



## Connect With Coach Rich Johns Follow These Steps To Guide You

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade You Are In \_\_\_\_\_

Name Of Your School – City and State \_\_\_\_\_

Let A Guidance Counselor, Teacher or Principal Know That You Would Like To Have  
Coach Johns Come To Your School  
Share This Brief Bio Of Coach and What He Is Doing

**Rich Johns** graduated from the State University of New York at Potsdam in 1972 from which he has been honored by being inducted into **Potsdam's Sports Hall of Fame** and with Potsdam's **Minerva Award**, the highest honor given to an alumnus. He taught elementary and middle school as well as coaching tennis and basketball at Saratoga Springs (NY) High School for 38 years. He has been recognized with numerous awards. Most recently he has been honored with the **USTA National Starfish Award (2009)** given in recognition of his "no-cut" tennis program and his positive impact on hundreds of players, **Racquet Sports Industry** as their **National High School Coach of the Year (2010)** and the **Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation Award (2010)** for his distinguished - exceptional leadership and commitment to education and community service.

**Act With Respect Always** is a "pay it forward" movement, started in his sixth grade classes and tennis program stressing the importance of one's personal character. Looking at each person as a leader and stressing teamwork, kindness, empathy, courage and honesty, amongst other key traits, he strives to make everyone aware of their daily actions. Using a pro-active approach, Rich speaks to bullying, as well as taking care of oneself as individual hopes and dreams are pursued. Personal mission statements are also discussed.

*"Act With Respect Always" is more than just a phrase to students at Schoharie Central School. It is the school's mission and is based on a character education program designed to build respect and leadership, teach positive and constructive behavior, and help stop bullying before it starts, both on campus and off."*

*Assistant High School Principal and Athletic Director Schoharie CS (NY) – Jamie Rockhill*

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