

Mr. Jim Devine is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a member of the Webb City R-7 staff. Mr. Devine is a native of Florida and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education (1971) and a Master of Music degree in Percussion Performance (1976) from the University of South Florida in Tampa. While at USF, Mr. Devine studied conducting with Dr. Gale Sperry and Dr. Jim Croft. Mr. Devine's percussion teachers include Bob McCormick and Spencer Lockwood. Mr. Devine is an assistant director of bands at Webb City High School and is the director of bands at Webb City Middle School. Mr. Devine is in his 18<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. The Missouri Bandmasters Association, Missouri Music Educators Association, Music Educators National Conference, Missouri State Teachers Association, and the Webb City Community Teachers Association are among the professional affiliations of Mr. Devine.

Mr. Devine began his teaching career at Marshall Junior High School (1972 – 1976) in Plant City, Florida and continued his career at Lake Wales High School (1976 – 1979) and Kathleen High School (1979 – 1982). While at these schools, he consistently received superior ratings at both marching and concert festivals. While at Kathleen High School, Mr. Devine established and hosted the inaugural "Pride of Kathleen Marching Festival" in 1982 which is still active after 25 years. Mr. Devine was principal percussionist of the Florida Gulf Coast Symphony from 1968 – 1977 and performed extensively throughout central Florida as a percussionist for operas, ballets and shows. Most notably Mr. Devine performed with Jack Benny, Jose' Greco, Bob Hope and John Davidson and for the Holiday on Ice. Mr. Devine was adjunct professor of percussion and jazz studies at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida from 1972 – 1976.

Mr. Devine was a regional manager for Henco, Inc., a professional fund raising company from 1982 – 1985 and was the Florida Representative for Nicsinger Uniform Company and DeMoulin Brothers Inc. from 1985 – 1996.

After moving to Missouri, Mr. Devine taught at McDonald County High School from 2000-2006, guiding the band to a superior level of performance before moving to Webb City in the fall of 2006.

Mr. Devine is married to Bobbette. They have a married son, Kyle, Jake, a Yorkshire Terrier, and Max, a Miniature Schnauzer. Mr. and Mrs. Devine live in Oronogo.