

*Coaches Spotlight*

# MEET COACH PAUL NEISS

JV Coach, White Baseball

**Q: What do you do outside of coaching?**

A: Outside of coaching for the past 13 years, I have been the president and percussion instructor for the Hamburg Kingsmen Alumni Drum Corps.

**Q: What has been your proudest moment as a coach at St. Joe's so far?**

A: My proudest individual moment as a coach came in 2009, as the freshman football team went undefeated. Also, anytime any St. Joe's team won a championship, I was happy for every member of those teams.

**Q: Who has been the biggest influence on your coaching style and why?**

A: My dad was a huge influence on me becoming a coach. He loved spending time teaching and instructing young men and women at all levels. The best thing about the St. Joe's students is their willingness to learn and their respect for all coaches as well as their brothers.

In football, my biggest influence was my father. Granted, times have changed tremendously, but I still have some old school in my way of coaching. In baseball, without a doubt it has been Rick Mariano and Paul Nasca. Their knowledge of the game is second to none and I have been lucky to learn from the best.

**Q: What are your goals for the team this season, and what challenges do you anticipate?**

A: The goal this year for our freshman baseball team is to educate and indoctrinate them into getting better each day and to learn how things are done in this program.

**Q: What's one lesson you hope every player takes away from their time with you?**

A: Be kind to others and respect their plight. You never know who is having a good day or a bad day, but we are all in this together, so enjoy your teammates' successes and help them through their struggles.

**Q: What's one fun fact about you that people might not know?**

A: The one fun fact about me is that I have always been a huge Boston Red Sox fan and have taken my fair share of ribbing about it as well.

**Q: When you're not coaching, how do you like to spend your free time?**

A: My free time is spent with my 2 grandchildren Charlotte and Nolan, at times helping my son Rob coach his summer baseball team, teaching the Drum Corps, spending time with my wife and taking my 95 year old mom shopping.

**Q: What's your favorite motivational quote or coaching mantra?**

A: My favorite quote is "Hard work doesn't guarantee success, but it improves its chances." - [B.J. Gupta](#)