

# Jerry Cross

## Buffalo



In 1954, Jerry Cross was hired at Clear Creek School (Grades 1-8) as the Physical Education teacher, Head Basketball/Football Coach, and Activities Director. As the A.D., Jerry started the schools track, wrestling, and all of the girls' athletic programs. During his 34 years coaching, Coach Cross' teams won 37 District Championships, including his 1957 Bandit Football squad that finished the season Undefeated, Untied, and Un-scored upon. Coach Cross had numerous opportunities to coach at Buffalo High School, but understood the life-long impact he could make on each student-athlete by creating and maintaining a culture of high expectations and discipline at Clear Creek School.

Coach Cross has never been a self-promoter and credits his success to the support he received at home from his wife Joan, their 4 daughters, and the hard work of thousands of student-athletes he had the opportunity to coach.

### **Honors/Accomplishments:**

- 1970 JCSD Teacher of the Year
- 1979-80 WCA Junior High Coach of the Year
- 2002 Inducted into the American Football Coaches Foundation Hall of Fame

Activities Director (35 years)  
1954-89

Track (24 years)  
11 District Championships

Volleyball (8 years)  
4 District Championships

Football (24 years)  
11 District Championships

Boys Basketball (24 years)  
6 District Championships

Wrestling (18 years)  
5 District Championships