

Watchung Hills Regional High School

Hall of Fame



Dr. William Peiffer
Service from 1967-2004

Dr. William Peiffer was on the faculty at WHRHS from 1967 through 2004. Like several others who entered the WHRHS Hall of Fame, Dr. Peiffer was recognized for his accomplishments both as an educator and as an athletics coach.

Bill was an outstanding teacher in the Watchung Hills math department from 1967 through 1982. During that time, he was also pursuing a personal goal – to earn his doctoral degree, which he accomplished in 1978, when he received a PhD in Statistics and Measurement from Rutgers University.

In 1982, Dr. Peiffer was invited to head the math department and became the math department supervisor. In general, leaders don't like the status quo – they follow the path of continuous improvement. As a leader, Bill began to reorganize and restructure the math department at Watchung Hills. As a result of those changes and improvements, math SAT scores improved significantly over the next 20 years, helping to earn for Watchung Hills the stellar academic reputation that it still holds today.

As to the other Bill Peiffer, the athletic coach: Bill was a successful coach of both the WHRHS cross-country and track & field teams, but he was most noted for his success in the field of cross-country, totaling over 300 wins in his career. His first recognition occurred in 1979 when he received the Midstate Conference Outstanding Coaching Award. This was followed by the NJ Interscholastic Coaches Association Honor Award in 1980. And finally, in 2003, Bill received the National Federation of State High School Associations Coach of the Year Award for boys cross-country.

With his PhD in statistics, perhaps Dr. Peiffer could have calculated the odds of being inducted into the Hall of Fame. No need to do the calculation Bill – you are in. We welcome you into the WHRHS Hall of Fame.