

Orchestra wraps up the year



Jill Bixler is conducting this fast-paced, complex piece, played by Sinfonia at the Spring concert. Bixler has been working at OLHS for almost 20 years, and plays a major role in the musical wing of this school. “Mrs. Bixler makes orchestra a fun place to be, and orchestra is one of my favorite classes because of her,” Michelle Huang ‘26 said.



The second violin section of Sinfonia was playing “1812 Overture” which is a very fast-paced piece at OLHS’s spring concert. This section is a very diverse and talented group of students, and is often undermined by first violins. “The second violin’s are the backbone of the orchestra, and without them, the music would not sound the same,” Jill Bixler said.



Prelude orchestra consists of freshman players and is one of the biggest orchestras in OLHS’s music program. Although many Prelude players missed out on valuable music instruction because of COVID, prelude is one of the most diverse and unified orchestras. “We are a very coordinated group, and when we work together the music can sound really great,” Grisha Yelisetty ‘26 said.



Chamber orchestra is the highest level orchestra at OLHS. Many students in this group have been playing in an orchestra since they were very young. "The chamber orchestra is a very fun environment, I look forward to that class every single day," Daniel Huang '24 said.



Michelle Huang bowed after giving an amazing performance at the Spring orchestra concert. First chair for the orchestra is one of the most important positions, and it is tradition that the first chair gives a bow after every amazing performance. "I felt very accomplished in that moment and I felt recognized," Michelle Huang '26 said.



Luke McFarlane played First chair for the OLHS spring concert. McFarlane has been playing the viola since he was 9 years old. "It is nice get this opportunity, a be recognized for my hard work," Luke McFarlane '26 said.



Michelle Huang played first chair, first violin at OLHS's final 2023 school year concert. Huang is one of the best violin players in Sinfonia, and just as a freshman she is changing history. "I just love the environment of OLHS's orchestra, and I hope to progress even more," Michelle Huang '26 said.



Students at OLHS enjoy watching the other orchestras play the pieces they have been working on for months. Mrs. Bixler makes concerts lively with her commentary. "I love watching other orchestras play, and it's really interesting to see and hear Mrs. Bixler talk about all four of the orchestras," Elizabeth Szeto '26 said.