

Beautiful People: Bob Vitti

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Question: Who in Port Chester knows Robert C. Vitti?

Answer: Any Port Chester student, former or current that has picked up a musical instrument.

Bob Vitti is a larger than life kind of guy. For over 35 years Mr. Vitti, or Vitt as he is called by those who know and love him, has been the driving force behind the nationally renowned Port Chester High School Marching Band, aka The Pride of Port Chester. Bob Vitti has been working for the Port Chester School District since the early



1980's. He has directed the band with a determination and enthusiasm that is catchy and respected by his students, band parents, residents of Port Chester and surrounding communities.

Bob Vitti is no stranger to marching band. He has been involved in marching music for several decades. His career has taken him from his performance career in the 1960's in the Greenwich Boys Club Drum and Bugle Corps, moving to the Byram Connecticut Stateliners to being a member of the Hawthorne Muchachos; to instructing the World Champion Syracuse Brigadiers Drum and Bugle Corps; to his involvement as the Caption Head for the New York Skyliners, Connecticut Hurricanes, The Westchester Brassmen, and The Saints Brigade.

There is something about Bob Vitti that just reaches you when you talk with him. He genuinely cares for his students. He sits and talks to them. He listens to what they have to say, what they are going through. The kids in Port Chester, they come from all walks of life, Bob takes an interest in each of them. He refers to them all as his kids. Generations of students and now parents have interacted with this man. He is the truest meaning of the word success.

Though a few health obstacles have at times slowed him down, his determination and will always bring him back to his kids.

Port Chester salutes you, Bob Vitti. Thank you for your dedication and the positive impact you have had on the children of Port Chester, their families and the community.

We now march alongside you.

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