school orchestra, but also lessons about life in general. 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 have an opportunity to take on leadership positions and learn how to be a leader. Year after year, Mr. Kim continues to build the orchestra into a strong, growing program, guiding our young people through their high school years.

What do our young musicians have to look forward to? All students will perform three major concerts this year attended by parents, classmates, school leaders and community folks, and traditionally followed by a reception. They will have an opportunity to audition for All-State and Fulton County Honor Orchestras, take part in student recitals and join "Notes of Joy", a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community by playing for assisted living residents. This year, Mr. Kim and some of the orchestra students will be traveling to and performing in Europe during Spring break. Students and families will also come together to socialize at the beginning-of-the-year potluck as well as the end-of-the-year banquet, a time for delicious food and presentation of awards. We look forward to the challenges and joy of preparing for this years performances!

How can we as parents help? We can do something as simple as bring a dish to share at the potluck dinner this Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30 p.m.(in the high school cafeteria) or cookies and fruit for the receptions after concerts. We can help our children with fundraising throughout the year, assist with uniform fittings, or help set up for the concerts and banquet. 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.

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