



## **Middletown City School District** **Athletic Wall of Fame**

### **Mission**

The purpose of the Middletown City School District Athletic Wall of Fame is to recognize those individuals who, through participation, support, and/or lifetime achievements, have made outstanding contributions to Middletown Athletics. These individuals have helped bring recognition, honor, distinction and excellence to the Middletown City School District and its interscholastic athletic programs. The Hall's purpose is to recognize the accomplishments of the inductees and to develop a deep pride in our rich athletic traditions. These role models will forever serve to exemplify Middletown's commitment to academics, the community and athletic excellence.

Another goal of our Wall of Fame is to improve the quality of life in the City of Middletown and Town of Walkill by honoring past sports heroes, providing a means of focusing attention on our rich history and serving to encourage Middletown's youth to strive for their full potential as athletes and citizens.

We adopted a theme: "Honoring our Glorious Past while Inspiring our Bright Future."

The Middletown Athletic Wall of Fame's mission serves as an essential component in the growth of our community.

The Middletown City School District Athletic Wall of Fame was chartered in the summer of 2020.

### **Rationale**

The Middletown Athletic Wall of Fame will provide:

- Standards of Excellence (school, county, section and state records);
- Historical perspective for our school and community while creating an invaluable sense of pride among people of past, present and future generations;
- Models for our athletes and coaches to reach their full potential and strive for excellence;
- Unique recognition for both individual and team excellence.

## **Yearly Timeline**

- **December:** First Committee meeting;
- **March:** Deadline for nominations for class;
- **April:** Voting for candidates;
- **April:** Class announced and participants notified of their induction;
- **September/October:** Ceremony.

## **Candidate Categories**

- **Athlete:** Must have graduated from Middletown High School at least 10 years prior to June of the nominating year;
- **Coach:** Must have retired as a coach from the Middletown City School District 5 years prior to June of the nominating year;
- **Team:** Accomplishments at least 10 years prior to June of the nominating year;
- **Administrator:** Retired Middletown City School District Administrator;
- **Other:** Distinguished service to the athletic program.
- **Posthumous Candidates:** Will be accepted and reviewed;
- **Returning Nominees:** Will be considered for 5 additional years before needing to be re-submitted.

## **Selection Committee**

- Board of Education approval;
- Total of 7 members:
  - Director of Athletics;
  - 2 District Personnel;
  - 1 Coach representing female sport teams;
  - 1 Coach representing male sport teams;
  - 2 Community members;
- There will be a Selection Committee review every three years.

## **Committee responsibilities**

- Review individual student-athletes, coaches, administrators or major athletic contributors who have been inducted into the school's Athletic Wall of Fame to achieve a better understanding of their merits, accomplishments and achievements;
- Carefully review and discuss each nominee's merits, accomplishments, and achievements;
- Select individual student-athletes who reflect outstanding achievements based upon the multitude of factors outlined in the screening and nomination process;
- Select coaches or other school district employees who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the interscholastic athletic program;

- Coaches at all levels of interscholastic play will be considered.
- The Committee reserves the right to dismiss an inductee if the inductee sheds a damaging light on the district and the communities served by the district.

### **Voting Process**

- At least 4 members are necessary for a quorum;
- A majority vote is necessary for all committee nominations and motions;
- All votes are final.

### **Selection Process**

- Number of inductees or teams will be determined by the selection committee each year.

### **Screening and Nomination Process for the Selection Committee**

- The Athletic Director will annually review special honors achieved by graduating student-athletes.
- Varsity coaches can make recommendations and provide supporting information to assist in the screening and nominating processes.
- All available data concerning the achievements, accomplishments and special recognitions of athletes must be placed into end-of-year reports for all varsity programs.
- A list will be prepared by the Athletic Director for the Selection Committee. This list will be finalized by the last day in June when school is in session.

### **Nominee categories to be considered but not limited to:**

- **Category 1:** Blue Chip - school record-holder; all-NYS player; two-time all Section IX all-star;
- **Category 2:** Probable - solid credentials (honorable mention, Section IX all-star, major contributor to team's success);
- **Category 3:** All-Around player (all-conference or all-county player in two or three varsity sports and demonstrates strong work ethic);
- **Category 4:** Marginal nominee (lacks strong coaching recommendation; good player but an overachiever),

(Above categories are intended as guidelines to assist the Selection Committee in focusing on individual nominees compared to Wall of Famers already inducted; same sport, same position etc.)

### **Special Considerations**

- Injury during athletic career;
- Participation and performance/coaching after graduation.
- Character issues (positive or negative);
- Number of postseason awards in a specific sport within Section IX;
- Transfer students will be considered only if they graduated from Middletown High School;
- Distinguished service to the Athletic Department; special Inductees may include but are not limited to the following examples: secretarial, Buildings & Grounds Department, volunteers, etc.



## Middletown Athletic Wall of Fame

### Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) Where can I find additional information regarding the Athletic Wall of Fame?
  - Information can be found on the Middletown Athletic website:  
<https://www.middletowncityschools.org/domain/269>
- 2) Who can be nominated?
  - Any athlete who graduated from Middletown High School at least 10 years earlier.
  - Any team that participated for Middletown High School at least 10 years earlier.
  - Any former staff member who has been retired for at least 5 years.
- 3) Who can nominate somebody?
  - Any staff member, coach, alumni, or community member can nominate a former athlete, contributor or team to the Wall of Fame.
- 4) How many athletes/teams will be inducted annually?
  - The number of selections each year will be made at the discretion of the committee.
- 5) Must nominees who aren't inducted be re-nominated the following year?
  - No. Any nominee not inducted remains on the ballot for 5 years.
- 6) Who votes in the nomination process?
  - Middletown Wall of Fame Committee members.
- 7) Who is eligible to join the Middletown Athletic Wall of Fame Committee?
  - Any district representative, coach, or member of the community.
  - The Athletic Director is a member of the committee.
  - The committee will have seven (7) members and will be reviewed every 3 years.
- 8) Who should I contact if I have questions or an interest in joining the committee?
  - David Coates, Director for Physical Education, Health and Athletics, Middletown City School District, at [david.coates@ecsdm.org](mailto:david.coates@ecsdm.org);
  - Kevin Gleason, Events Coordinator, at [kevin.gleason@ecsdm.org](mailto:kevin.gleason@ecsdm.org)



# Middletown Athletic Wall of Fame

## Nomination Form

*Nominee can be an individual athlete, a coach, an administrator or a team*

Nominee's Name/Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating Year/Team Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Varsity Sport/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Role of Nominating Person: (Circle one or highlight)

***Staff    Coach    Parent    Community Member    Team    Other***

Please detail reasons for your nomination, including statistics, accomplishments, contributions or any other facet of their athletic career at Middletown or beyond. Please share any documentation you may have regarding the nomination.

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Please submit to:

Middletown Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee

c/o David Coates, CMAA, Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics

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