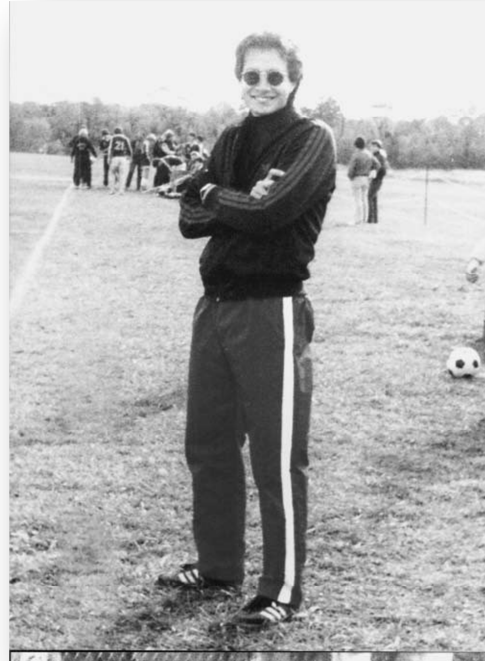


## Robert Richard

Rob Richard coached and taught at HHS from 1980 until 2001. He led the Hillsborough Raider Boys soccer team for twenty-two seasons and is considered by many to be the father of Hillsborough Raider Soccer. He can be found supporting the boys on the sidelines of Raider Soccer games to this day.

During his high school career at Eastern Christian High School in North Haledon, NJ, Rob held the Top Scorer awards for a single season as well the Top Career Scorer award. As a senior, Rob was voted to the All-Passaic County 1<sup>st</sup> Team as well as to the Top 33 Players in the State by the NJ State Coaches' Association.



After high school, Rob excelled as a soccer player at the collegiate level as well. While at Muhlenberg College, Rob once again held the Top Scorer award for both a single season as well as for a career. In his senior year, he was elected to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- Mid-Atlantic Conference as well as earning the MVP award for the MAC Conference. That same year, Rob was voted as an All-American and ultimately became a member of the Muhlenberg College Athletic Hall of Fame.

It is no surprise that when Rob came to HHS in 1980 as a biology teacher, he became the school's boys' varsity soccer coach. His understanding and love for the game, as well as his commitment to teaching, allowed him to excel in this role. Since the program began in 1978, just two years before Rob became head coach, he was responsible for building HHS Raider soccer from the ground up. For the next twenty-two seasons, Rob successfully led the Raiders through two decades when his teams earned a 224-152-38 record while capturing the Skyland Conference title in 1983, '84, '89, '90, '97 and 2001. Under his direction, the Raiders were also Somerset County Champions in 1983 and 1984 and Group IV Central Jersey Sectional Champions in 1997.

It is because of Coach Richard's dedication and contributions to the athletic program and for his love of teaching young people the game of soccer that the Hall of Fame Committee is proud to induct Coach Robert Richard into the 2009 Class of the HHS Athletic Hall of Fame.