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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Ewing Schools Mourns the Passing of James Kovalsky

The Ewing Schools is mourning the loss of longtime Ewing educator and legendary coach James Kovalsky, who sadly passed away on Sunday, September 1st.

“Coach K,” as he was known to legions of Ewing student-athletes over decades, impacted hundreds of children in the classroom and the athletic fields as a teacher, coach, mentor and role model.

An exceptional athlete himself, Kovalsky was a decorated quarterback in football and All-State catcher in baseball who garnered interest from professional baseball franchises before deciding to attend college and study education.

After a stellar career as a student-athlete at Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) where he starred on the gridiron and diamond, Kovalsky joined the Ewing Schools as a Language Arts Teacher at Antheil Junior High School in 1970. He would work for the school district for 34 years until retiring in 2004.

Perhaps Kovalsky’s most influential work was when he served as Head Freshman Coach for the Blue Devils football program for eighteen years throughout the 70s and 80s. It was in this role that Kovalsky developed many outstanding football players who would move on to become integral parts of Ewing High School’s stellar teams in those decades, which included State Championships in 1981 and 1985. Kovalsky would eventually move to the varsity level where he served as Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator into the early 2000s.

On the diamond, Kovalsky was a 23-year Ewing High School assistant coach before leading the Blue Devils baseball program to five straight winning seasons as head coach prior to retirement.

Kovalsky is a member of both the Washington High School Wall of Fame and the Ewing High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Kovalsky’s wife Eileen was a Teacher of Health and Physical Education for the Ewing Schools from 1985 to 2012.

The entire Ewing School Community joins together to share our condolences and sympathies with Kovalsky’s family and friends.

The viewing will be Monday, September 9th, 2019 from 2:00PM-4:00PM and 6:00PM-8:00PM and Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 from 9:00AM-11:00AM at the Princeton Community Church, 2300 Pennington Road, Pennington, New Jersey 08534. Service will take place on Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 at 11:00AM. Burial will follow in Harbourton Cemetery.

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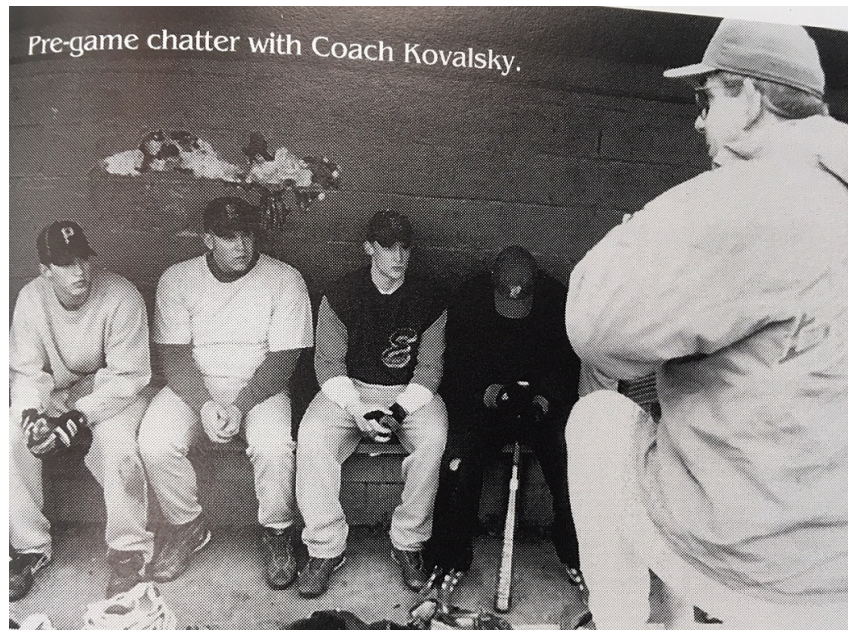


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Please see link to Mr. Kovalsky's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/trenton/obituary.aspx?n=james-howard-kovalsky&pid=193820200>



James Kovalsky (center right, green shirt) with the EHS 1985 State Championship Football Team.



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