

Dear Rush-Henrietta Baseball Community,

I am writing to announce that I will be stepping down as the Rush-Henrietta Head Varsity Baseball Coach. Coaching this program for the last 19 years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I cannot fully express how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to be a part of this program and to have built so many wonderful relationships with extraordinary people.

This has been one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make, but after careful consideration I have decided that it is time to spend more time with my family. My wife, Heidi, and my daughters, Jordan and Taylor, have supported me in every way imaginable throughout my coaching career. I am so appreciative of all they have done to give me the opportunity to coach this team for two decades. As with every father, when our children get older our priorities evolve. Even though I will miss coaching at RH tremendously, I am very excited to spend more time alongside my wife supporting our daughters in all that they do.

Throughout my career I have received so much support from the Rush Henrietta administration, parents, and most importantly, players. I can honestly say I have looked forward to the start of every season, and that has everything to do with the quality and character of the young men that have defined this program. I would like to thank our Athletic Director, Mr. Stewart, for his constant support as well as our JV coach, Brad Basal, for everything he has done to make this program something to be very proud of. There are not many varsity coaches in any district, in any sport, that can say they have had the advantage of working with the same JV coach for 19 years. I am uniquely fortunate and consider myself incredibly lucky to have had a friend like Brad to coach alongside my entire career.

Finally, and most importantly, I'd like to thank all of our players and alumni. You are some of the most important people I have ever known and you have always made me incredibly proud to represent this program. You are what I will miss most about coaching and I can't begin to express how fortunate I feel to have had the opportunity to work with you. Please continue to consider me a resource and an advocate and know that I am always here to support you. I am confident that the trajectory of our program is upward and have total confidence that you will continue your development as an elite level team, comprised of elite level players, but most importantly, elite level people. It's always a great day to be a Royal Comet!

Thank you for everything,

Coach Rasmussen