



**Buchanan Community Schools  
Hall of Fame  
2023**

*Performance in School-Related Activities*

**John J. Karpinski**



John Karpinski graduated from Buchanan High School in 1962 after earning twelve Varsity letters along with state and national recognition. His athletic ability is showcased across three sports and continued at Michigan State after high school.

Besides earning his Varsity letter four times in football, John was twice awarded Class B All-State First Team status in 1960 and 1961. John was also named Wig-Wam Wisemen All-American in 1962. He was Buchanan's only representative ever to play in the Army High School "All American Bowl" played in Texas.

John excelled in wrestling, earning Varsity letters all four years in the 180 lb. weight class. He was an undefeated Conference Champion for three of those years. His junior and senior years he was the State Champion.

Mr. Karpinski earned four Varsity letters in baseball as well. He was an excellent starting catcher. He was offered a minor league contract by the Chicago Cubs, which he turned down.

John Karpinski is perhaps one of the greatest all-round male athletes to participate in sports at Buchanan High School.