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Degree(s)/Degree-granting institution:
I have a BS Education SIU-E.

Years teaching/Years teaching at St. Pius X:
40 great years!

Academic area:
English

Coaching or club sponsorship roles:
I am not currently coaching but have a total of 35 combined years coaching in basketball, baseball and softball.

When did you decide to become a teacher, and why did you choose this field?

When I was in my mid-teens. It was the only job I ever considered. I had two uncles who taught, one coached and the other was a well known referee. They inspired me.

What personal strengths do you find especially helpful in your teaching?

Enthusiasm and a sense of humor.

What do you like most about teaching as a career?

Pretty much everything, but being around the students is the best part.

What is your philosophy of education?

Try to simplify things. Identify the most important skills and information and make that your priority. I also feel it is important to be as real and honest as you can with your students. They can smell falseness. (is falseness a word?) (it is, I looked it up!)

What is the greatest success you have had in teaching?

I think it is that I have never stopped trying to learn to be a better teacher. For example, I just read a good book about socially awkward people. I hope that will help me connect with certain students. I wish I had read it 40 years ago.

