

Dr. Joseph Dalpiaz - Retired Hinsdale South Teacher and Principal

- 1966 to 1971 he served as a Chemistry Teacher, Varsity Track Coach and Cross Country Coach
- 1972 to 1974 he served as the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction
- 1974 to 1995 he served as Principal



Dr. Dalpiaz served as principal for 20 years, shaping our early culture with the motto: “Strive, Achieve, Excel.” He oversaw many improvements through the years, kept a close watch on the integrity of the curriculum, the professionalism of his teaching staff, and the well-being and success in all of his Hornet students. He helped to define the quality and caring culture of Hinsdale South High School.

After retirement, Dr. Dalpiaz continued to serve the student by co-chairing the Retired Teacher Scholarship committee which awarded scholarships each year to Hornet graduates.

Dr. Dalpiaz went on to become an ordained Deacon in the Catholic Church and currently serves on the Board of Education of the Fairmont School District 89 where he continues to shape the decisions of an elementary school district.

His personal philosophy which he communicated to the professional staff throughout his tenure as principal was “Each and every student, whatever his or her abilities, deserves the very best our school has to offer. If it doesn’t benefit our students then it is not worth having or doing. I very often said to our teachers, Treat each of your students as if he or she was your own child and you can never go wrong.”

Legacy Message

“As a teacher, coach and principal at Hinsdale South I had the opportunity to observe thousands of students come into this wonderful school and succeed, both in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. I have also thrilled in their many, many accomplishments in their post-high school life. They all had one common trait: they believed in themselves and worked hard. Our motto, both for students and teachers, was: “Strive - Achieve - Excel.” Striving will lead to achievement and achievement will lead to excellence, here at Hinsdale South as well as in all areas of your life. Believe it. Practice it. It never fails. “