

## Remembering Dale Schrank

On Sunday, November 14, 2021 the Greenfield Learning Community lost a coach, long-time community advocate, and colleague. Coach Dale Schrank passed away surrounded by his family and loved ones yesterday afternoon. Dale, a former Greenfield High School swimmer himself (Class of 1971), began coaching in the fall of 1970. He spent three high school seasons as a volunteer assistant to Greenfield's Erv Straub in the 1970's. Coach Schrank coached over 50 seasons of high school swim with Greenfield, Whitnall, Waukesha West, and Marquette high schools. He has coached hundreds of individual state champions, relay state champions and over 50 National Top 16 qualifiers in his illustrious career.

In his most recent WIAA High School State Swim Meet, on February 6, 2021, Coach Schrank had five state champions, 8 All-Americans, and saw senior, Emilio Perez, set two new state records in the 50-Freestyle and the 100-Butterfly.

Coach Schrank was a true Hustlin' Hawk and a huge advocate for building the Greenfield Natatorium. Dale knew the importance of having a pool in the Greenfield Community that could be used by the District, Greenfield Park and Recreation and other swim organizations.

Dale was happiest poolside, working with the young men and women to develop them as student-athletes, swimmers, and young people of character. Whether leading our GHS co-op swim programs to multiple conference championships and state tournament appearances, directing many swim clubs, or giving swim lessons to beginners, it was always about encouraging and challenging children to learn, grow, and succeed.

Coach Schrank will be deeply missed and the Greenfield Learning Community appreciates the key role he played in the lives of our students, families, alumni, and the Greater Greenfield Community.



