



BAND AND STRINGS TEACHER

Mary E. Curry

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Mrs. Mary Dreyer Curry has been teaching at Forest Ridge Elementary School since 2001. She is certified by the State of Maryland to teach Instrumental Music as well as General/Vocal Music to students in grades K through 12. Mrs. Curry has enjoyed many roles at Forest Ridge. Her three youngest children attended Forest Ridge beginning the year the school opened in 1992. At Forest Ridge, she has been a substitute teacher, an assistant teacher, and the vocal/general music teacher (for six years) and is now starting her sixth year as the band and strings teacher.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- PRESENT Full-time Band and Strings Teacher, Forest Ridge Elementary School, Laurel, Maryland.
- 2001-06 Full-time Vocal Music Teacher and Chorus Director, grades K-5, Forest Ridge Elementary School, Laurel, Maryland.
- 1999-01 Full-time Vocal Music Teacher and Chorus Director, grades K-8, Saint Mary of the Mills School, Laurel, Maryland.
- 1999-01 Founded and directed the Saint Mary's Boys Choir, Saint Mary of the Mills Church, Laurel, Maryland.
- 1998-99 Media Assistant, Forest Ridge Elementary School, Laurel, Maryland.
- 1998 Long-term Substitute Art Teacher, Forest Ridge Elementary School, Laurel, Maryland.
- 1998 Substitute Teacher, Howard County Public Schools, Howard County, Maryland.
- 1996-97 Contract teaching position with Greenbelt Department of Recreation, teaching Music Time for Little Ones.
- 1994 Started Kindermusik of Laurel
- 1994 Completed Kindermusik Workshop at Saint John's College, Annapolis, Maryland. Received Full Kindermusik Educator's License.
- 1989 -04 Owner/Director of the Laurel School of Music.
- 1989 Founded the Laurel School of Music, Laurel, Maryland.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

- 1982 Band Director, Saturday Morning Band Program, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, (Deerfield Run Community Center).
- 1974-81 Band Director and Instrumental Music Teacher, Archdiocesan Music Program, Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 1974 Bachelor of Music Education, magna cum laude, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- 1970 Graduated with honors, Morris Catholic High School, Denville, New Jersey.
- 1967-70 Studied piano under Frederick Bried, Frederick Bried Piano Studio, Denville, New Jersey.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2000 Nominated to the Music/Art Curriculum Committee for the Archdiocese of Washington.
- 1979 Conductor, Sixth Annual Archdiocesan Music Festival, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
- 1977 Conductor, Fourth Annual Archdiocesan Music Festival, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
- 1974-81 Award-winning bands include St. Ambrose (Cheverly), St. Bernard's (Riverdale), Holy Redeemer (College Park), St. Jerome's (Hyattsville), St. Margaret's (Seat Pleasant), St. Mary of the Mills (Laurel), St. Pius X (Bowie), and Ursuline Academy (Bethesda).
- 1970 Was offered a Four Year, Full-tuition Music Proficiency Scholarship to The Catholic University of America and to The New England Conservatory of Music.
- 1970 First Chair, Baritone Horn, 1970 New Jersey All-State Band.