

Orchestra's year in review:

- Eight California All-State Band and Orchestra students from SHS were accepted
- A concert exchange with Dublin HS Chamber Orchestra was a true joy to have
- SHS Orchestra attends the Homestead Music Festival where not only do they perform, they exercise their musical vocabulary in real time by writing things down as they listen to others perform
- Saratoga Strings were invited to perform at the Midwest Clinic in December. The Midwest Clinic is an international conference that has been going on for nearly 80 years with 18-20k international attendees annually. All 50 US states and over 40 countries are represented at the conference. With 150 colleges and universities represented, past students have been recruited by colleges from the performance at the event. Pieces performed include "Songs from my Ohma", composed by Dr Soo Han, Director of Orchestral Studies at the Reva and Sid Dewberry Family School of Music at George Mason University, "Be Ever The Hope" by composer Jay Kennedy, also performed was a composition for String Orchestra and Jazz Combo by an alum and internationally renowned Trumpeter and Band Leader, Tony Glausi.
- During the Midwest Clinic SHS Orchestra was able to work in partnership with Charles Yun (Violin, SHS 2019) as he joined the Tony Glausi Quartet, another alum Thomas Lim joined SHS Orchestra when they performed "Showstopper" apart from the multiple students who were also featured throughout the program.
- Ms. Isabel McPherson will conduct a piece on the program for Saratoga Strings at the Midwest clinic.
- SHS Student pianist Eric L. was invited to the Rice University piano concert in Texas
- Chamber Music by the Bay's 11th Season Concert was held at the SHS Music Building. The organization was founded by our own alum Jessica Chang. After she graduated from SHS in 2004, she has been playing with a professional quartet, and is an amazing musician. They dedicate a week every year to Chamber Music by the Bay. They visit local schools and libraries and perform there. Thomas Lim will be playing cello at the concert. They will perform a piece that includes an SHS orchestra player from each section.
- Participated in the SHS hosted CMEA festival