



Important Dates

- *Winter Holiday*–
12/23-1/3
- *Teacher Workday*
– 1/4
- *MLK Holiday*–
1/16
- *Final Round All-
State Auditions*–
1/14
- *Tentative Pre-
Festival Concert*
– 2/8
- *GMEA District V
LGPE
(Orchestra)*- 2/15
-2/16
- *Teacher Student
Holiday*– 2/17
- *Presidents Day
(No School)*- 2/20

SIDE NOTES-JCHS Orchestra



The Johns Creek High School Orchestra’s Winter Concert was a success! There was a huge audience turnout, and the Sinfonia, Philharmonia, and combined Symphony Orchestra all played their best. The festive holiday music put everyone in a happy mood– Sleigh Ride, Hallelujah Chorus, Cantique de Noel, and Chanukah is Here all sounded great. After the concert, drinks were served along with strawberries, pineapple, marshmallows, and pretzels to dip into the two chocolate fountains. Join us again for the Pre-Festival Preview Concert in February!

~Angel Chen

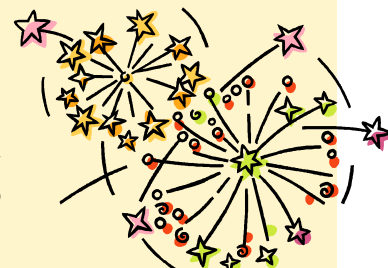
From the Editor:

The orchestra got together at Richa Bhardwaj’s house on December 22nd for a fun holiday party! Everyone there bonded over cupcakes and cookies, and played Just Dance for hours. Towards the end, there were arm wrestling matches and card games. We hope to see even more orchestra students at the next gathering.

-Angel Chen

The New Year!

Hopefully everyone did well on the orchestra final exam! The new semester is a chance to start over with a blank grade book and no tardies. Take advantage of this opportunity to make new resolutions and have a great second half of school.



Notes of Joy: An article by Sarah Olson (11th Grade Violinist)

Notes of Joy is a club that meets on the weekends to play music for senior citizens in nursing homes. Founded by Jenny Di and Priscilla Kim, the club has just successfully wrapped up its holiday program and plans to continue playing throughout the winter and spring. For me, the performances have been incredibly rewarding, and I know that the other members get more out of it than just beta hours. Priscilla says, "Not only are we able to bond with the citizens of our community, but with each other. We have a great time playing together for our senior citizens, listening to them sing along to Christmas carols, and accepting feedback of joy and appreciation".

Most memorable was our final performance of 2011 at the retirement center Sunrise of

Johns Creek. Despite missing a few members due to directional mishaps, the delight and gratitude of our audience certainly made me realize how music, something I take for granted, can bring about such joy and comfort.

When asked what her favorite part of the performance

was, Katy Thirey responded, "It's fun meeting the elderly.

It's so cute when they start singing

along!". The residents at Sunrise sang along to every single Christmas carol, even those that we didn't know had words.

Hopefully, at future performances, we will have more time to talk with the audiences after-

wards. It is extremely inspiring to hear the stories of the residents who, at more than ninety years old, still sing in their church choirs. Almost all of them have stories to tell about how music has affected their lives, and the discussions I have had with a few women have been mutually gratifying. If any orchestra members have

talkative younger siblings, we would love to have them join us to talk with the residents of the nursing homes. We have been told that the company

of younger children is extremely therapeutic, and I am sure that the children will feel, even at their young age, that they have the ability to create joy.

-Sarah Olson

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-Katy Thirey

Musical Terms

Accelerando— getting faster

Andante— walking speed

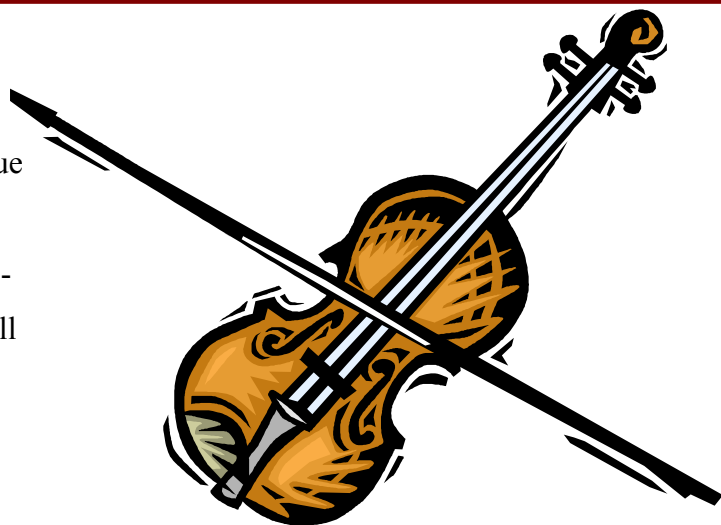
Baroque— music from 1600 to 1750. Famous baroque composers include Bach, Vivaldi, and Handel

