



OWATONNA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

*Learning Excellence, Life Readiness, and
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OWATONNA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 16, 2018, Owatonna High School – Owatonna High School is excited to announce Marc Achterkirch as the new Activities Director at Owatonna High School. Pending board approval, Mr. Achterkirch will assume his new role on July 1, 2018.

Marc has spent his entire 23-year career as a math teacher and coach in ISD 761. He and his wife, Jill, have three children who all attend Owatonna Public Schools. Achterkirch has a B.A.S Degree in Math Education and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. He is currently working on his Specialist Degree in K-12 Administration.

Marc grew up in Blaine, MN where he graduated from Blaine High School in 1990. A 3-sport student-athlete in hockey, football, and track, he went on to be a Division 2 football player and captain at the University of Minnesota Duluth. He was hired to teach math in the Owatonna School District in the spring of 1995 and began his teaching career in Owatonna in the fall of that same year. A coach for the past 23 years, Achterkirch is currently the defensive coordinator and associate head coach for the Owatonna High School football program and will continue in this same role on the football coaching staff while leading our activities department.

Achterkirch has coached both football and hockey at the youth and varsity levels during his time in Owatonna. As an assistant coach in hockey, he helped lead the program to its first and only state tournament appearance. During his tenure as a football coach in Owatonna, Marc has been instrumental in helping guide the program to six section championships, two state runners up and two state championships. As a result of his success as a coach, he has received several awards that includes the Minnesota High School Coaches Association coach of the year, the Butch Nash Award for coach of the year, and has twice been selected to coach in the Minnesota State High School League All Star Football game.

Achterkirch comes to us with a passion for activities and moving students forward academically, socially, and emotionally. Mark Randall, Principal at Owatonna High School states the following, "We are thrilled to have Marc lead our activities and look forward to his passion, enthusiasm, organization and leadership. Marc's focus has always been on doing what is best for students and we look forward to him bringing this type of leadership to our activities department. Marc is simply an outstanding individual and we are thrilled to have him on our leadership team at Owatonna High School." A leader in the classroom and on the field, he will continue to be an advocate for all students who participate in any activities, to promote strong academic excellence and to provide our students with a well-rounded education.

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