

# Charles Tarzinski

Charles Tarzinski, known to his friends as 'Tarz', gave Northridge 35 years of dedicated service as a coach, teacher, principal, and superintendent between 1932 and 1967. Tarz was born in 1907 and graduated from Steele High School in Dayton in 1926 and received his bachelor of science in education from Ohio University in 1931. While he worked as a teacher at Northridge, Tarz earned his masters degree in school administration from Ohio University in 1935 and took doctoral courses at Ohio State University.

Tarz was a coach and teacher of English, history, and physical education for 8 years before becoming principal at NHS in 1940. He guided the high school for 16 years and then finished his career in Northridge by shepherding our school district for 11 years as superintendent. During his years as superintendent, the district grew in enrollment and in buildings and was known throughout the Dayton area as one of the most desirable places to work. After his retirement from Northridge, Mr. Tarzinski worked four years at the University of Dayton as coordinator for federal programs.

Tarz was active in several professional organizations, serving as secretary and president of the Montgomery County Teachers' Association and as secretary of the Central Ohio Teachers' Association. He was later a member of the Association of School Administrators and the SW Ohio Superintendent's Roundtable.

He also contributed to the Northridge community as an active member of the Northridge Kiwanis club for more than two decades. He was especially active in the Christmas project where the club assisted needy Northridge families and on Kiwanis activities which provided our students with college scholarships and recognition for athletic or academic achievement.

He and his wife, Eloise, were married for 43 years before her death in 1979. They had two children: George, a retired English teacher at Fairmont West High School and currently a certified financial planner in Dayton, and Joan Adams, a teacher in Knoxville, Tennessee. Tarz has four grandchildren, Jennifer, Matthew, Sara, and Meaghann.

He was honored by an offer to name the middle school for him but graciously declined, adding, "It would be too much for the cheerleaders". His contributions to education in Northridge are now recognized with his induction into the Hall of Fame.