

## Medina City Schools Hall of Fame Recognition Dinner Inducts Richard Cromwell

Richard (Dick) Cromwell, a 1965 graduate of Medina High School lettered in baseball, basketball, and football while at Medina. After graduation, he enrolled at Ohio Wesleyan University where he played football and was the team's starting quarterback in his junior and senior years. Mr. Cromwell was awarded the Mike Gregory Trophy, an award given to the most outstanding offensive back in the former Ohio Conference. Mr. Cromwell graduated in 1969 from Ohio Wesleyan with a B.A. in mathematics and went on to become a teacher and coach.

The focus of his coaching career has been with St. Francis de Sales in Toledo. While there, he has led the St. Francis Knights in football to numerous championships including a Division I State Championship in 1984 and a Division II State Championship in 2001. In addition, his team has captured multiple City Champion titles as well as state playoff berths in 1992, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2003, and 2004. In 2005, Coach Cromwell was inducted into the Ohio High School Coaches Hall of Fame with an overall record of 220-96-2.

Over the years, Mr. Cromwell has maintained connections with Medina and credits Coach Bob Peters as the biggest influence in his coaching career. Mr. Cromwell continues to urge his athletes to learn the importance of commitment, cooperation, loyalty, and sportsmanship. Mr. Cromwell said, "Win, lose, or tie, our athletes will be encouraged to compete in the spirit of our patron, St. Francis de Sales, who urges them and all of us, to "Be who you are and be that well."