Cadenza— a section in a concerto that may be improvised. It allows the performer to show his or her skill

Coda— the ending of a piece of music

Crescendo— becoming louder

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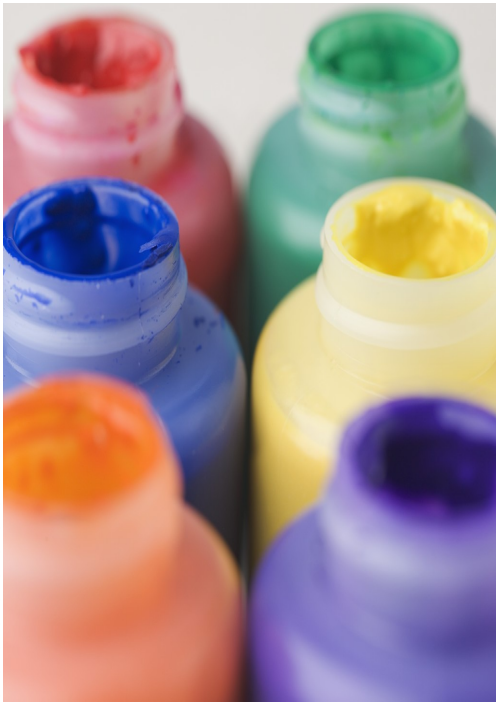
Prospective Painters

HEY, ALL YOU PROSPECTIVE PAINTERS

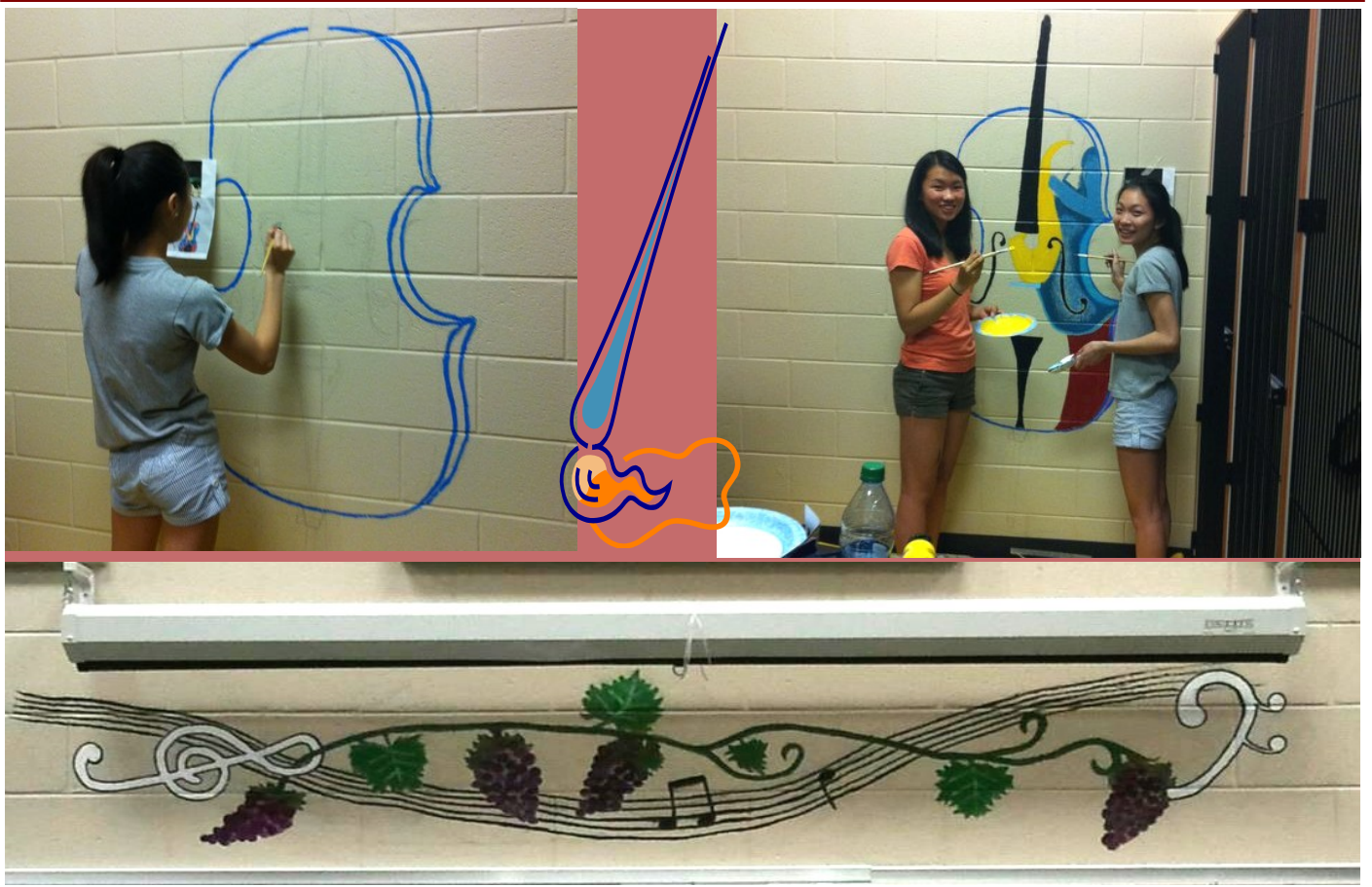
Mr. Kim has gotten students to come in on Saturdays to make the Orchestra room more homey and interesting. So far, 4 murals have been made and they all look fantastic. One is made by Mr. Kim himself, and another more recent painting is still in the works. If you have some sketching or painting skills, talk to Mr. Kim. You paint for a couple of hours and get pizza, not to mention bragging rights.

