

JIM MURRAY, COACH & ATHLETIC DIRECTOR 1997-2014



Jim Murray coached the Mustang hockey team for fifteen years, 1996 to 2011. During that time, Coach Murray compiled an overall record of 239-120-14. His teams won ten conference titles and 6 regional titles. A major source of pride for Coach Murray is the academic achievement of his teams. At one point, he had seven straight years where his team earned Academic All State honors. He had players move on to college to play Division I, Division III and Club hockey. Coach Murray is quick to point out that the successes of the Mustang hockey teams were a result of outstanding coaches and parents and also having the opportunity to coach terrific players. Prior to coaching the Mustangs, Coach Murray was an assistant coach at Western for seven years. He played hockey at Michigan Tech, winning a national championship in 1976. His 1976 championship team is a member of the Michigan Tech Hall of Fame.

Greatest thrill in Athletics: *“Running into former players and hearing how they benefitted from Mustang Hockey and beating Mona Shores in the Regional Championship in _date_____”*

Portage Central Coaching & College Honors

Hockey

- Head Hockey Coach for 15 years from 1997 to 2012
- Overall record of 239-120-14
- 10 Conference Titles
- 6 Regional Titles
- 7 consecutive Academic All-State Teams
- Jim was instrumental in starting the Portage Classic Game between PC and PN. The proceeds of this game go to the Portage Rotary for a scholarship to Portage seniors.



Other Accomplishments

- Served as PC Athletic Director from 2010-2014.
- Started the PC/PN Coop Alpine Skiing Team
- Co-Coached the boys and girls Golf teams for two years

Personal Achievements

Jim played hockey at Michigan Tech University for four years. Included were two WCHA Championships. Also, as captain his senior year, he helped lead the team to the 1975 National Championship. This team is in the MTU Hall of Fame.