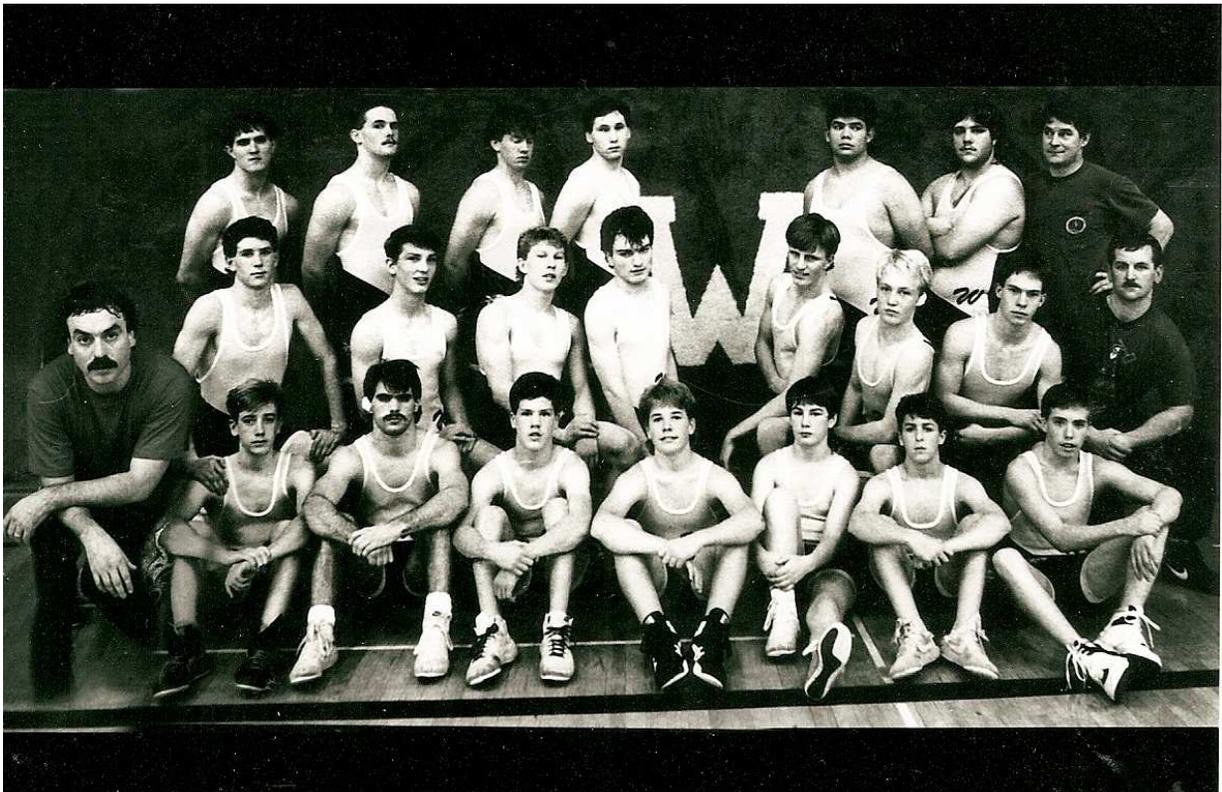


## Hall of Fame - Class of 2008

### 1990 State Dual Meet Championship Wrestling Team

Under the direction of Coach Dennis Warren, with assistance from Chuck and Dave Bergerson, this team accomplished a feat that many consider to be more prestigious than winning the State Tournament at the end of the season. While a few individuals can win the State Tournament, this title takes a true team effort, requiring outstanding performances from every team member in order to win. In addition to the Dual Meet Championship, the Warriors also won the Waldport Invitational, the Joseph Invitational, the Astoria Invitational, the Vernonia Invitational, both Warrenton Invitationals and the District Meet on their way to a third place finish at the State Tournament. Their dual record for the year was 18-0, which included a win over powerhouse Lowell. Warrenton handed them only their second defeat in a Class 1A dual in the previous 25 years.

