

Franklin County Announces Mr. Jon Johnson as March's "Educator of the Month"



March 2015 - Mr. Jon Johnson, Band Director at Franklin County High School and Brookville Middle School, has been selected for Franklin County's "Educator of the Month" recognition. The purpose of the program is to recognize outstanding Franklin County educators who demonstrate excellence in the classroom, leadership in the school, dedication to the students, and involvement in the community. According to Franklin County Superintendent, Dr. Debbie Howell, Mr. Johnson exemplifies all of these qualities.

Mr. Johnson received his Bachelors in Music Education from Indiana Wesleyan University in 1999. After graduation, Mr. Johnson was named Band Director at Randolph Southern Jr./Sr. High School in Lynn, Indiana. In 2002 he began his tenure at Franklin County. Under his leadership, the Franklin County High School Band had grown from 23 members to 105!

As an educator, Mr. Johnson models lifelong learning. He frequently attends the annual Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. Mr. Johnson has completed coursework in music education beyond his Bachelors Degree from VanderCook College of Music. He is also an active member of the Indiana Bandmasters Association and participates in the Oxford Community Band.

Mr. Johnson received multiple nominations for this recognition. One parent wrote, "The connection Mr. Johnson has with each student, in my opinion, outweighs any other teacher I have seen. He makes a connection between life and music. After a day of peer pressure and teen drama they (students) come to his class and you can see relief on their faces." "He expects the best from his students and they give him just that."

When asked what the best part of his job is Mr. Johnson replied, "My students? My position is unique because I get to see my students grow up. Watching them improve and succeed is very gratifying. I am blessed to work with wonderful teachers both in our music department and the school as a whole."

Nomination forms for "Educator of the Month" can be found on the school corporation website at www.fccsc.k12.in.us.