



Tom McKinney

Teacher, Coach

1974-2009



- Opened Mount Carmel High School in 1974 and worked there continually for 35 years as both a science teacher and a physical education teacher, Department Chair (29 years) and coach.
- Member of the first ever football staff and coached football for 12 plus years, including two years as the Varsity Head Coach.
- 12 years of Varsity basketball as an assistant coach under two head coaches. Participated in summer leagues, off season weight lifting and Holiday Hoops as well as other off season volunteer assignments. Traveled to Alaska with the Varsity basketball team in 1989 for the Great Alaska Shoot-out, as well as other chaperon duties while coaching.
- 5 years as an assistant track coach.
- Freshman class advisor and held freshmen sock hops after basketball games just for freshmen.
- Organized and conducted lunch time intramurals for all students in the gym to play basketball, ping pong and other activities that gave them a place to be during lunch time. This activity was both a volunteer job and a stipend job, and it lasted for 6 years.
- Stepped up twice for 1 year assignments when there was no coach to take a JV baseball team, and also a freshman boys' volleyball team.
- Lead the P.E. department for 29 years and introduced curriculum that was innovative and creative, including a surfing P.E. class.
- Poway district representative for high school physical education at the district and the county level. Was Vice President of the North County chapter of CAHPER.
- 2008 Mt. Carmel High School teacher of the Year.
- After retirement in 2009, continued to substitute for the school and coach for several more years, including volunteer coaching.
- Co-host organizer with Jose Campo to begin Thursday Snack Club for the morale of the staff.
- Hosted coaching parties and staff Christmas parties, and held many TGIF gatherings for the staff.
- Mt. Carmel High School has been Tom's life work, and still is a very big part of who he is. He truly is a Sundevil Forever!

Contribution

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