

## **John Lynch**

John Lynch is a native of Fairmont, WV. He is a graduate of Fairmont State College and has done postgraduate work at WVU.

He began his teaching career at Ellsworth Middle School and moved to Sistersville High school as band director. His marching, concert, and jazz bands there received numerous awards.

Mr. Lynch moved to Martinsburg and began his career at MHS in 1981. He started with a band of 62 members and saw it grow to as many as 142 members. While here his bands earned trophies to fill four trophy cases.

John Lynch is a member of the WV Music Educators Hall of Fame and the Shepherd University Friends of Music Hall of Fame. He has been named West Virginia's Bandmaster of the Year an unprecedented 3 times. Governor Gaston Caperton named Mr. Lynch as an Outstanding West Virginian.

Mr. Lynch considers his proudest achievement to be the 30+ former students who have graduated with degrees in music, many of whom have followed in his footsteps as music educators.

Mr. Lynch has been supported in his many endeavors by his wife of 41 years, Rosemary. They are the parents of three sons and the grandparents of 6 beautiful granddaughters and 1 grandson.