

William Perry



Bill, a 1978 graduate, was a football and track star at SHS. In football, he was a two-way starter and kicker. He played safety and offensive end with many interceptions, kicked field goals and extra points and boomed long kicks putting the opposition deep in their territory. He was the Marty Jordan award winner in the annual Thanksgiving game against Reading his senior year.

Bill participated in winter and spring track and was Tri-Captain of Spring/Winter track his junior and senior year. It was track that garnered him all-star status in the high jump and 45 yard high hurdles. In a spring all state meet, the relay team set a league record in the 4x100 when they finished with a time of 43.7 seconds to knock six tenths of a second off the old record set by Lexington three years earlier.

Bill, as a junior, had the highest jump in the Middlesex League with a jump of 6'2." He also won the Class C high jump event at 6'2", beating thirty-eight other schools at the Massachusetts state event. Bill was named all-league in both the 1976-77 and 1977-78 seasons; a well-deserved honor.

Representing Stoneham in Class B of the all State meet, Bill competed in the high jump as well as the relay. He easily cleared 6'6" which, at the time, was a new state and school record and gave him the lead in the event. He had previously set the school high jump record of 6'4" in a league event. He then ran the relay, which Stoneham won in a close race with Acton-Boxboro. When he returned to the high jump, two other jumpers had cleared a height of 6'6." Bill barely missed on the 6'8" height to finish third in the state event. Bill, at a Harvard University invitational event, cleared his goal of 6'8."

Bill resides in Stoneham with his family. Bill's son Sean is a middle school teacher and Director of the Stoneham High Drama Club. Bill is an executive with Wingate, a national real estate company. Bill volunteers with Boston inner-city non-profit youth organizations, most notably, Charlestown Against Drugs.