

CARDINAL HALL OF DISTINCTION



John and Elaine Ranous



John and Elaine Ranous' arrival at Bangor School District in 1965 marked the beginning of their influence on generations of Cardinals. Elaine moved with the district as it grew, teaching grades 4-6 at the original school from 1965-1968 and then the new elementary school from 1968-1997, to finally lead the charge on all things Math for 6th -8th graders at the middle/high school from 1997-2001. She created opportunities for lifelong memories by organizing and supervising the 6th grade Washington D.C. trip from 1979-2001, advising Safety Patrol, and leading her 7th graders to Poynette, each year as well. Her dedication to school fundraising earned her the title of Campbell Soup Label Queen. Beyond the classroom, she enjoyed serving as a Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout Master. John claimed Math duties at the high school, along with the football and track teams, as his own. He inspired students to embrace Math in the classroom and excel at Math Team competitions throughout his 36 years at Bangor. He inspired his track ('65-'73) and football ('65-'80) athletes to greatness with words of wisdom and encouragement. When they retired in 2001, John and Elaine Ranous had devoted 72 years, collectively, to making life all about the lucky children and families they served.

"My biggest reward was seeing students become successful adults and knowing I had some small part in that." ~ Elaine Ranous

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