

Paul Parker

Paul Parker has been a fixture at Hillsborough athletic events for nearly four decades. Paul began his career in Hillsborough in 1974 as a middle school physical education teacher and then in 1986 he moved to the high school to continue coaching and teaching. Over the years, Paul was involved in boys' basketball, girls' soccer, baseball, girls' middle school basketball and boys' golf before his passing in December of 2010.

Coach Parker began his HHS coaching career as the freshman boys' basketball coach in 1976. He held this position until 1981 when he became the assistant varsity coach. In 1986, Paul became the varsity head coach and in the next six years his teams compiled a 113-155 record and won the Skyland Conference Championship 1990.

From 1996-1998 Paul was a member of the Raider Baseball coaching staff and served as the pitching coach.

Paul was also a long-time coach of girls' soccer. He coached the sport from 1985-1996, his teams compiling a record of 109-60-19. From 1985 until 1990 he was the junior varsity coach, and then in 1991 he became the head coach. In this role, Paul's teams were Skyland Conference Champions in 1990, Somerset County Champions in 1990 and 1991, and New Jersey Group III Sectional Champion and Group III State Co-Champion in 1992.

In 1998, Paul began his tenure as the middle school girls' basketball coach. Over his ten seasons, his teams recorded a 164-31 record where they were season champions 8 times and tournament champions 3 times.

In 1999, Paul became the head boys' varsity golf coach. Throughout his tenure, his golfers held a 125-56 record while winning the Somerset County Championship in 2006, 2007 and 2009. His team was also Cherry Valley Invitational Champions in 2009 and in 2006 his team was both the Skyland Conference Champion and North Section I State Champion.

Aside from teaching and coaching, Paul was also known for being the voice of Hillsborough Athletics. Beginning in 2005, he announced for high school football, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, and gymnastics. This also included announcing the state and county contests as well.

Paul has been an iconic Hillsborough coach and educator, dedicating much of his life to the players and students whose lives he touched.

The Hall of Fame Committee is proud to induct Coach Paul Parker to the Class of 2012.

