

## **Coach Mickey Noble – Athletic Coaching Inductee Basketball Coach**

Coach Noble began his career with Holton Public Schools in 1975 as the High School Principal. Formerly a Holton High School student, Mr. Noble returned to give back to the community. For the next 21 years, Mr. Noble would dedicate himself to the students, staff, and community of Holton. In 1980, Coach Noble applied to be the head boys' basketball coach. In his application letter, Coach Noble assured the board that he would be able to manage both his responsibilities as a principal and a head coach effectively. He went on to say in his letter that he would start by building a basketball program that developed skills from the elementary through the high school. From the beginning, Coach Noble was building a legacy.

Coach Noble went on to coach twelve seasons of basketball. As the head boys' basketball coach, he organized elementary camps, fundraisers, and provided stable leadership. Mr. Noble rode the waves of success and remained committed during challenging seasons. Coach Noble himself was a standout Red Devil Basketball player. He was a top scorer for the 1961 team that earned a district title. As a coach, he supported his student athletes to work hard and be good leaders. Coach Noble was a Red Devil fan to the core. When he wasn't coaching his own team, he could be seen supporting students at other events. As a gracious host, Mr. Noble was consistently recognized for his ability to put on events and make guests feel welcome. He enjoyed celebrating the success of Holton students and staff by taking the time to recognize individual accomplishments.

Coach Noble's career impacted generations. His longstanding dedication to Holton basketball and Holton Public Schools remains a legacy for others. When Mr. Noble retired he wrote, "Holton students and staff will always be number one in my heart." For his longstanding commitment to and impact on Holton basketball and Holton Public Schools, the Holton Athletics Hall of Fame Board is honored to induct Coach Noble.

