

The Best Oak Hills has to Offer: Andy Schroeder

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Imagine coming into school 2 hours before class starts every day of every week for years. That is the work ethic that Mr. Schroeder has. Better referred to as just “Schroeder” to his students, he has the dedication of a professional athlete when it comes to his teaching. He stated that “I believe in no excuses, which means I give each and every one of them all I can” when asked about his drive to help his students grow.

On top of the ludicrous amount of work Schroeder puts into being a teacher, he is also the coach of the swim team at Oak Hills. Ever widening the horizon on his “pool” of students. With all of this into account, free time is not a luxury he gets to enjoy. Schroeder makes note videos and teaches 6 different classes each day, 3 of them being different subjects of math. Regarding his free time, Schroeder said, “There’s no free time, just keep working on the to-do list.”

Growing up in high school and early college, Schroeder was convinced by the people around him to become an engineer. However, he stuck with what he wanted most and be a teacher, because to him “the rewards of working with youth are much more important than money.” This is such a wholesome mentality to have. Whether it be AP honors classes or regular level two classes, just as much work goes into enlightening the students in his classes.



On top of always going above and beyond for his students, Schroeder is the department head for the math department. Being the department head brings on more responsibilities than just being a normal teacher. One of his colleagues in the math department, Mrs. Spires stated that he “works very hard for everyone in the department” and, “He is the best department head the math department has had”. It takes one amazing person to be widely regarded as one of the most hardworking people in the building by not only your students but colleagues as well.

Mr. Schroeder has built up quite the reputation for himself as a teacher that you can have an actual relationship with. Whether he’s teaching something important or not, his students always come first. When asked about how his approach to teaching has changed, he said, “First few years I was most worried I would not get through all of the content. I took a while to realize I did not need to get through the material, my students need to learn it. I now focus on them first, then what content they are ready for.” Showing that he truly puts his students before all the due dates and expectations that suffocate most highschool students today. It’s an honorable approach that has earned him a reputation as one of the nicest teachers to have for any course he teaches.

If his character has not already become apparent through his actions and beliefs as a teacher, how about as a person in general. Schroeder is one of the most kind-hearted people

anyone could ever know. When Spires was asked about his personality, she stated that, "He is always willing to help anyone in need and listen to the ideas of others. He's a very open-minded person and does his best to understand everyone he meets". Oak Hills High School is very lucky to have a teacher, coach, and department head like Mr. Schoeder, and anyone could learn a thing or two about teaching life, or just about anything from him.