

**2008 CMS Middle School Honors Band**  
*Program will consist of selections from the following:*

<b>Arocknophobia</b> .....	<b>Steve Hodges</b>
<b>Carolina Legend</b> .....	<b>James Swearingen</b>
<b>Fire and Fury</b> .....	<b>David Shaffer</b>
<b>Lexington March</b> .....	<b>Karl King</b>
<b>Moscow, 1941</b> .....	<b>Brian Balmages</b>
<b>Trails of Glory</b> .....	<b>James Swearingen</b>

**About the Conductor**

Mr. Clowes has been on the faculty at East Mecklenburg High School since 1987, serving as Assistant Director, and beginning in 1992, as Director of Bands. During this time, he has also served as Assistant Director at McClintock Middle School and at Crestdale Middle School.

Mr. Clowes graduated from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with a B.S. in Music Education. While at Duquesne, he studied music history with Joseph Wilcox Jenkins, brass with Dr. Donald S. Reinhardt of Philadelphia, and Rodger Sherman of the Pittsburgh Symphony. He completed his Masters Degree at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina, under the direction of Dr. William Malambri. He is a member of the Carolina Wind Symphony, North Carolina Music Educators Association, Pi Kappa Lambda, and the Music Educators National Conference.

His marching and concert bands have consistently received superior ratings and first place awards. These include eighty-one superior ratings at marching band festivals and seventeen superior ratings at the North Carolina State Concert Festival. His Symphonic Band performed at the 2001 North Carolina State Music Educators Convention. Since 1994, his bands have commissioned and premiered five works for band including *Britannic Variants* by Elliot Del Borgo, *Century Point* by Robert Sheldon, *Twin Oaks* by James Barnes, *Inventions of "The Sacred Harp"* by James Curnow, and *Chase* by Dr. W. Francis McBeth.

Mr. Clowes has been awarded the Marines' Semper Fidelis Award, the John Philip Sousa Award, the Time Warner Star Teacher Award, the East Mecklenburg/Keffer Dodge Teacher of the Year Award, and he was named to the Outstanding American Teachers National Honor Roll. The North Carolina South Central District presented him the North Carolina Bandmasters Award of Excellence in 2001. He has been honored to conduct several district and county honors bands. Mr. Clowes teaches trumpet on an individual basis and performs on a regular basis in the Charlotte area. He presently resides in Matthews, North Carolina, with his wife Lesli and their three children – Joshua, Ashley, and Tyler.