



JOE WENDT, CLASS OF 1974 JOE WAS A TEACHER AND COACH FOR 35 YEARS, INCLUDING 29 AT WINNETONKA. HE WAS KNOWN FOR GOING BEYOND WHAT WAS EXPECTED IN AN ATTEMPT TO REACH AND INSPIRE STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM AND IN ATHLETICS. DURING HIS TIME AT TONKA, HE COACHED OVER 1500 GAMES, MATCHES, AND TOURNAMENTS. THIS TOTAL FAR EXCEEDS THE TOTAL FOR ANY PREVIOUS WHS COACH. JOE RETIRED AS THE "WINNINGEST" COACH FOR BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS AS WELL AS FOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL. HE WAS HONORED IN 2013, AS A MEMBER OF THE NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHING HONOR CADRE. OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, JOE WAS ACTIVE WITH USTA TENNIS, BOY SCOUTS, AND CHURCH RELATED ACTIVITIES. OVER THE YEARS, HE WAS A FIXTURE IN COACHING YOUTH SPORTS IN THE NORTH KANSAS CITY AND GLADSTONE PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS.