

P.A.S.D. ANNOUNCES WALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

THE PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT WALL OF FAME COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT LONG TIME EDUCATOR AND BASEBALL COACH AT PHOENIXVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL, MR. JOHN "DOC" KENNEDY WILL BE INDUCTED INTO THE PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S WALL OF FAME. CEREMONIES ARE SLATED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 IN THE FRONT LOBBY OF PHOENIXVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL STARTING AT 7:00 PM.

MR. KENNEDY WAS BORN AND RAISED IN PHOENIXVILLE PENNSYLVANIA. MR. KENNEDY STARTED HIS EDUCATIONAL CAREER AT SAINT MARY OF ASSUMPTION ELEMENTRY SCHOOL, AND LATER GRADUATED FROM BISHOP KENRICK HIGH SCHOOL IN 1958. HE THEN ATTENDED WEST CHESTER STATE COLLEGE, AND GRADUATED IN 1963 WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN EDUCATION. MR. KENNEDY CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION AT VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, EARNING A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN 1968, AND EARNING ADDITIONAL GRADUATE CREDITS AT PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY.

UPON GRADUATION FROM WEST CHESTER STATE COLLEGE MR. KENNEDY BEGAN HIS TEACHING CAREER AT UNIONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM 1964 TO 1966. IN THE FALL OF 1966 MR. KENNEDY RETURNED TO HIS HOMETOWN AND BEGAN TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES AT PHOENIXVILLE AREA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FROM 1966 TO 1972, THEN ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FROM 1973 TO 1975, AND THEN RETURNED TO THE CLASSROOM TO TEACH FROM 1976 TO 1998 AT PHOENIXVILLE AREA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND PHOENIXVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL.

MR. KENNEDY COACHED FRESHMEN FOOTBALL FOR 20 YEARS, AND WAS THE HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH FROM 1976 TO 1978. IN THE SPRING OF 1979 MR. KENNEDY WAS APPOINTED HEAD BASEBALL COACH AND HELD THAT POSITION UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1998. MR. KENNEDY AMASSED AN INCREDIBLE RECORD OF 323 WINS AND 99 LOSSES! HE ALSO COACHED PHOENIXVILLE AMERICAN LEGION TEAM FROM 1980 TO 1998. HE HELPED MANY OF HIS FORMER BASEBALL PLAYERS GO ONTO THE COLLEGE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS.

AFTER HIS RETIREMENT MR. KENNEDY COACHED AT VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY AND THE CAPE COD COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE. HE IS ALSO AN ASSOCIATE SCOUT FOR THE BOSTON RED SOX SINCE 2007 TO THE PRESENT.

MR. KENNEDY HAS RECEIVED MANY AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS. INCLUDING THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COACHING AWARD, INDUCTED INTO THE PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION HALL OF FAME, PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME, CHESTER COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME AND THE TRI-COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT WALL OF FAME COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ALL COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO JOIN US IN HONORING MR. KENNEDY. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, A RECEPTION HONORING MR. KENNEDY WILL BE HELD IN THE PHOENIXVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.