



WARRIOR HALL OF HONOR

Recognition Ceremony

December 21, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

Warren High School Basketball Game

Warren vs. Belpre



For additional information please contact Ryan Lemley, high school principal, 740-678-2393 x3102, or by e-mail, wl_rlemley@warrenlocal.org.

The bylaws, the selection criteria process, and a nomination form for the *Warrior Hall of Honor* can be found online at www.warrenlocal.org.



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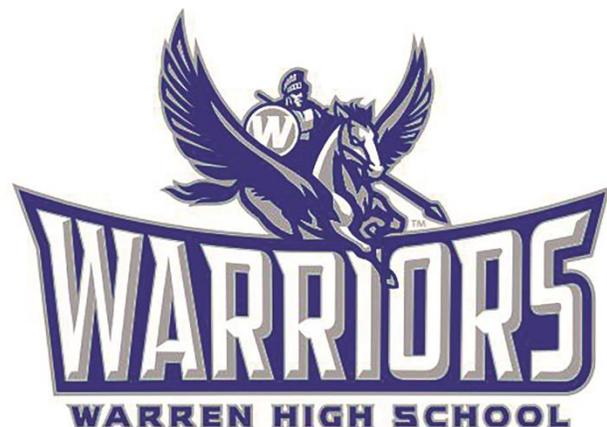
Presenting the 2018 Class

Welcome to the eighth annual *Warrior Hall of Honor* ceremony. As principal of Warren High School, I am privileged to serve on the Warrior Hall of Honor committee, and on behalf of this committee, would like to thank you for your attendance this evening for the induction of the 2018 class.

As we gather this evening to celebrate and honor the contributions made by this year's inductees, we say, "Thank You and Congratulations" to the class of 2018 for paving the way to excellence. These individuals, like the previous inductees, have and/or continue to positively impact and represent what makes Warren Local Schools so great.

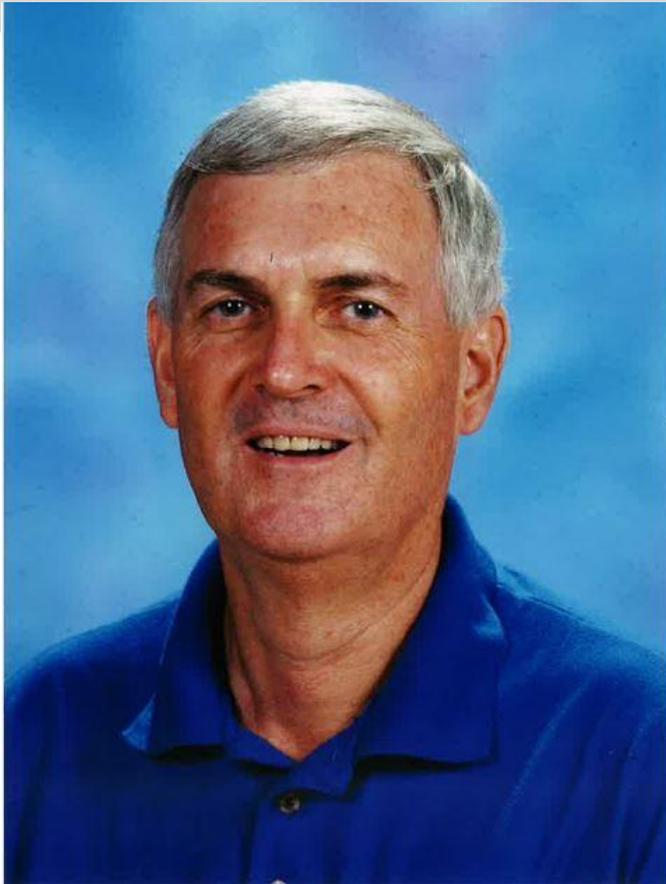
The Warren community has many individuals that have positively contributed to our District's enduring success or represented our District with great pride and distinction. It is the mission of the *Warrior Hall of Honor* committee to identify such individuals and recognize them for their lasting impact on our community. Go Warriors!

Ryan Lemley
Warren High School Principal



Dennis Biddinger

Outstanding Service to the School and Community



Dennis Biddinger attended Mapleton High School in Ashland, Ohio. During high school, he was a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams and marched in the band. Dennis attended Bowling Green State University where he received a BS in Education. In 1983, he obtained his Master's Degree in Physical Education from Ohio University.

Dennis was hired by Warren in 1973 where he taught for 35 years until his retirement in 2009.

Dennis and his wife, Jeannette, currently reside in Fleming. They have 3 sons who are all graduates of Warren Local Schools. Their oldest son, Doug, is a teacher at Hilliard Davidson High School. Jeremy is an architect in Athens, Ohio, and their youngest son, Andy, currently teaches at Warren High School. Their grandson, Garrett, attends Warren Middle School.

