

## **Mr. Frank Zurlo**

It was during the summer of 1972 when Superintendent Jim Miccichi hired a new band director for Hopewell-Loudon School. With his clipboard tucked under his arm, he called his first band practice to prepare for a summer parade. Students soon learned his motto: “The band is only as strong as its weakest link.”

When Mr. Zurlo stepped up to the podium, it was time to get serious about music. It wasn't long until a sense of pride and ownership was instilled in the band students. During Mr. Zurlo's first year at H-L, the concert band received straight I ratings at the district and state contests.

Football marching band began in 1974, and Mr. Zurlo also started jazz band and a German band during his first year at Hopewell-Loudon.

A native of New York, Mr. Zurlo graduated from Bowling Green State University and taught instrumental music for 15 school years at Hopewell-Loudon until his untimely death in October of 1986.

