

Thomas Mackar

Education



Thomas Mackar graduated from Collinwood in January of 1967. While attending CHS he served as chairman of Honor Study Halls, ran track and cross country and was a member of Gym leaders.

Mr. Mackar earned his Bachelors of Science and Masters of Science degrees from Cleveland State University. His Masters of Science in Education degree has a specialization in Human Performance and Sports Psychology. Thomas has used this expertise in the twenty-five years that he has taught Health and Physical Education at Mentor High School.

Mr. Mackar is described by his colleagues as an outstanding classroom teacher with a wonderful sense of humor. Not only does he teach his pupils the lessons of health and fitness, but he teaches the lessons of life as well. One quality that stands about Thomas' teaching and coaching from each of the many letters of recommendation that the Selection Committee received, is the mutual respect that is shared by he and his students. The students have nothing but praise for Mr, Mackar's ability to make them feel good about themselves and what they are accomplishing in his classes. In 1993 his students voted Thomas Mentor High Schools "Favorite Teacher" and he was given the Mentor Exempted Schools' "Excellence in Teaching" award in 1984.

Thomas' ability to bring out the best in kids is also evident in his role as coach. He has been an outstanding soccer coach, capturing the State Championship in 1994. He has also had one Regional Championship, five District Championships, eleven Sectional Championships and seven state rankings.

Mr. Mackar's influence as teacher and coach is felt in his community as he has distinguished himself as an athletic trainer for the Cleveland Cobras/Stars Professional Soccer Teams. Additionally, he has trained athletes for the international Special Olympics in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Thomas is the founder of the Mentor Summer Soccer Camp and has been its director for fourteen years. For twelve years he has served as tournament coach and clinician for the Mentor Softball Association.

Thomas is married to Bonnie; they have two sons, Christopher and Douglas.