

Stuart Hudson - Instrumental Music Director

Stuart was born in Tachikawa, Japan and traveled across the country as an Air Force “brat” and then moved to Alaska as an officer in the United States Air Force and then the Alaska Air National Guard, serving with the 6th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, the 354th Fighter Wing, and the 168th Air Refueling Wing. He earned a Bachelor of Arts at Auburn University and a Master of Arts in Clarinet Performance at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He has studied clarinet with John Colbert, Dr. Robert Greenleaf, and Dr. Theodore DeCorso. He has been a member of the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra and Arctic Chamber Orchestra for over 30 years and has also performed with the Fairbanks Light Opera Theatre, the UAF Wind Symphony, the UAF Jazz Band, and a variety of other ensembles.

Stuart has been an adjunct faculty member at the University of Alaska Fairbanks on numerous occasions, teaching private and class lessons in clarinet, and preparing students for juries and other performances. As a graduate assistant he was also an instructor for music theory and ear training classes for undergraduate students. He has enjoyed helping students of all ability levels develop their musical skills.

Stuart has been the instrumental music director at the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks since 1998, teaching four elementary school groups and two combined junior/senior high school groups. Working with this wide age range has allowed him to be a part of the musical and personal growth of many students. He has enjoyed teaching these students their first notes and helping them hone their talents until they reach their full potential. It has been very fulfilling to watch students’ accomplishments as performers, composers, or in other endeavors. During his tenure he has had students earn honors for All-State Band and Orchestra, Regional and State Solo and Ensemble, and All-Northwest Band and Orchestra.

It remains Stuart’s privilege to work with students of a wide variety of ages and experiences, and it is his goal to make music an enjoyable, lifelong experience for all them.