

## COACH KIRK WARD



Kirk attended Lowville Academy and graduated in 1978. He participated in football, wrestling and baseball all four years of high school. Kirk was named “Walter O’Connell” most outstanding athlete in his senior year. After graduating, Kirk attended Cortland State University, majoring in Physical Education. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Physical Education in 1982 and received his Master’s Degree in Physical Education from Cortland State as well.

Kirk did his student-teaching in 1981 at Seneca Falls Central School for the first eight weeks of the school year. During this time, he was given the opportunity to assist with the football program, which he enjoyed very much.

In 1982, he returned to Lowville, where he was a substitute teacher and coach for three different school districts. (Lowville Academy, South Lewis High School and Carthage High School.)

In 1983, Kirk was hired by the Seneca Falls Central School District as an Elementary Phys Ed teacher, as well as an assistant football coach and varsity wrestling coach. After 34 years, he still holds all three of these positions. During his time teaching in the Seneca Falls School District, Kirk was also an assistant track coach for 9 years and a modified baseball coach for 2 years.

During Kirk’s 34 year coaching career in wrestling, he has been named Finger Lakes Coach of the Year 4 times. In 2006, he was named Section V Coach of the Year.

Kirk’s wrestling teams won Finger Lakes Championships in ’94-’95, ’96-’97, ’05-’06 and ’06-’07. His 1994-1995 team went undefeated with a record of 15-0.

Kirk has coached over 100 Tournament Champions and Sectional Place Finishers through the years, and has 288 career wins to his credit.

Kirk has been married to his wife Patty for 17 years, and has two stepsons, Leland and Geoffrey Tyler.

Kirk is proud to be a member of the Seneca Falls Central School District, where he enjoys working with the faculty, staff and students.