Dennis:

- Taught from 1973-2009: Health, Physical Education, Driver's Education, and Occupational Work Adjustment
- Coached 5 sports at Warren
- Head Girls Basketball Coach for 13 seasons, accumulating 208 wins
- In 1997, his Lady Warriors were the Division II state runners-up, earning Dennis the Division II State Coach of the Year honor
- Presently attends events in the Warren district
- Volunteers at Harvest of Hope



Dan Leffingwell

Outstanding Service to the School and Community



Dan Leffingwell graduated from Mid America High School in Barboursville, West Virginia, where he participated in multiple sports. He attended Marietta College where he earned a BA in English and was a member of their basketball team. In 1999, he obtained his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership

/ Administration from Ohio University. He was hired by Warren in 1994 where he worked as a teacher, coach, and administrator until 2013.

Dan and his wife, Debbie, currently reside in Vincent. They have a son, Dylan, and a daughter, Darci, both graduates of Warren High School.

Dan:

- Presently, Dan is the Superintendent for the Noble Local School District. He is a member of the OHSAA (Ohio High School Athletic Association) board of control and a board member of the OVAC (Ohio Valley Athletic Association)
- From 1994-1998, he taught Occupational Work Adjustment at Warren High School
- From 1998-2013, he served as an administrator at Warren High School
- From 1994-2000, he coached the Varsity Boys basketball team, earning him District Coach of the Year honors
- In addition, Dan has won numerous community and educational awards



Fred Ruth

Outstanding Service to the School and Community



Fred Ruth graduated from Smithfield High School in Smithfield, Ohio, where he participated in band, boys basketball, baseball, drama club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He attended the University of Mount Union where he received a BA in Music Education. He was hired by Warren in 1975 where he taught until his retirement in

2002. Even after his retirement from teaching, he continued his employment with the district as Athletic Event Coordinator/Athletic Director until 2013.

Fred and his wife Nancy currently reside in Marietta, Ohio. Nancy is also being inducted to the Hall of Honor this year.

Fred:

- Taught music education and directed the Marching Warriors from 1975-2002
- Chaired numerous events for the Ohio Music Education Association
- Currently serves as the public address announcer for Warren athletics
- Continues to serve as a substitute teacher at Warren High School



Nancy Ruth

Outstanding Service to the School and Community



Nancy Ruth graduated from Marietta High School where she participated in various clubs and was a member of the National Honor Society. Nancy attended Muskingum University where she received a BA in science. In 2000, Nancy completed her Master's Degree from Marygrove College. She was hired by Warren in 1975

where she taught until her retirement in 2012. She has stayed active in the education field as a consultant for High Schools That Work and the State Support Team.

Nancy and her husband Fred currently reside in Marietta, Ohio. Fred is also being inducted to the Hall of Honor this year.

Nancy:

- Taught science at Warren High School from 1975-2012.
- Chaired the Warren science department from 1981-2012.
- Was the assistant band director from 1977-2002
- Is currently employed by High Schools That Work
- Is currently employed by the State Support Team



Jay Wardeska

Outstanding Service to the School and Community



Jay Wardeska is a 1986 graduate of Warren High School where he participated in band, A Capella choir, National Honor Society, and peer support. Jay attended the University of Mount Union where he received a BA in Music Education. While at Mount Union, he participated in numerous activities that included

marching band. In 2000, Jay completed his Master's Degree from Kent State University.

Jay currently lives in Medina, Ohio, with his wife, Amy, who is a fellow educator and works with the color guard in the marching band.

Jay:

- Is employed by Brunswick City Schools where he is the director of bands and chairs the music department.
- Is very active in his community
- Taught for 7 years as an adjunct professor at Baldwin Wallace University
- Is the director of an award winning band
- Was named National Band Director of the year, 2013, by the National Association of Music Education and the US Army.



WARRIOR HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

2011

- ❖ Major General Mark Atkinson
Class of 1977
- ❖ Ralph D. Coffman, Jr.
Class of 1968
- ❖ Dr. Verna Weinstock Hillstrom
Class of 1966
- ❖ Cecil Johnson
Teacher and Coach 1962 - 1991
- ❖ Clyde Mayle
Class of 1967, Teacher and Administrator 1974 - 2000

2012

- ❖ Mary Weinstock Sokol
Class of 1964
- ❖ Jack Watkins
Teacher and Coach 1960-1993

2013

- ❖ Larry and Joy Baumgard
Outstanding Service to the School and Community
- ❖ Allen Short
Warren High School Principal 1970 - 1982
- ❖ Bobby Waggoner
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2014

- ❖ George H. McAfee
Class of 1985 Warren Graduate
- ❖ Elmer E. Templeton
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2015

- ❖ Janice McGregor
Outstanding Service to the School and Community
- ❖ Andrew Brackenridge
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2016

- ❖ Jane Irvine
Outstanding Service to the School and Community
- ❖ Dennis Sturm
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2017

- ❖ No ceremony

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Thank You



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