

# Kenneth L. Griffin



**Paris 1967-74**

**Kilgore 1974-77**

**Van 1977-97**

**Houston 1999-present**



Paris High School Band 1963



At a high school football game



1965 East Texas State  
University Band under  
the direction of  
Dr. Neil H.  
Humfeld







East Texas State University Band 1966



East Texas State University Trombone Choir 1966



East Texas State University Brass Choir 1966





Travis Junior High School (Paris) 1970

## Mr. And Mrs. Kenneth Griffin

For the unselfish way in which they share their time and talents to instill the love of music in Texans, we dedicate THE 1971 TEXAN to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Griffin.

MR. GRIFFIN, Alecia Griffin, MRS. GRIFFIN



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## Are TEXAN Dedicatees For '71

MR. KENNETH GRIFFIN  
Band Director

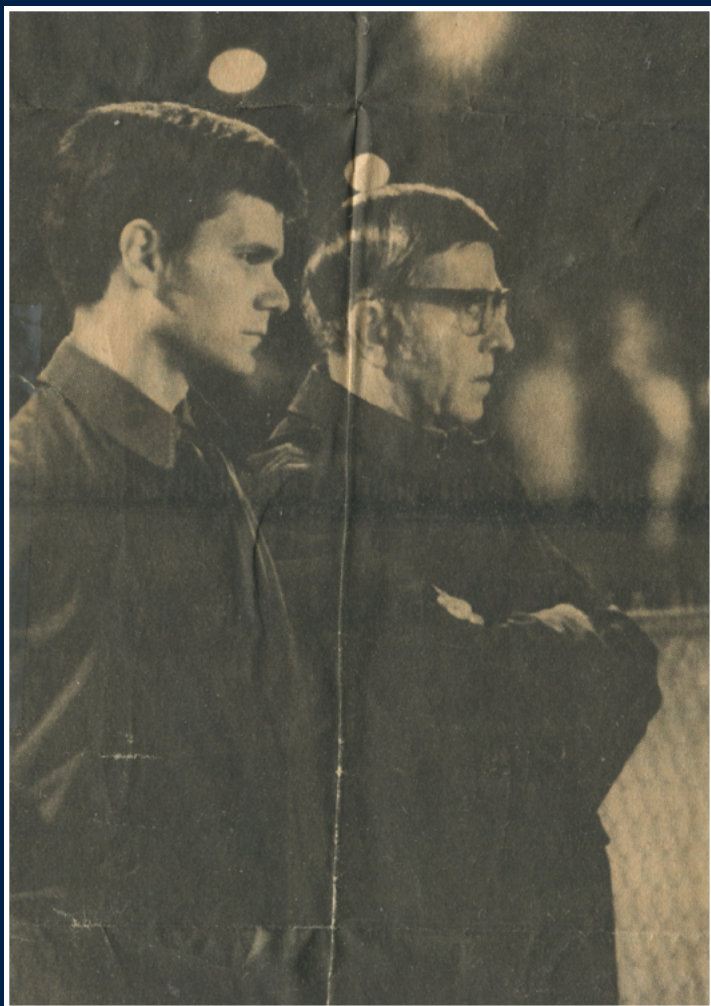


MRS. JEANNE GRIFFIN  
Choir Director

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Travis Junior High School (Paris) 1971





Watching a halftime show with Floyd Weger



Teaching a marching drill at Paris High



## Junior High, High School

# New Bandsmen at Helm

Kilgore public school bands this year will be under the direction of two newcomers to the faculty.

Mike Geddie is Kilgore High School band director, succeeding Larry Edge. Ken Griffin has been named Junior High director, succeeding Phil Statser. In addition, Mr. Griffin is assistant high school band director.

MR. GEDDIE is a graduate of Marshall High School and Kilgore College and holds Bachelor of Music and Master of Arts degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches.

He has taught at Marshall and was assistant director at West Rusk High School for two years. He also has been head director at Atlanta High School.

