



JOHN PETERSON, DIRECTOR OF BANDS

With the 2020 – 2021 school year, John Peterson begins his third year at Cedar Ridge High School and his thirteenth year as a high school music educator.

After graduating from the University of Texas with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, Mr. Peterson began his career in the Dallas area, teaching at The Colony High School in Lewisville ISD for four years followed by four years at Allen High School in Allen ISD. In Allen, Mr. Peterson served the 700+ member band as Associate Director of Bands; he was very involved in taking the group to the 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade and assisted in all aspects of running the band program. Mr. Peterson returned to the Austin area as an assistant band director at Round Rock High School for two years prior to joining Cedar Ridge.

While at Allen High School, Mr. Peterson attended night-classes at Southern Methodist University and completed his Masters of Music in Music Education in May 2016.

Mr. Peterson is a graduate of the Round Rock Independent School System. He attended Laurel Mountain Elementary, Canyon Vista Middle School, and graduated from Westwood High School. During his time at the University of Texas, he taught private lessons (saxophone) at Ridgeview Middle School, Hopewell Middle School, and Stony Point High School.

When not at work, Mr. Peterson enjoys time with his family. As of May 30, 2020, he and his wife, Bridget, have been happily married for eleven years. Together they have two boys - A.J. (7) and Tyler (4). When he's able to find some free time, Mr. Peterson enjoys the outdoors, running, traveling, reading, and trying to keep up with popular TV shows.