

# Sanderson doesn't forget his Stouffville upbringing

Peter Sanderson affectionately looks back on the good years at Summitview and Orchard Park public schools and Stouffville District Secondary School.

Even then, he was involved in all aspects of athletic activities offered at elementary and secondary levels.

Little did he know the combination of sports and academic excellence would take him to the ultimate in scholastic achievement, a vice-principalship and several Ontario titles.

It was following graduation in 1969 from SDSS, that Sanderson went on to obtain his teaching degree and a vice-principal's post at Fenelon Falls. Later, he would spend five years at I.E. Weldon High School and one year at Parkview Public School, both in Lindsay. In 1996, he was called back to Fenelon Falls where he serves today.

Sanderson's coaching career at Fenelon Falls has included soccer, volleyball, basketball and track and field.

His list of accomplishments are long and include: an Ontario bantam baseball championship; an Ontario intermediate baseball championship and an Ontario juvenile basketball championship.

For several summers, he drove from Lindsay to coach four Stouffville teams to fastball titles. His greatest thrill was coaching two championship clubs on which sons Luc and Josh were players.

"Winning a championship is always special, but when family members are involved it's extra-special," he says.

Luc is currently enrolled at the University of Western Ontario while Josh



Jim Thomas

attends the University of Guelph.

Sanderson's involvement goes beyond on-field coaching duties. He's a director with the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association and convenes an 18-team midget league.

Wife Jan, also a teacher, is equally active in sports including tennis and golf. She's a member of the Lindsay Boys and Girls Club and a director with the Lindsay Hall of Fame board.

The value of athletics at the secondary level is immeasurable, he says.

Due to labour unrest at Fenelon Falls High and many other schools, staff participation in extra-curricular sports has dwindled to five per cent.

"It's a very sensitive, emotionally-charged issue," he says. "No matter what the outcome, things will never be the same."

Sanderson says he owes much to support received from his parents plus coaching assistance provided by the physical education staff at Stouffville District Secondary School.

"Those were good years," he repeats, "years I'll never forget."



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