

## Tom Zahn – Assistant Coach, Sophomore



Tom Zahn is entering his 21<sup>st</sup> season coaching at Kennedy, all at the freshmen and sophomore levels. A 1970 Kennedy alum, Zahn became a high school student the year the doors opened at Kennedy High School in 1967. His graduating class was the first to attend all its years at Kennedy. Zahn was involved in many activities at Kennedy. He played guard and middle linebacker on the football team. He was also involved in wrestling, show choir, concert choir, and theater productions.

After high school, Zahn continued his football career at Luther College, where he played one season before transferring to the University of Northern Iowa. He earned a B.F.A. in Speech-Education, and a Minor in English. Zahn worked as a Machinist at Quaker Oats, retiring after 40 years.

Zahn began his coaching career coaching his son's teams in the Cedar Rapids Metro Youth Football Association. Zahn started coaching at Kennedy in the fall of 1996, as an Assistant Coach on the Freshmen team. Don Knock was the Head Coach of the Varsity at the time. Zahn later moved up to become an Assistant Coach of the Sophomore team, and has continued in that role since.

Zahn was inducted into the Kennedy High School Hall of Fame in 2002. Kennedy is a family tradition for Zahn. His wife, Becky, is also a Kennedy graduate, as are his children, Bianca and Trever. All of his and his wife's siblings are Kennedy graduates, as are most of his nieces and nephews. His son Trever coached football at Kennedy while attending Coe College. Trever is currently a teacher and coach at Pleasant Valley in Bettendorf. Zahn has three grandchildren, although none in the Kennedy district.