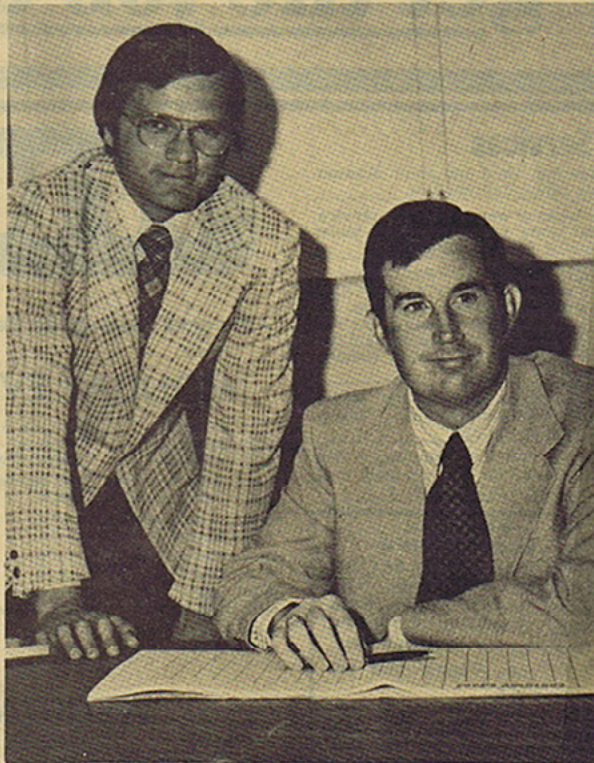
Mr. Geddie comes to Kilgore from Beaumont French, where for the past two years he was director of two high school bands, a symphonic orchestra and a drill team.

MR. GRIFFIN attended Paris High School, Ranger Junior College and Paris Junior College. He has Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from East Texas State University, Commerce.

He has been junior high director and assistant high school director at Paris for the past seven years.

A composer and arranger, he has had a piece for a brass choir published by Byron Douglas of Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Griffin served as president of the Paris Community Concert Assn. for



**NEW BANDSMEN** — Beginning their duties as Kilgore public school band directors this year are Ken Griffin, left, junior high director and assistant high school director, and Mike Geddie, high school band director. (Staff photo by Annelle Dugan)

the past two years and was president of the Paris Texas State Teachers Assn. unit. He is a life TSTA member.

Both men are members of the Texas Music Educators Assn. and the Texas State Teachers Assn.

Kilgore 1974

Kilgore Junior High Band in parade with daughter Alecia leading with banner 1974







Kilgore Junior High School Band 1975

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## Kilgore 1975

### Four Named to Board

# Griffin Heads Concert Assn.

Kenneth Griffin, director of the Kilgore Junior High School Band and assistant director of Kilgore High School Band, is the new president of the Kilgore Community Concert Assn.

He was elected at a board meeting held at the home of Mrs. Doyle Perkinson.

Other officers named were Mrs. Edward Dickson, vice president and general chairman (re-elected); John W. Ford, secretary (re-elected); Mrs. Roger Bagwell, treasurer; Mrs. Winston Gardner, publicity chairman (re-elected); Mrs. Douglas Carter, Mrs. Perry Johnston and Mrs. Randolph C. Watson, membership campaign chairmen; Mrs. John B. Well, office secretary.

Four new members elected to the board are the Rev. Clifford Lee, Charles Lewis, Mrs. Ray Hudspeth of Gladewater and Mrs. John Brown of Henderson.

Mr. Griffin succeeds Bill Brantley as president of the organization. Mr. Brantley presided at the Monday night meeting. Among matters discussed were reciprocity with other concert cities and a family plan for memberships.

A later meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Dickson and presided over by the new president, Mr. Griffin.

Mrs. Marguerite Maddox, national representative for Community Concerts, was present and led a discussion of attractions to be presented by the association during the 1975-76 year.

Attending both meetings were Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Dickson, Mr. Ford, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Perkinson, L. N. Crim, Mrs. Harold Habenicht, Mrs.

Dan Morgan, Mrs. C. B. Queener, Mrs. Joe Wicki and Mrs. C. D. Wyatt. Attending the second meeting were Mrs. Clayton Allton, Mr. Brantley, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gage, Mrs. C. B. Guttry, Mrs. W. S. Morris, Mrs. Sam Russell and Miss Verna K. Smith; attending the Thursday night meeting only were Mrs. Bagwell, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Matt Moore and Joe Wicki.

Other members of the board are Mrs. A. B. Gertz, Tom W. Graham, Melvin Marshall and Dayton Walkup.



