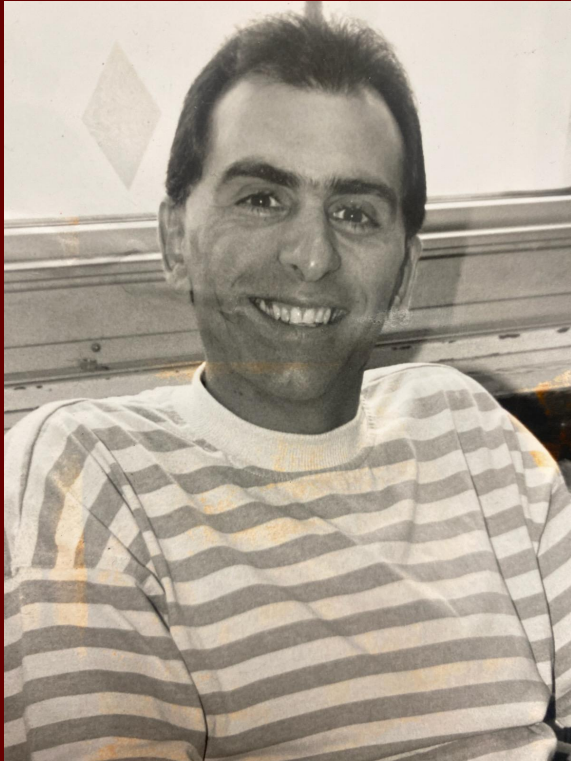


Phil Baccarella

Class of 1968



Phil Baccarella is a legendary figure at BHS, where he excelled as both a record-breaking student-athlete and a highly successful head coach. A multi-sport star, Baccarella is considered one of the greatest athletes in BHS history. As a senior, he led the Bees to the 1968 Hudson County basketball championship and back-to-back South Hudson baseball titles in 1967 and 1968. He was an All-State and All-Hudson County selection in both sports and served as the Hudson County batting champion in 1968. Phil continued his career at Montclair State where he is the only two-sport athlete in the University's Hall of Fame, having been a 1,000-point scorer in basketball and an All-Conference standout in baseball. Baccarella served as the head baseball coach at his alma mater for 23 years (1991–2013). He retired with a career record of 440–162 and a .731 winning percentage. He achieved his 400th career win in April 2012. Under his leadership, the "Swinging Bees" won two state sectional championships, two Hudson County titles, and three HCIAA crowns. For his achievements, Phil was inducted into the Hudson County Hall of Fame, the NJ Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.