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## Welcome to the Golden Gate Philharmonic Parents Community

Greetings Parents,

The Golden Gate Philharmonic Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new and returning families back to the Golden Gate Philharmonic 2017-2018 season, and back to the Golden Gate Philharmonic parents community.

As we embark on the 22nd year anniversary of GGP, we are extremely excited about watching this season unfold. As many of you know, our humble beginnings started with as a thought from our Executive Director Emeritus, Joan Murray back in 1995 who saw the need for students to have the opportunity to play music. Our after-school program has grown to become one of the most respected and unique programs in the country. GGP can proudly say that we have helped thousands of students prepare for advanced placement in music at colleges, conservatories and other programs across the nation. This year will be no exception.

As you may know, our Founder and Executive Director Emeritus Joan Murray, is moving toward retirement and thanks to the generosity of our donor community, we have added an Operations Administrator to help guide the smooth implementation of the program.

Our training format of combining orchestral training, performance opportunities, theory instruction, along with optional chamber music at all levels makes for a well-balanced musical experience for all students. If copying a strategy is a sign of flattery, and we believe that it is, then GGP is doing very well, because our program structure has been emulated by many organizations throughout the country, and Mrs. Murray has received national, state and civic recognition for the breadth of her contributions in music education. Just as rewardingly, our students have told us just how much the GGP has meant to them, for the musical training it has provided them, and for the friends made through the program.

Now that we have made the transition back to SOTA, we couldn't be happier about the fact that our students will have the space and opportunity to grow and expand in their musical training. Please don't forget about the Cazadero Retreat coming up in early October. The experience, confidence and appreciation that your child will gain is priceless.

We have more exciting news to share with you. We are asking our entire community to adopt our theme for this year: "All-In."

“All-In” means that we support everything that GGP does so that we can insure that this wonderful program continues to exist for all of our students no matter what their economic background might be.

You, Parents, are a critical part of making the programs that we offer possible and here is how you can be sure your child gets the most out of their GGP experience:

- Reinforce Your Children’s Participation in GGP: Help make sure they practice their orchestra music, participate in our theory programs, and make sure they get to rehearsals on time.
- Fulfill your Volunteer Commitment: We need your help to keep GGP affordable, and count on you and other parents to help us manage the programs we offer. Please review and fill out the Volunteer Form that is part of your orientation packet – there are many ways to help.
- Attend our Events!: Please come to our concerts – not just our orchestra concerts but our chamber group music concerts as well – and invite your friends! Let’s get the word out!
- Support our Fundraising Efforts: If you are able, we hope you will consider supporting GGP through donations to our Annual Fund, through attendance at our Gala, and supporting other fundraising events we organize. And, we could really use your help in raising money from foundations and corporations -- does your company have a giving program?
- Be Part of Our Community: You will be hearing about ways to get involved and get together soon! If you’re a new parent, please don’t be shy to let us know how we can help orient you and your family.
- Check out our website: <https://ggph.org>. You can learn more at the Member section.

It is our overarching belief that the richness of the GGP experience is an important factor in shaping students to become valued members of society. Together, we can do so much. We couldn’t be happier to have you as a GGP parent, and look forward to working with you to help enrich your children, and others, through the power of music!

Warm regards,  
Marilyn Chism  
Board Chair