KENNETH GRIFFIN



Van 1976



Kenneth with Band



Jeannie with Choir

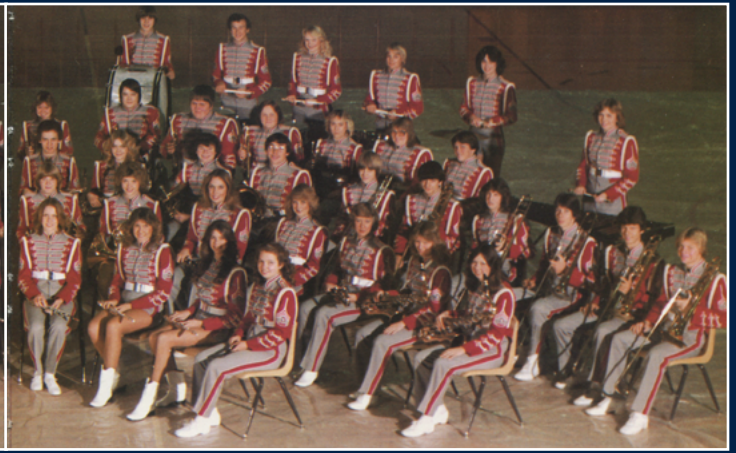


New uniforms for 1977  
(daughter Alecia models  
one wearing the smallest  
size)

With Dr. Neil H. Humfeld  
1979







Van 1981



Vandal Band at Disneyland 1984

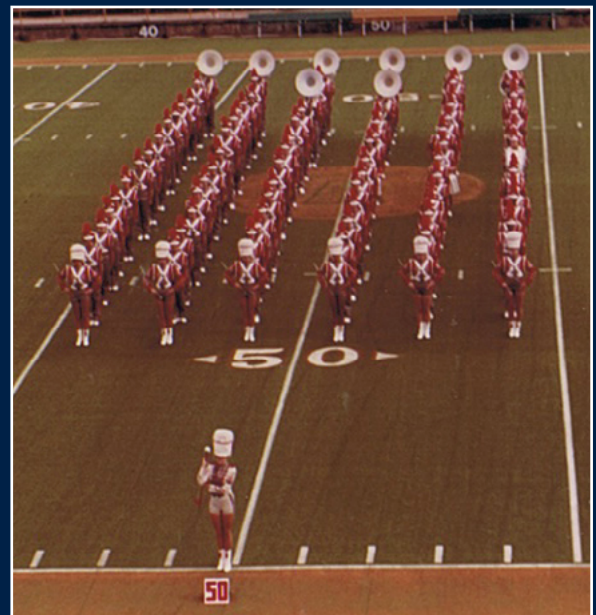


With Francis McBeth at  
Summer Band Camp 1984





Cleburne Marching Contest  
1984



UIL Marching Contest  
1986



1987



# Outstanding Performers



**VAN**—Front row: Brian Davis, French horn solo; Mickey Akin, barbershop quartet; Matt Fincher, barbershop quartet; Randy Wiggins, baritone solo and barbershop quartet; Jay Akin, barbershop quartet; Back row: Jena Walker, flute solo; Diane Taylor, bass clarinet solo; Jeannie Griffin, choir director; Kenneth Griffin, band director; Alecia Griffin, oboe solo and soprano solo; Tina Libhart, French horn solo; and Heather Burleson, piano solo. Not pictured: David Nichols, trumpet solo.



Alecia Lynn Griffin, graduate and valedictorian of Van High School, is an outstanding performer on oboe. She was second chair in the All-State Orchestra in 1986 and All-State Band in 1984. Alecia received the John Phillip Sousa Award and was included in Who's Who in Music, Science, Math and Language Arts. Her school music director was Kenneth Griffin and she studied privately with Mr. and Mrs. Eric Barr. Alecia is now majoring in oboe performance and physics at Southern Methodist University.

## Success sparks student interest

Husband and wife, Kenneth and Jeannie Griffin directed Van High School to its first ever Conference 3A Texas State Solo Ensemble Contest Sweepstakes Award. In his nine years as band director, Kenneth has paced the Van band to eight consecutive district sweepstakes awards. In 1986, the band was chosen the Conference 3A State Honor Band.

Jeannie has directed the choir for two years, leading it to a district sweepstakes award in 1986.

Students in Van receive elementary music training from kindergarten through the fourth grade. In the fifth grade, students are tested and divided into band or choir classes. Middle school music classes include sixth grade band or choir, and then a combined seventh and eighth grade band or choir.

