



## **Chris Brown - Director of Bands**

Mr. Brown has been the Director of Bands at Lake Norman High School since the school's founding in 2002. Under his direction, the Lake Norman Bands have grown from an original 40 members to include over 170 students participating in three concert ensembles, the Marching Wildcats, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and various student-coordinated small ensembles. Although still a relatively young program, the bands at Lake Norman have built a reputation for excellence and innovation, consistently receiving high ratings at both concert and marching festivals. In 2007, the band received and accepted an invitation from the Lord Mayor of London to participate in the 2009 New Year's Day Parade. Prior to his appointment at LNHS, Mr. Brown was the Director of Bands at Effingham County High School in Springfield, Georgia.

Mr. Brown is a native of Asheville, North Carolina. He earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina in 1993, where he was named as an honor student teacher. Mr. Brown earned a Master of Music Education degree from the University of Georgia in 1996, serving as a graduate assistant with the UGA bands, as well as principal trumpet in the Wind Symphony and lead trumpet with the UGA Jazz ensemble. He has performed with the Ringling Brothers Circus, Alan Vizzutti, Bobby Shew, and Bill Watrous, among others. From 1989-1991, Mr. Brown was a member of the Spirit of Atlanta Drum and Bugle Corps, and credits this experience as the deciding factor in his becoming a music educator.

Mr. Brown remains active as a clinician, writer, and adjudicator, and still performs when possible. He is an Eagle Scout (class of 1986), and is proud to have been included in "Who's Who Among American Teachers" on numerous occasions. His professional affiliations include MENC, NCMEA, and the Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society. He and his wife Beverly reside in Mooresville, NC with their sons Bayden and Canon.