

SOUTH MILWAUKEE TO NAME MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM AFTER LONG-TIME ATHLETIC DIRECTOR JIM TEFF

At its November 28, 2012 Board Meeting, the South Milwaukee School Board approved the naming of the South Milwaukee Middle School's gymnasium as the "Teff Gymnasium." The naming ceremony will formally take place on Friday, February 8, 2013 as Cudahy High School takes on the South Milwaukee Rockets in Boys' Basketball at 7:30pm in this historic venue. The naming ceremony will take place in the middle school gym (entrance through Door #34 in the back between the high school and middle school) immediately following the Junior Varsity game (approximately 7:10pm). Please consider attending!

The Teff Gymnasium is currently the gym for the South Milwaukee Middle School, but it was the South Milwaukee High School gym from 1960 to 2003. It still is the home site for Rocket wrestling, Rocket swimming, and occasional Rocket boys' and girls' basketball games.

Jim Teff taught physical education at South Milwaukee High School, and spent 34 years working in the gym being named after him. He coached football, wrestling and track at South Milwaukee from 1967-'75 and was the school's athletic director from 1973 until his retirement in 2001. After retirement, Jim remained active with the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). He was president of the NIAAA board of directors in 1990 and was inducted into the NIAAA's first hall of fame class in 2009.

Jim Teff was a legend. He had a tremendous impact on thousands of student athletes. By naming this gym after him, current and future Rocket coaches and teachers will be able to use Jim as a shining example of what hard work, dedication and integrity mean for thousands more.

A memorial fund has been set up in the name of Jim Teff. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Ante Udovicic at 414-766-5070 or send to:

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