"Much of the department's success can be attributed to strong community, student, faculty and school board support for music," Kenneth Griffin said. "Our winning the TSSEC Sweepstakes Award will encourage more enthusiasm, better preparation for and greater participation in future UIL music activities."

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3A HONOR BAND		
1 <sup>st</sup>	VAN H.S.	Kenneth Griffin Van
2 <sup>nd</sup>	LINDALE H.S.	Hubert Almany Lindale
3 <sup>rd</sup>	GLADEWATER H.S.	Mitchell Smith Gladewater
4 <sup>th</sup>	CRANE H.S.	Scott Mason Crane
5 <sup>th</sup>	ZAPATA H.S.	Cesar Garcia Zapata

Van HS wins 3A  
State Honor Band  
1986



UIL Marching Contest  
1986





3A Honor Band Performance 1987



UIL Marching Contest  
1987



Alpha Chapter of Phi  
Beta Mu Induction 1987



Van Independent School District  
presents

# The Van High School Vandal Band



Kenneth L. Griffin, Director  
Sarah Kerber, Assistant Director

## AAA Honor Band Concert

February 12, 1987 4 P.M.  
Theatre of Performing Arts  
San Antonio Convention Center

VAN HIGH SCHOOL  
VANDAL BAND  
AAA STATE HONOR BAND

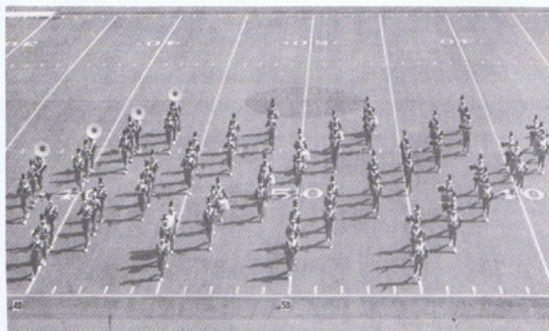
## Program

- Our Glorious Land ..... Joseph Olivadoti
- Perhaps best known as a composer of overtures for band including "Pacific Grandeur," "Beau Sabreur," and "El Caballero," Olivadoti is also known for his concert march "Hall of Fame." "Our Glorious Land" contains beautiful melodies and counter melodies that are characteristic of his other works.
- The Black Knight ..... Clare Grundman
- Grundman is considered one of the finest tonal craftsmen in the field of instrumental composition today. His skillful use of every band instrument results in a listener's delight. This two-part overture is typical of his many compositions.
- Concert Variations ..... Claude Smith
- What Grundman is to beautiful sounds and textures, Claude Smith is to development and continuity of thematic material. This composition takes a simple thematic statement and interweaves it throughout an exciting development to a stirring conclusion.
- Flourish For Wind Band ..... Ralph Vaughan Williams
- This work was composed as an Overture to the Pageant "Music and the People" and was first performed in the Royal Albert Hall, London, on 1 April 1939. Although of short duration, the feeling of exaltant presentation and grandeur is present in every measure.
- Old Scottish Melody (Auld Lang Syne) ..... Charles A. Wiley
- This setting by Charles Wiley of the familiar tune has rapidly become a standard in the literature of concert bands. His beautiful orchestration results in a very emotional experience for performer and listener alike.
- Concerto in C Major (first movement) ..... Joseph Haydn
- Alecia Griffin, guest oboe soloist
- Festa! ..... Elliot A. Del Borgo
- As the title indicates, this three-part overture is an exciting festival of sounds. Broken only by an expressive middle section, the piece concludes with a fiery finish.