Ryan Lee (98 lb.), Curt Taylor (130 lb.), Trask Bergerson (136 lb.), and Steve (Wolf) Simmons (Hwt.) all won District Championships. Seven wrestlers qualified for the State Tournament and Trask Bergerson won his second individual state title that year. Brian Cantrell (136 lb.) and Damien Gannaway (141 lb.) were runners-up while Steve Simmons and Donny Sturgell (106 lb.) placed 4th.



**Front** (left to right): Coach Dennis Warren, Tim Ray, Brian Cantrell, Stephen Penuel, Donny Sturgell, Forest Hummell, Ryan Lee, and Eric Barber.

**Middle** (left to right): Morgan Owen, Curt Taylor, Trask Bergerson, Shane Lahodney, Tony Crowell, Damien Gannaway, Scott Watson, and Coach Jeff Corliss.

**Back** (left to right): Steve Stratton, John McDaniel, Travis Niemi, Rick Browne, Tony Guajardo, Steve Simmons, and Coach Dave Bergerson

Not pictured: Jason Bjaranson

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### Barb Balensifer - Community Supporter/Faculty

Barb Balensifer gave the Warrenton School District 25 years of service as a staff member starting in 1967, working as the secretary for Superintendents Howard Egan, Ken Sprute, and Don McCoy for the first 12 years. For the next 13 years, she worked as the Head Secretary at the high school under Principals; John Johnson, Sam Gordan, Hazen Barnard, Larry Audit, John Gustafson, and Vince Zanobelli. Barb kept things running efficiently until her retirement in 1992. She continued to serve the Warrenton community as a member of the Warrenton-Hammond School District Governing Board until her retirement from the Board in 2006.



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### LeRoy Dunn - Community Supporter/Alumni/Staff

LeRoy Dunn graduated from Warrenton High School in 1953 after enjoying a successful athletic career and serving as a school leader as Class President. He proudly served his country as a member of the Army Reserves for 24 years and during that time he also went to work for the school in 1959, acting as a custodian and bus driver for 43 years until his retirement in 2002. LeRoy is most known and appreciated for his contributions as a bus driver. At the Induction Ceremony, the crowd of almost 220 people were asked to stand up if they had ever ridden on "LeRoy's Bus". Almost three-fourths the crowd stood up. He had carried three generations of Warrenton's students to and from school, to athletic events and field trips. He had acted as referee, counselor, and father/grandfather figure to hundreds. He was a friend to all. LeRoy continues to be the ultimate "community supporter" and does it all from the heart. He never had a "job" with the school, he had a commitment and he honored that commitment to the fullest.



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### Chuck Bergerson - Community Supporter/Alumni

Charles (Chuck) Bergerson is a 1954 graduate of Warrenton High School. He has been lending a helping hand for 53 years and counting. Chuck was instrumental in helping develop a strong Wrestling program at WHS through his commitment to the Kids Wrestling teams that were implemented at the younger levels. He assisted for many years at the High School and even stepped in to act as the Head coach on two occasions (1978-79 and 1985-86) when situations arose that WHS needed a coach. He was there. As an assistant coach he was an invaluable resource for Coach Dennis Warren as they built a wrestling dynasty at Warrenton High School.

Chuck is a successful businessman, starting his own wood milling business in 1957 and owning and operating a cedar windows manufacturing plant for over 30 years. He spent 8 years serving his country in the United States Navy from 1954 through 1962 before returning to the area where he raised his family and quietly contributed to his school and community in many ways to this day.



## Hall of Fame - Class of 2008

### Ron Dyer - Alumni

Ron Dyer, a 1976 graduate of Warrenton has a long list of credentials. Some can be put down on paper, but many cannot. He was an All-State and three-time All-League football player as a quarterback and linebacker. He was selected to participate in the Shrine All-Star football game. He was a four-time All-League baseball player (Catcher/Utility Player) and a three-year starter on the basketball team. He was an outstanding athlete, but that is not why he is the first male inducted into the Hall of Fame as an athlete. He represents what high school sports is all about. He represents what class is all about. He was a very good athlete, but he is an even better person. He is a career educator, teaching and coaching in Tigard for the past 26 years and has been a role model for thousands of kids through his coaching and teaching. Ronnie has set the standard high for future inductees and Warrenton High School is proud to call him, "one of their own."



