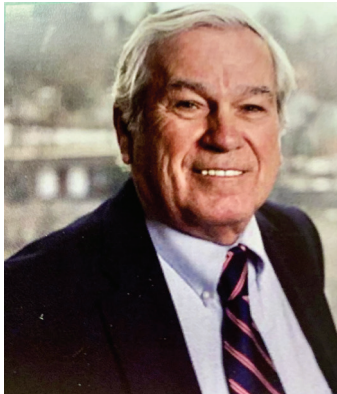




DUTCHESS COUNTY
ST. PATRICK'S
PARADE COMMITTEE



Press Release



**2022 Grand Marshal
Joseph Corrigan**

Joe Corrigan is a retired Wappinger's Central School District educator with over 34 years of experience. As a teacher, Junior and Senior High School Principal and Assistant Superintendent of schools, Joe has been molding young minds for decades. After retirement, Joe served as interim principal at Myers Corners, Evans and Vassar Road Elementary Schools. He also served as Interim Assistant Superintendent of Administration. Joe was voted "Best School Principal" in the Poughkeepsie Journal's 'Best of The Hudson Valley' series at both Wappingers Junior High and John Jay High School.

Joseph's Irish roots are founded in the County of West Meath. Joe is a proud advocate of his Irish heritage. On each St. Patrick's day, Joe would greet his students appropriately attired with the 'wearing of the green'. He would then serenade them over the school's PA system, with a traditional Irish lullaby. Yes, he adores being Irish. He often shares wonderful tales of Ireland along with stories of his families humble beginnings. He believes his Irish ancestry is responsible for strongly influencing and molding him. Joe says, "One should never stop striving to be a better person!" As the Irish blessing states, "Those who bring Sunshine to the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves".

Joe has been recognized by The Mid Hudson School Study Council with the 'Excellence in Administration Award.' He also was presented by the Southern Dutchess Exchange Club, 'The Book of Golden Deeds Award for Community Service.'

Joe's volunteer service includes past membership in The Wappinger Falls Lions Club and school district liaison with the greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce

He also served as a Trustee for Grinnell Library for twelve years.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Taconic Educational and Governmental Federal Credit Union (TEG) and is a committee member on the New Hamburg Yacht Club Golf Tournament which has raised over \$120,000 for the Wappingers Falls Meals on Wheels program.

The Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee is extremely proud to announce Joseph Corrigan as our 2022 Parade Grand Marshal