## 3A Honor Band Program 1987

### 1985-86 Personnel

- FLUTE**  
Tonia Theoford 2, 7  
Jessa Walker 1, 2, 7, 8  
Misty Taylor  
Pam Lanier 1  
Shana McKee 1  
Jennifer Browning 1  
Christy Austin 7  
Ronna Rhodes  
Paige Giles 7  
Kim Lowrance 1  
Laura Robichaux  
Whitney Walker 7  
Kim Smith 1  
Lyn Pate 1  
Elizabeth Jackson  
Jessica McGuire 1  
Tami Powell  
Marsha Rhines
- OBOE**  
Alecia Griffin 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9  
Celeste Lunceford 1, 2, 7
- BASSOON**  
Jay Akin 1, 2
- CLARINET**  
Heather Burleson 1, 3, 5, 7, 8  
Carla Guinn 1  
Robin Page 1, 7  
Robbie Evans 1, 2
- ALTO CLARINET**  
Melissa Battenfield  
Kim Lough
- BASS CLARINET**  
Diane Taylor 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
Clint McCaffree 1, 2  
Susan Cole 1, 2, 7  
Denise Bartsch  
Mechele Hollowell
- CONTRABASS CLARINET**  
Debbie Johns 1, 2
- ALTO SAXOPHONE**  
Michael Schroeder 1  
Mickey Akin 1  
Stacie Sportsman  
Denise Conant  
April Geddie  
Mickie Harris
- TENOR SAXOPHONE**  
Randall Cole 1  
Stephen Nichols  
Van Huges 1
- BARITONE SAXOPHONE**  
Jim Hill  
Lisa Powell
- FRENCH HORN**  
Brian Davis 1, 2, 7, 8  
Tina Libhart 1, 2, 7, 8  
Lisa Dawson  
Jill Meyer  
Pat Kniffin  
Traci Richardson  
Pam Percifield 1
- CORNET**  
David Nichols 1, 3, 4, 5, 7  
Kirtie Young  
Lisa Balle  
Lee Frey 1  
Tracy Carter 1
- MAN FINCHER**  
Neil Pate  
Roger Loper
- TROMBONE**  
Joel Featherstone  
Troy Blackmon 1, 7  
Michael Bullington 1  
Greg Pool
- BARITONE**  
Jeff Anderson 3  
John Hobbs 1, 2  
Alex Blackmon 1, 2  
Cherie Johnson  
Clay McCaffree 1  
Kenneth Elerson
- TUBA**  
Mike Hudson 1  
Brian Gayle 1  
Chris Jarman  
Steven McCoy 1



### 1986-87 Personnel

- FLUTE**  
Jena Walker 3, 5, 6  
Misty Taylor  
Pam Lanier  
Jennifer Browning 2  
Wendy McLean 2  
Shana McKee  
Elizabeth Jackson  
Kim Lowrance  
Tamara Anthony  
Kim Smith  
Jessica McGuire  
Laura Robichaux  
Whitney Walker  
Lyn Pate  
Jennifer Loven  
Marsha Rhines
- OBOE**  
Celeste Lunceford
- BASSOON**  
Jay Akin 2
- CLARINET**  
Heather Burleson 3, 5, 6  
Carla Guinn  
Robin Page 2  
Cathy Allen 2  
Becky Goode  
Beverly Nauer
- ALTO SAXOPHONE**  
Desana Elrod  
Stacie Sportsman  
Cecil Freeman  
Denise Conant  
Mickie Harris  
April Geddie  
Holly Douglas  
Amy Nipp  
Diana Bogue  
Amy Shinn  
Angela Reid  
Troy Fields  
Mindy Carter  
Heather Nixon  
Minnie Martinez  
Jennifer Wittingham  
Marsha Johns
- TENOR SAXOPHONE**  
Randall Cole  
Stephen Nichols
- BARITONE SAXOPHONE**  
Jim Hill
- BARITONE**  
Jeff Anderson 2  
Alex Blackmon 2  
John Hobbs  
Cherie Johnson  
Clay McCaffree  
Kenneth Elerson
- FRENCH HORN**  
Brian Davis 2  
Tina Libhart 2  
Lisa Dawson  
Jill Meyer  
Pat Kniffin  
Traci Richardson  
Pam Percifield  
Shelley Hill
- CORNET**  
Kittie Young  
Keith Nations  
Tracy Carter  
Brad Waters  
Devin Rowe  
Neil Pate  
Roger Loper  
Douglas Scott
- TROMBONE**  
Troy Blackmon  
Joel Featherstone  
Michael Bullington  
Greg Pool  
Christie Halsey
- TUBA**  
Brian Gayle  
Mike Hudson  
Steven McCoy
- PERCUSSION**  
Clark Elerson  
Jeff Nations  
Denny Butts  
Clint Walker  
Michelle DuBose  
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Tony Summerlin

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3 AAAAA All-Region Band	6 All-State	9 T.S.S.E.C. Outstanding Performer





Kenneth Griffin is in his tenth year as the director in Van. He taught for seven years in Paris and three in Kilgore before coming to Van in 1977. He is a graduate of East Texas State University in Commerce (BS, MS), is a life member of the Texas State Teachers Association and is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Bandmasters Association and the Texas Music Adjudicators Association. His wife of twenty years, Jeannie, is the choral director at Van High School.



