



Bishop Stang High School 2018 Athletics Hall of Fame



COACH JOHN C. O'BRIEN

Legendary.

The impact of Coach John O'Brien is immeasurable. Mr. O'Brien founded and shaped Stang's athletic traditions of respect, hard work, and commitment, as well as the crucial element of love for one another and respect for the game.

"Mr. O'B" served the school from 1960 until his passing in 1985, first as Coach and then Athletic Director. There are countless Mr. O'Brien stories from his 25 years at Stang—and most of them are true. At times, Mr. O'Brien's methods on the court and in the classroom were unconventional, but his actions were always guided by his faith and his love and concern for each Bishop Stang student.

Mr. O'Brien was the school's first varsity basketball coach, with a record of 248 wins and 142 losses. The gym overflowed with fans eager to see his teams compete—often achieving beyond their recognized abilities. Many young men that developed under him went on to play ball in college—all became better people and better leaders as a result of his example. In 1985, Mr. O'Brien was inducted to the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association.

Mr. O'Brien also had great success as a baseball coach. As a team player, he also coached cross country, golf and tennis. As Athletic Director, he always had his hand on the pulse of every team.

Coach O'Brien's concern for others and legendary style brought out the best in those around him—as athletes and as people.

