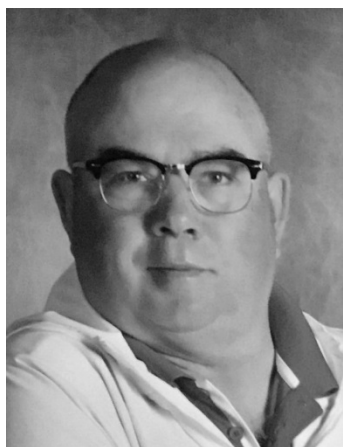




David Chaplin
Class of 1972
Swimming & Diving Coach

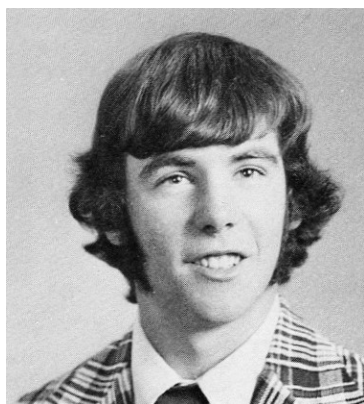
David Chaplin graduated in 1972 from Milford High School where he enjoyed a memorable career as an athlete. He was a defensive back on the 1970 Class C Champion Football team, which finished the season undefeated at 9-0, set a program record at the time for the pole vault as a member of the Track & Field team, and was the 1972 Central Mass Division I Pole Vault Champion.

A 1976 graduate of Boston State College, "Chappy" started his teaching career in Milford, served a stint as Athletic Trainer, and began his career as the swimming coach in 1981 before budget cuts forced him to spend the next ten years teaching and coaching in Florida. He returned to coaching swimming at MHS in 1991 and will be starting his thirty second season this winter as either the Girls and/or Boys Swimming and Diving Coach.

Chappy up to this point has coached seven individual swimmers/divers to fifteen State Championships in seven different events. His teams have won four boys and four girls Hockomock League Championships. A four-time Metro West Coach of the Year, he has earned numerous Eastern Mass Interscholastic Swim Coaches' Association honors: Meritorious Service (1998), Hall of Fame Inductee (2009), Boys Coach of the Year (2011), and Jack McDonald Award (2018). He was also named the MIAA / NFHS State Swim Coach of the Year in 2015.

Dave has made numerous contributions to the swimming community throughout Massachusetts. He has served as Southern Conference and Hockomock League Rep for 24 years; Relay Carnival and League Meet Director for over twenty years; member of the MIAA Swim Committee; Director of the MIAA Div. I and II State Diving Championships; and has developed, managed and funded numerous Relay Carnival events honoring coaches, officials, swimmers and military veterans throughout the state.

Additionally, Chappy was President of EMISCA from 2002-2012. During his tenure, he developed Association awards honoring numerous coaches for their contributions, led the effort to establish the official Massachusetts State Swimming & Diving Records, and secured Milford High School as the home of the Massachusetts Swim Coaches Association Hall of Fame.



Paul Johnson
Class of 1976

Paul Johnson parlayed outstanding athleticism and relentless competitiveness to become one of the most impressive Milford High School athletes of all time. Whether on the football field, basketball court or track, he could be counted on to provide the spark that helped lead his team to victory.

Johnson started at safety as a junior on the 1974 football team which compiled an 8-2 record and a share of the Midland League title with Hudson. As a senior captain, he was a key member as the quarterback of an explosive offense that rang up a 10-1 record, which included a Midland League Championship and a Division II Central-West Super Bowl Championship, the first in school

history. Although he was more of a threat as a runner, he completed more than seventy percent of his passes when called upon.

Paul continued to provide leadership as a senior captain on the basketball team. A two-year letterman at point guard, his quickness and tenacity as a defender were his main assets, but he was also an effective scorer who could take the ball to the basket. His contributions led to him being named Most Valuable Player.

On the track, Johnson was a four-year letterman who could be entered in multiple events and could be counted on to compete for the win. He competed in the Long Jump, Triple Jump and Pole Vault, as well as the 220, 330 Low Hurdles, 440 and 4x440 Relay. He would always be entered in events against the opponent's best athletes and won all four events in which he was entered in a meet four times during his senior year. Upon graduation, he owned MHS records in the Pole Vault, 330 Low Hurdles, 440, and 4x440 Relay, as well as for Most Individual Points scored in both a season and career. He finished an amazing MHS athletic career as a Midland League All Star and Team MVP.