



JOHN NASH

OV EDUCATOR & COACH 1967 - 2005

JOHN BEGAN HIS CAREER AT OV AS A PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR & COACH IN 1967. FROM THAT HUMBLE BEGINNING, JOHN SPENT THE NEXT 38 YEARS OF HIS CAREER GIVING EVERYTHING HE COULD TO MAKE OUR DISTRICT A SPECIAL PLACE FOR BOTH ITS STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY.

BEYOND HIS TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES, JOHN COACHED SEVERAL SPORTS OVER THE YEARS INCLUDING SWIMMING, CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK. HE WAS A CLASS ADVISOR SEVERAL TIMES AND ADVISED THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR MANY YEARS. BEYOND THAT, HE HELPED CREATE STUDENT ACTIVITY GROUPS SUCH AS THE SKI CLUB AND "KIDS FOR KIDS", A STUDENT VOLUNTEER GROUP THAT WORKED TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

IF COACHING THE TRACK TEAMS WASN'T ENOUGH, HE ALSO ORGANIZED THE WEST MICHIGAN ALL STAR TRACK MEET TO BRING TOGETHER THE TOP TRACK ATHLETICS IN ONE PLACE TO EXHIBIT THEIR TALENTS.

JOHN AND HIS WIFE KATHY BOTH GAVE ALL THEY HAD TO MAKE OV A PLACE WHERE STUDENTS COULD LEARN TO EXCEL IN THE CLASSROOM, ON THE FIELD AND IN LIFE.