

### Three New Members Elected to the STJ Athletic Hall of Fame

Three new members have been elected for induction into the St. Joseph High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The three are **John Mares '69** (coach), the **1965 Flyer Football Team** and the **1980 Lady Flyer Softball Team**.

The STJ Athletic Hall of Fame was created in 2016 to honor the rich heritage of excellence and tradition of Flyer athletics. It recognizes coaches, teams and individual athletes that made significant contributions to the various athletic programs at St. Joseph High School.

The new members of the Athletic Hall of Fame will be formally inducted at the bi-annual Night of Honor and STJ 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration dinner on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

This year's inductees bring the total members of the Hall of Fame to nine. Others already inducted include: Doug Drabek '80 (athlete), Beth Smith Bartush '80 (athlete), Lynette Brown '83 (athlete), Steve Tibiletti '58 (coach), 1955-56 Flyer Basketball Team and the 1976-77 Flyer Football Team. For more information about the STJ's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Night of honor visit [www.stjvictoria.com](http://www.stjvictoria.com).

#### John Mares '69 – STJ Athlete and Coach

Coach John Mares is the winningest coach in St. Joseph High School history. While coaching Flyer football (1996-2009) he had an overall record of 108-49, taking the Flyers to the playoffs 11 of 14 seasons. During his STJ tenure he had one state finalist team, four state semi-finalist teams, six regional finalist teams and seven district champions. Mares is a 1969 graduate of STJ where he played football, baseball, basketball and ran track. His coaching career started in 1971 as an assistant at STJ. After he completed his college degree, he worked at Calhoun ISD, Goliad ISD and Hallettsville - Sacred Heart High School. He returned to STJ in 1991 and was hired as a head basketball coach and assistant football coach. In 1996 he was named STJ head football coach and athletic director. Throughout his career he's coached football, baseball and basketball. In addition to being an outstanding athlete and coach, Mares is said to be a person who has dedicated his life to developing servant leaders and is given credit for influencing hundreds of young men and women in a positive manner.



### 1980 State Champion Lady Flyer Softball Team

The 1980 Lady Flyer Softball team was the first female athletic team to earn a State Championship for St. Joseph High School, just five years after STJ became a co-educational school. This undefeated Lady Flyers went 8-0 on the season. They were led by seven seniors who were determined to win the State title, a goal they had set as freshmen. Players: Lisa Goynes, Jacque Angerstein, Roxane Ybarbo, Susan Gomez, Annie Drozd, Marcie Ohrt Bridges, Donna Dick, Amy Aguilar, Nancy Roznovsky, Diane Blough, Beth Smith Bartush, Brigitte Miori Hogsted, Charlotte Dieringer Koehler, Linda Yeary Brown, Gretchen Gilley Boyle. Coach: Fred Smith. Manager: Terri Post Low.



### 1965 State Champion Flyer Football Team

The 1965 Flyer Football team won the 1965 State Football Championship. During their season they won 11 games and outscored their opponents 322-53. During the season only two teams scored more than 6 points on them, and they completed eight shutouts. The offense scored 30-plus points in six games, and 40-plus points in three of those six. The team produced 6 All-State players, 9 All-District players and 1 All-District Honorable Mention.

Players: Don Andres, Richard Cantu, Robin Carville, Royce Carville, David Denison, Robert Dodds, Brien Dunn, Richard Fossati, John Gormely, Dan Hebner, Ed Kelly, Larry Marek, John Mayer, Milton

McDonnell, Ed Nevlud, Mike O'Connell, Eddie Orsak, Tommy Ozuna, Randy Pechacek, Dennis Pesek, Tommy Post, Amador Ramos, Richard Seiler, Guy Stillwell, Larry Waida, Johnny Wearden, Richard Wearden, Jimmy Welder. Coaches: Harlan Gerhold, Steve Tibiletti. Managers: Tony Borowicz, Richard Kresta, Johnny Reyna. Statistician: Frank Carter.

