

Tracy High Baseball Field To Be Named After Vic Alkire

On Thursday, March 6th at 2:30 p.m. the Tracy Unified School District will be hosting a ceremony to name the Monte Vista Varsity Baseball Field after long-time coach Vic Alkire. Alkire who retired at the end of the 2022 season, was the head coach for 747 THS games dating back to the 1994 season. He assembled a 440-305-2 record and achieved numerous league titles and two South Section Championships.

Vic resides with his wife Marie in Davisburg, Michigan. They moved to Michigan immediately after the 2022 season to be closer to family. Vic has 3 children and 14 grandkids. In addition to being with family, Vic and Marie travel a lot around the region to include Canada. Vic has also picked back up a childhood hobby of collecting and trading baseball cards.

The March 6 ceremony will return the Alkires to the Monte Vista school complex where Vic taught for 22 years before retiring as an 8th grade teacher in 2009.

The naming of the field acknowledges the immense amount of effort and passion Vic put into the program during his 29 years. “I became head coach at a time when baseball was not a top sport at the school. I wanted to put it on the map and build up the program where the kids would want to play the sport and be proud of their experience in the program,” said Alkire.

“Through the help of my family and countless number of volunteers, we made significant improvements to the original ball field on campus and then at Monte Vista when the program moved over full-time in 2012. Starting our own internal fundraising program had dramatic results helping us buy good uniforms, field maintenance items, pitching support equipment, and generally making the Monte Vista fields a nice destination to play baseball.”

Vic is touched by the recognition he is about to receive from the district and the school. “As a child I just hoped I would be good enough to play youth baseball, I never dreamed I would be coaching it or be part of a very special school with 100+ years of tradition. Now to have the baseball field named

after me is a significant honor. So many people have invested a lot of effort to get the baseball program to where it is today. I hope that it continues to be successful for decades to come and gets even better. I look forward to seeing my California friends and players in March.”