



## Vandercook Lake Public Schools

### *Vandercook Lake High School Bands*



**Chip Williams - Director of Bands**

Mr. Williams has been with Vandercook Lake Public Schools since 2004. At Vandercook Lake he directs the Townsend Band, Red & White Band, Concert Band, Concert Winds, Jazz Ensemble, Symphony Band and the Jayhawk Marching Band. He received his Bachelors degree from Spring Arbor College in 1997, and student taught with Aaron Larson at North Adams-Jerome Public Schools in North Adams Michigan. Mr. Williams spent his first six years teaching at Sandusky Community Schools in Sandusky, Michigan. During that time he earned his Master in the Art of Teaching degree from Marygrove College In Detroit Michigan.

Mr. Williams grew up in the Jackson area, graduating from Jackson High School in 1991. Together, with his wife Sarah and two daughters, Alison and Jessica the Williams' returned to Jackson. This move led to his accepting the position with the Vandercook Schools.

While at Vandercook Lake, Mr. Williams has sought high performance standards while taking the High School Symphony Band, Middle School Concert Winds, and Middle School Concert band to District VII Band Festival. The bands consistently receive good ratings at these festivals. Just this year, Mr. Williams and the Eighth Grade Concert Winds received a first division rating at district festival.

The instrumental music program at Vandercook Lake is constantly filled with talented students, with a total enrollment of approximately 200 students. Vandercook Lake is proud of the band program and is constantly raising standards for its music students.