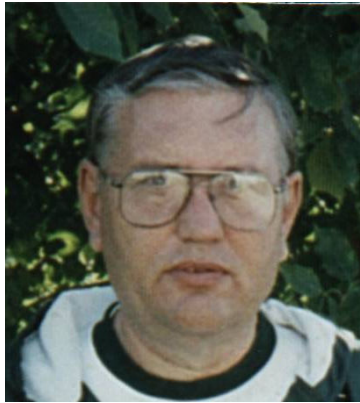


DEAN HOUDEK
TEACHER/COACH



Dean Houdek is one of the most highly respected individuals ever to be associated with Park High School, and he has had a huge impact on countless student-athletes. He has been a model of character, integrity, and strong work ethic, even long after his retirement in 1992.

During his time as a math teacher at Park, Dean also coached football, basketball, and was the Head Coach of both the Cross-Country and Track & Field teams. During his tenure, Park's Track & Field teams won conference championships in 1980, 1981, 1988, and 1992 and made appearances at the State True Team meet in 1989, 1990, and 1991. Under his guidance, 23 individuals and 10 relay teams placed at the State Track Meet. Dean coached 7 individual and 2 relay team state champions in track & field, and one individual state champion in cross-country.

Dean served as president of the Minnesota State Track Coaches' Association from 1989-1991 and was named the Minnesota State Track Coach of the Year for Class AA in 1988. He was an original member of the Minnesota Track True Team Committee and was inducted into the Minnesota Track True Team Hall of Fame.

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