John Machacek moved from Milwaukee to Slinger in 1951 and attended St. Peter's Catholic School from 4th-8th grade. He then attended Slinger High School from 1955-1959.

John played all 4 years on the football, basketball, baseball and volleyball teams, earning numerous letters. He played shortstop, 3rd base and pitched for the baseball team. During his freshman and sophomore years, he played center linebacker and safety on the football team. He was quarterback during his junior and senior years. He was part of the football team that, for the first time in Slinger history, became conference champions. He was a guard on the basketball team, participated on track and field and a variety of intermural sports. In his senior year, John was named to the Scenic Moraine all-conference team for both basketball and football.

John played and lettered in band with his alto sax. He played in the pep, dance, marching and concert bands. He was elected class Vice President his junior year and served as student council Vice President his senior year.

John retired after 40 years as the Cost Accounting Manager at the West Bend Company. During that time, he played on the company basketball team and won the West Bend City Basketball tournament.

John made strong bonds through sports that turned into lifelong friendships for over 60 years. He would like to thank his family and friends for their support.

Thank you to the Slinger High School Athletic Hall of Fame for this recognition.