



Hardin-Houston Wall of Honor



Bob Borchers



Mr. Bob Borchers first made his mark in the classroom as a Hardin-Houston School math teacher, often tossing out candy to all parts of his seating charts, whenever he felt a student's answer was deserving of a quick reward. Also a social studies teacher, Mr. B.'s annual ink pen fundraiser for a fifth-grade field trip to Cincinnati was the first Reds game for many, and the only one ever for some. After 18 years in the classroom, Mr. B. served the district as elementary principal for another 11 years. Known somewhat as a gentle giant, the 6-foot-3 Mr. B. had even more of a hulking presence to the kindergarteners and early childhood students. Mr. B. was a master motivator, often making friendly wagers with students. If he lost a bet due to students' success, Mr. B. would pay for it, whether it be kissing a pig or dyeing his hair bright red!

Bob also put in countless hours coaching Wildcats. His specialty was baseball. He was highly involved in the Hardin Ball Association for several years, coaching both softball and baseball, on top of his role as Ball Association board member. Prior, Coach Borchers led Houston's varsity baseball team for eight years. He was also a familiar face in basketball, coaching junior high boys for seven years and later helping organize youth basketball at Hardin. In addition, Bob was a member of the athletic boosters and simply a fan, especially varsity boys basketball, hardly missing a game during the better part of the 1980's-2000's.

"He was my favorite teacher." It would be difficult to calculate how many times the Borchers' family has heard that line over the years. Bob was, and is, very much linked to Hardin-Houston Local School. His grandkids are often near the top of their respective classes and enjoy playing their chosen sports, thanks in no small part to the path chosen by their grandfather, Bob Borchers.



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Bob Borchers was inducted on November 25, 2022



The family of Bob Borchers on the night of his induction.