



Teacher Feature

Tom Rosenbaum has worked as a Physical Education teacher at Meadowbrook for 25 years, but he doesn't consider it a job. It's simply his passion. "I've always loved kids, sports, and teaching," he said.

Since the age of 15, Rosenbaum wanted to be a teacher and was inspired by his mother who was a special education teacher for 36 years. He says he always gravitated towards kids and had jobs like camp counselor and swim instructor as he was growing up. Eventually, he earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from UIC. He also received a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership which would enable him to become a principal, but he decided to stay in the gym where he could be with kids all day.

After a full day of teaching at Meadowbrook, Rosenbaum is a high school coach. For the last 14 years, he's been the head field hockey coach for Glenbrook South. He's also the head coach for girls lacrosse at Glenbrook North, a position he's held for the last 20 years. He's grateful to be able to see many of his students grow and mature from kindergarten through high school.

In addition to teaching and coaching, Mr. R. (as his students affectionately call him) finds time for his own athletic pursuits. He's a former high school tennis player and now plays paddle tennis a couple of times a week. Rosenbaum is also a dedicated fan of the Packers having spent part of his youth in Milwaukee. "There's a special aura around Lambeau Field," he said, pointing out the sense of community he feels among Packers fans.

It's that same feeling that motivated him to move to Northbrook and into a home that would allow him to send his own three kids to Meadowbrook. "I love the community that Meadowbrook sits in and the community that Meadowbrook is," he said.

Fun Facts about Tom Rosenbaum

License plate says: ALWBZI (Always Busy)

Met his future mother-in-law on the tennis court,
and she then fixed him up with her daughter.

Spends his summers working as the Swim Director at Apachi Day Camp.

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