



Paul Koviak
Class of 2008
Male Athlete Inductee

Paul Koviak was a star athlete in football, basketball, and baseball during his time at Holton High School. Koviak was a determined all-around athlete. His athletic skills contributed to successful teams that went on to be competitive locally, regionally, and state wide. Koviak was also an outstanding student. He was able to maintain a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school and graduated in the top five of his class. Mr. Koviak truly represents student athletics balancing both the demands of learning and the dedication required to be a top athlete.

During Koviak's senior year, he became the all-time leading scorer in basketball setting a school record at 1,453 points. In baseball, Koviak maintained a .384 batting average, a 6-4 pitching record with 58 strikeouts. His coach, Jim Giddings said, "He gives you everything he's got." Mr. Koviak was always quick to own mistakes and willing to risk himself to make a play including diving at the warning track in the outfield to catch a ball. Koviak held nick names like Stretch, Ice Man, and The People's Champ. He was elected Homecoming and Prom King his senior year by his peers. In 2008, Koviak was inducted into the Muskegon Chronicle's Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame as the Male Student Athlete of the Year. Koviak went on to play basketball at Olivet College.

Among all of the success Koviak experienced as an athlete at Holton High School, he continued to be humble and kind. Mr. Koviak recognized that successful teams are not due to one person but require all members to work together and lift one another up. Koviak's

athletic success and leadership are qualities valued by Holton's Athletic Hall of Fame and make Paul Koviak an outstanding inductee.