

**WAYNE E. BARTELS (PHS 1968; PSD TEACHER/PRINCIPAL)**

Wayne Bartels graduated from Portage High School in 1968 and during his senior year was elected class president while also lettering in football, basketball and tennis. Mr. Bartels went on to play football at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, where he also earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. He went on to earn his Master’s Degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Mr. Bartels was a teacher and principal in the Portage Community School District for 30 years. During his tenure, he accepted the position of Principal at the Rusch Junior High School was recognized as Middle School Principal of the Year by the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators (AWSA) in 1994. Mr. Bartels passed away in 2006 and four years later the Rusch Junior High School was renamed Wayne E. Bartels Middle School in his honor.