

J. L. Horton

Mr. Horton began serving as principal of Herculaneum High School in the fall of 1964. A graduate of Arkansas State University, where he lettered in baseball and basketball, he served as a high school principal for 27 years. The last twenty years of his career were at Herculaneum High. Mr. Horton brought a rare blend of strict discipline and compassionate caring to Herculaneum. He set a tone and expectation for excellence in education that resonates today in our district employees of whom he molded and inspired. He demanded respect and order from every student at HHS. He was consistent and fair, and ran a very disciplined school in times when cultural mores were changing and families were fracturing. Mr. Horton had a remarkable attention for detail; no problem was too minor to be corrected.

Throughout his tenure at the high school, he took interest in the history of our district. Herculaneum was his; he cared for it and it showed. Mr. Horton retired in 1984, but his legacy lives on in the many lives he touched.