Sarah Kerber is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches where she was a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, Tau Beta Sigma, Alpha Chi, and Mu Phi Epsilon. She is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association and joined the faculty at Van High School in January, replacing Barry Morrison as Assistant Director. Mr. Morrison left his position to accept an appointment with the United States Military Academy in West Point to play euphonium.



The guest soloist with the Van High School Band is Alecia Griffin. Ms. Griffin graduated from Van High School in 1986 as Valedictorian and is currently a freshman at Southern Methodist University in Dallas where she is majoring in oboe performance and physics. She is the student of Eric Barr, adjunct professor at SMU and principal oboist with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including four consecutive gold medals at the Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contest and Outstanding Performer in 1986. Ms. Griffin has been a member of the All-State Band and the All-State Orchestra and was named the Outstanding Woodwind at both the University of Texas at Austin Honors Wind Ensemble and the Stephen F. Austin State University Honors Wind Ensemble.

A reception for the Van High School Band will be held immediately after the performance in the VIP Room located on the lower level below the lobby area. Please exit through the Theatre lobby and go down the outside stairway to reach the VIP Room.

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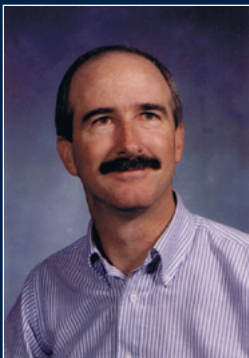
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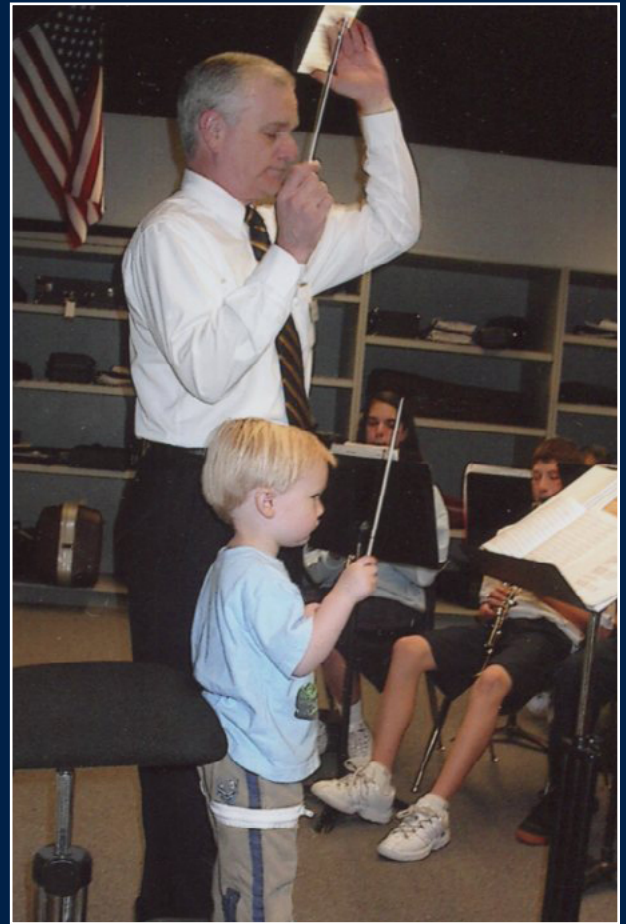




After we both retired, we moved to Houston to be grandparents in 1999 when our first grandson Jacob was born.



I started teaching part-time in private schools, shown here with grandson Jacob at St. John Paul II Catholic School in 2003.



In the new band hall at St. John Paul II Catholic School with grandson Zachary in 2007.



After she graduated from the Juilliard School of Music, daughter Alecia formed the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra ([roco.org](http://roco.org)).

Grandsons Jacob and Zachary are both Eagle Scouts.

Son-in-law Larry Lawyer owns and manages a merchant bank in Houston. He played the alto saxophone and was drum major at SMU.





My thanks to the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Mu and the Texas Bandmasters Association for this great honor.