Mr. Kim has wanted to make a huge painting on the ceiling since Johns Creek opened, but that requires a lot of manpower, so for now, he and a couple other students are painting the walls with treble, bass, and alto clefs. If you want to make our orchestra room the coolest one in Georgia, however, you should volunteer for a day and pitch in if you can.

-Sevda Arjomand



Our Paintings



Music Jokes!

A violist in an orchestra was crying and screaming at the oboe player sitting directly behind him. The conductor asked, "What are you so upset about?" The violist replied "The oboist reached over and turned one of the pegs on my viola and now it's all out of tune!" The conductor asked, "Don't you think you're overreacting?" The violist replied, "*I'm not overreacting! He won't tell me which one!*"

How do you tell the difference between a violinist and a dog?

The dog knows when to stop scratching.



from: www.mit.edu/people/jcb/jokes/

Student Spotlight- Janet Mao

Janet Mao is a freshman and 8th chair cellist in the Philharmonia Orchestra. She has been playing the cello since fourth grade. What you may not know is that she is also a great golfer. She has been playing since third grade and she placed first at a tournament on June 27th. In 2010, she was named the Teen World Champion.

*If you would like to be on the next issue, you can contact anyone on the newsletter staff

-Sevda Arjomand



Happy Birthday

LEAH YOUN	JANUARY 1
BILL CHO	JANUARY 2
BROOK MENCHIO	JANUARY 6
PHILIP EUN	JANUARY 6
ELIJAH SOK	JANUARY 11
SHAMSYA KHAN	JANUARY 15
ABHITI PRABAHAR	JANUARY 16
GEORGE MA	JANUARY 21
LAYLA GHAZI	JANUARY 21
JUSTIN LOW	JANUARY 25
DAVID MAYO	JANUARY 28
SHAWN LEE	JANUARY 31
MOHYUN PARK	FEBRUARY 4
RYLEE HAMILTON	FEBRUARY 10
MALCOLM BARNARD	FEBRUARY 11
ANDREW HRUSCHKA	FEBRUARY 17
TORRI GILLEN	FEBRUARY 20
GABBY RYAN	FEBRUARY 21
JOSEPH JUNG	FEBRUARY 24
JOSH SHIN	FEBRUARY 29

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