

Jennifer Gerhard (clarinet and Concert Band)

Jennifer Gerhard is in her thirteenth year as a music educator. A 2002 graduate of Elizabethtown College, she obtained her BS in Music Education as a clarinet major and saxophone minor, under the tutelage of Mrs. Beverly Butts. Upon graduation, she spent seven years in Maryland as an Elementary/Middle school instrumental music teacher and band director for the Archdiocese of Washington DC's Archdiocesan Music Program (AMP.) While in Maryland, she served as Archdiocesan Honors Band director for three years. Her bands were consistently ranked among the top performers for seven years during the Archdiocesan Band Festival competitions. Currently, she is an Elementary/Middle school instrumental music teacher and band instructor in the Hazleton Area School District. Instructing instrumental music students in Freeland EMS, West Hazleton EMS, Maple Manor EMS, and Heights-Terrace EMS, all of her schools have seen a tremendous growth in the musicianship and popularity of the band programs. In 2013, she started the Hazleton Area School District's first Elementary/Middle School Jazz Ensemble at Heights Terrace EMS, in an effort to challenge the top players in the school and introduce them to the world of jazz. She has worked with the HASD Summer Music Academy for the last 5 years, and has directed the HASD Honors Concert, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Ensembles. She has served as the Assistant High School Band director for Hazleton Area for the past 5 years, as well as a private lesson instructor, and pianist/ choir accompanist at St. John Bosco Church in Conyngham. She is an active member of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) and the National Association for Music Education (NAFME.) Jennifer resides in Drums with her fur-baby, Maggie Mae.

