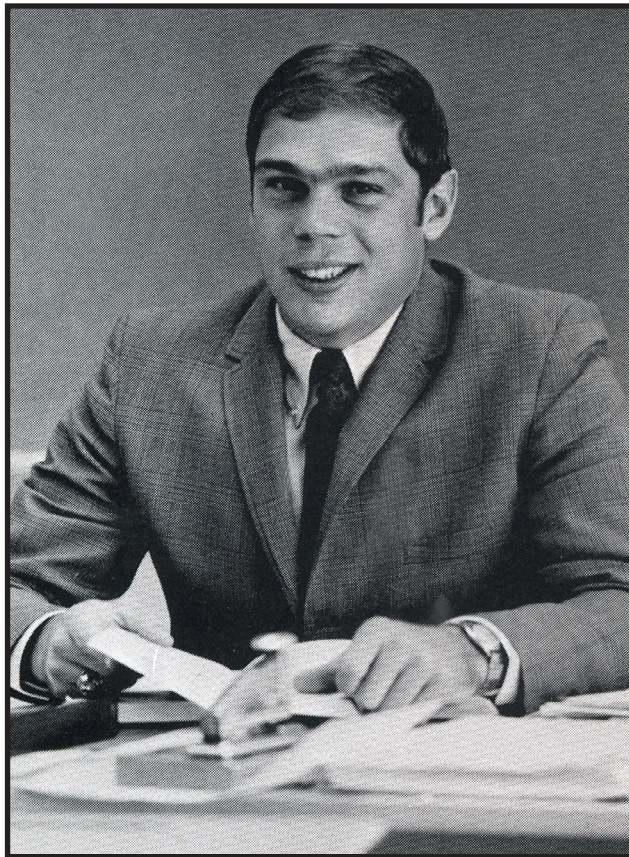


Watchung Hills Regional High School

Hall of Fame

2008 Induction Ceremony • Saturday, April 12, 2008



Robert Baly

Service from 1969 - 2002

Like a number of the charter members of the Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame, Bob served Watchung Hills for a number of years in a number of different roles. Bob joined the WHRHS community in 1969 as a social studies teacher and advanced to department supervisor in 1978. He served as Vice-Principal for two years before being named Principal in 1981. In 1992, Bob assumed the role of Chief School Administrator and continued in that capacity until he retired in 2002.

Bob Baly holds a special place in the history of WHRHS for his contributions not only in the classroom and the “front office,” but also on the athletic field where he was an outstanding coach. He served as Head Football Coach from 1974 – 1981 and during that time, the varsity team earned Mid-State Conference titles in 1975, 1978 and 1981. Equally impressive is the fact that Bob earned the Mid-State Conference Coach of the Year award in each of those years as well.

Not one for having “idle” time during the school year and while he was tending to his football coaching duties, Bob brought his talents to the basketball and wrestling teams as an assistant coach. The pinnacle of his coaching career arrived in his final year when he was named to the NJ Coaches Hall of Fame in 1981.

Bob Baly was not only recognized for his accomplishments as a coach, but for his achievements as a school administrator as well. During his tenure as Principal, Watchung Hills Regional High School was among those on the list of “Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence” from 1994 – 1996. During that same period, WHRHS was recognized by New Jersey Monthly as one of its “Top fifteen Schools.”

In serving the Watchung Hills Regional High School community, Bob’s accomplishments were significant, and for that reason, we are proud to induct him into the WHRHS Hall of Fame as a charter member.