## Hall of Fame - Class of 2008

### Dianne (Davis) Burkhart - Athlete/Alumni

Dianne (Davis) Burkhart stood out as an athlete at Warrenton High School, graduating in 1979. She was the school's first female state track champion, winning the 440 yd. Dash (59.1) her sophomore year. She finished her career with three gold medals from the state track meet as she won the 100 M Dash (12.4) her junior year and ran on the winning 4 x 100 M Relay (50.5) her senior year. She was an 8-time state track meet medallist. Her school records in the 200 M Dash (25.8) and the 400 M Dash (58.2) still stand after 28 years. Dianne was also a two-time All-League performer in volleyball on two League Championship teams and the 1978 team finished third at the State Tournament. Her coach, Jessie Wallace, called her the "ultimate competitor".

In addition to her athletic prowess, Dianne has demonstrated how one can give back to her school. Few have given as much of their time, energy, and expertise as she has to make the Warrenton Schools as good as they can be. She was a driving force behind the efforts of Warrenton Kids, Incorporated as they assumed the responsibility of raising money to pay coaches from 2004-06 when District funds were not available. She continues to give of herself as a member of the Board of Directors of the Warrenton Hall of Fame Foundation. She was a founding board member of Warrenton Kids, Inc., and of North Coast Communities in Schools. Her dedication and work ethic have set an example to others and Dianne's efforts have helped provide many opportunities for Warrenton kids that might not have otherwise been available to them. Dianne (Davis) Burkhart is a class act.



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### Dwayne Huddleston - Coach/Faculty

Dwayne "Hud" Huddleston coached and taught at Warrenton High School and Warrenton Grade School from 1970-1995. He coached the baseball team from 1971-84 and his teams compiled a record of 245-115-2 and won three League Championships (1975, 1976, and 1981). His 1975, 1976, and 1981 teams all finished third at the State Tournament. In 1972 he assumed the duties as Athletic Director and served in that capacity until 1995, continuing one year past his retirement from teaching in 1994.

Dwayne Huddleston was not selected to the Hall of Fame because of outstanding "measurable" achievements as a coach. He was selected based on the intangibles. Many a former student, athlete, peer, and acquaintance will tell of what they learned from him. He was a mentor to some highly regarded coaches and educators who credit him for the lessons they learned through their associations with him. He gave his best and he expected the same in return. Coach Huddleston was there when there was work to be done. He didn't just try to "get" things done; he was there to help do them. He put in the hours and effort to make things happen. The High School Baseball Field is name "Huddleston Field" in his honor to thank him for his efforts. Much of the modern day direction of the Warrenton High School athletic program is a result of his guidance and sweat equity. Referred to as "Hud" by all who know him, Dwayne Huddleston is a teacher in every aspect of the word.



## Hall of Fame - Class of 2008

### Jon Rowley - Career Accomplishment/Alumni

Jon Rowley graduated from Warrenton High School in 1961 and spent years developing and discovering his unique talent. His involvement with the fishing industry since high school led him on a path that took him to the top and he has been there for almost 30 years. After attending Oregon State University, Reed College, Sorbonne College he owned and operated a restaurant and traveled for several years before he discovered his true calling. In 1980, Jon ordered fish at a high-end restaurant in Seattle. He ordered fish and decided to send it back to the kitchen without even tasting it. He sent it back based on its smell. He then asked to speak to the maitre d' who also happened to be the owner, the well-known and highly respected Victor Rosellini. He offer to "show" him how fresh fish "should" taste. He prepared the fish, fed it to Mr. Rosellini and then they talked. He explained to him why it tasted better and a consultant was born.

Over the next three decades he was known as a seafood-marketing wizard. He is one of the country's premier tastemaker's, evaluating fish, oysters, and fruit. He has been a contributing editor for Gourmet Magazine and was named "Disciple of Flavor" on the 2008 honor roll of Saveur Magazine who said he possessed an acute sense of taste, which is an eater's version of "perfect pitch. He is in the Oyster Hall of Fame, Who's Who of Culinary Professionals in America, and has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Copper River Salmon Fleet. He has worked with Julia Child and had his wedding covered by New York Magazine. It only makes sense that one of Warrenton's own could become famous for, and become an expert on, fish.

