

Donald Vaccariello

Sports



Donald Vaccariello graduated from Collinwood in June of 1957. He played football and baseball, but besides being very active in those sports, he was an excellent student as well. He was Vice-President of the National Honor Society and was in the top ten of the graduating class.

After graduation he attended John Carroll University where he earned his Bachelors of Science degree in 1962 and later, his Masters of Arts in 1970. He began teaching math at Holy Name High School and after one year returned to Collinwood where he retired after thirty-four years.

Always a sports enthusiast, Donald's initial passion for coaching was developed mainly on the playgrounds and sandlots of Cleveland and refined while attending college. His love of sports and coaching translated into his coaching students in track for twenty-nine years, football for twenty-one years (three years as head coach) and cross country for thirteen years. Many of "Coach Vacc's" athletes were champions; he had five State Champions in track and one in cross country.

Mr. Vaccariello was not only successful in coaching, but prided himself on being innovative in the classroom as was reflected by his participation in many pilot programs. Donald is proud of the many accomplishments of his former students and athletes, many have become lawyers, doctors and state representatives; but he carries a special feeling for those who have entered the teaching and coaching professions.

Mr. Vaccariello is married to Toni (Alvarez), who is also a graduate of June 1957. They have two children, Steven and Kristen.