

Pre-Game Ceremony Honoring Tom Kohuth on Friday, September 29, 2017

Please direct your attention to midfield and give a warm welcome to long-time Padua teacher, coach and athletic director Mr. Tom Kohuth and his family.

Tom retired from Padua Franciscan High School this past June after 50 years of service to the school. During his career at Padua, Mr. Kohuth taught numerous students in his math classes at various levels. He was honored for his work in the classroom in 2000 by receiving the Plain Dealer Crystal Apple Outstanding Teacher Award.

He was also Padua's Athletic Director for 15 years from 1987 to 2002, helping to oversee the addition of girls sports at Padua, along with the construction of the current football stadium, and new baseball and softball fields. He also served as Padua's wrestling coach for four seasons during the 1970s.

Coach Kohuth will long be remembered for his tenure as Padua's football coach. During his 29 years as Head Coach, his teams had a 166-128-1 record. Coach Kohuth's teams won five league championships and had four playoff appearances, including a state runner-up finish in 1979, ultimately losing to Cincinnati Moeller in the state final. Coach Kohuth was named the UPI Ohio HS Football Coach of the Year in 1979 and was named League Coach of the Year three times in his career.

Tom was inducted into Padua's Hall of Fame on October 27, 2007 for his accomplishments on the football field, in the wrestling room, and in the Athletic Office.

He is joined tonight by his wife of 46 years, Susan, and his three daughters, Stephanie, Rebecca and Amanda along with their families.

Tonight, we celebrate Tom Kohuth's devotion to Padua Franciscan High School in this beautiful facility built upon the foundations created by his work.

In recognition for his incredible tenure at Padua Franciscan and for all the lives that he has impacted, we are proud to bestow the title of Honorary Graduate of Padua Franciscan High School to Mr. Thomas A. Kohuth. Please give Coach Kohuth a round of applause as Fr. Allan and Mr. Stec present the Padua Diploma to Mr. Thomas Kohuth.