

ART MCNALLY

I know you all remember Art McNally... our teacher and coach. He began at Central when we did and left in 1967 to become Athletic Director at Edison High. In the following year he was asked to become the NFL Supervisor of Officials and he served in that capacity for 23 years.

Art has officiated at over 3,000 football, baseball, and basketball games during his career.

In 1968 he installed the first formal training program for officials in professional sports.

In 1987, he was elected to the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame and in 1988 became the first recipient of the National Association of Sports Officials "Gold Whistle" Award.

Art tried to retire in 1991 from the NFL but they brought him back 5 years later to work during the football season and he is continuing to supervise officials to the present.

In 2002 the commissioner created the Art McNally Award to annually honor an NFL game official for professionalism, leadership, and commitment to sportsmanship.

In 2004, McNally was selected by the Maxwell Football Club as the recipient of its "Reds Bagnell Award".

Please welcome Art McNally!

[Art addresses our group]

[after Art]

Thank you Art. We have a small memento for you. The plaque reads....
From the 206th Class
Central High School to

ART MCNALLY
Teacher & Coach, 1953-1967

With gratitude and admiration
on the occasion of its 50th Reunion