



## Meet the Athletic Council

### Jason Halpainy

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Making connections is what motivates Jason Halpainy. He is busy helping his staff create an environment where students are encouraged to become the best version of themselves. He sees a community that comes out in droves. His goal is to build a relationship with each and every student and he relishes graduation where he can honor the seniors. But, through it all, he's really just making sure he and wife, Caitlin can identify the best and most reliable babysitters for 18-month old Emma.

A Jamestown High School graduate, Jason has 19 years of service with Randolph. He served nine years as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, and became Dean of Students in 2010. A two-year stint as Assistant Principal/ Athletic Director, led him to his current position as Principal of the Jr/Sr High School. He has been in that role for five years.

The former soccer player at Jamestown, Halpainy exudes pride when he talks about his district. "Our students use Randolph Central as their platform to showcase the gains they make academically, athletically and emotionally", Jason says. "Randolph parents support their children and work with the district to model key character traits. And our staff is amazing. They have made a commitment to educate, mentor, and lead the students to academic, social, emotional, and athletic success. I am so lucky to be a Cardinal."

Jason earned an Associate's degree from Jamestown Community College where he continued his soccer play. Next came a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at SUNY Fredonia and a Master's in Reading at Walden University. He completed both his Building Leader and District Leader administrative certifications at St. Bonaventure University.

The thought of education as a profession, came to Jason early. "As a young adult, I knew that I always wanted to try and make a difference. What better way to do that than help students become great young men and women. As a building administrator, I get to help my students identify, work towards and reach their goals every day. Our students are very proud to be Randolph Cardinals. They come to school excited to learn, motivated to succeed, and support one another".

Halpainy continues, "One of the best things about my job is to call each name of the graduates before they receive their diploma. In that brief second, before I announce their name, I reflect on the time they put in at Randolph Central and I am grateful to each student for what they have done to make Randolph a great school".

Jason remembers the impact athletics had on him. In his junior year, he had the opportunity to play soccer in Europe with the Jamestown varsity team. Coach Dave Dix had his Raiders played in Italy, France, and Switzerland. He better understands the dedication and commitment of his former coaches and feels blessed to be a member of the Section VI Athletic Council, where he can keep trying to make a difference and provide opportunities and memories that last a lifetime for more students.

The Halpainy family; Jason, wife Caitlin and Emma can't wait to get back to normal with trips to zoos, children museums, visiting family in Illinois, Kansas City and other exciting adventures for soon-to-be, two year old Emma. In the meantime, Emma continues to work on her rendition of the Buffalo Bills Shout Song in preparation for football season. It might get loud in the Halpainy house. Thank goodness, they have a long list of fully screened babysitters to offer some relief. No references required.