

Josh Tubbs, a senior defensive lineman, was named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's all-state team in 1998 and received a football scholarship to the University of Houston. He also excelled in track and field winning the discus at the prestigious Texas Relays and placing sixth in the state in the shotput as a senior. He was all-conference at Texas State for 3 years.

Josh was born on Nov. 27, 1980, in Los Angeles CA to Rocky & Ruth Tubbs and was one of four children. The family moved to Belton when Josh was in the 6th grade and he attended Belton Jr. High School and Belton High School, graduating in 1999. Josh played several sports as a youth but concentrated on football and track & field at Belton.

Tubbs threw the shotput and discus for the Tiger track team and had a personal best shotput of 56'2.5" at the A&M Consolidated meet as a junior in 1997. As a senior he won the discus (170'9") at the Texas Relays in April of 1998 and had a personal best of 186'9" (just short of the school record of 189'9.5") at the A&M Consolidated meet. He won the shotput (55'2") and discus (174'7") at the District meet and finished second in the shotput (at 54'1") at the Region IV track meet but failed to place in the discus as he scratched on all three attempts. He was sixth in the shotput at the state meet with a throw of 55'4".

In football Josh started as a 265 lb. sophomore as a defensive lineman and TE and FB on offense on the 1996 Tiger team that was 0-10 in the school's first year in 5A. As a junior in 1997 Tubbs was a 275 lb. DT and TE on the (second year 5A) 1997 Tiger team that was 2-8. Josh was a 6'2", 280 lb., defensive and offensive lineman as a senior for the 1998 Tiger team that was 8-5 on the year, defeated Austin Travis 14-12 in Bi-District and Hays Consolidated 28-21 in the Regional, and lost 16-14 in the 4A Division I state quarterfinals to Alice. During his senior season Tubbs made 77 solo tackles and 56 assisted tackles and had five caused fumbles, three fumble recoveries, two blocked kicks, 10 sacks for a minus 66 yards and 15 tackles for losses.

After his senior season of football Tubbs was named as a 2nd team all-state defensive lineman by the Texas Sports Writers Association (Tiger teammate Brad Bartz, a defensive back, also made the 2nd team defensive team giving the Tigers two players among the top 22 defensive players in 4-A). Tubbs was also named 1st team 25-4A all-district and District MVP on defense; Academic All-District; 1st team Super CenTex by the Waco Tribune; 1st team all CenTex by the Austin American Statesman; 1st team all CenTex by K-EYE-42; and all-state honorable mention by the Texas Coaches Association. In Aug. of 2005 the Killeen Daily Herald named Josh Tubbs as named honorable mention on its All-Time Centex defensive team.

Tubbs was recruited by Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, and TCU and signed with the University of Houston where he redshirted in the 1999 season. Josh was named freshman All-Conference in 2000; led the freshman team in fumbles caused and fumbles recovered and was 2nd on the team in sacks and QB pressures; held the "powerclean" weightlifting record; and made the Dean's list and the 3.0 Club; and won the freshman academic

excellence award. He transferred to Southwest Texas State University for his soph year of 2001 where he was an all-conference defensive tackle for 3 years (2001-2003). After college he played two years for Shreveport in the Arena League. In 2009, Josh Tubbs, 29, lived in Belton with his wife, Maria, and had his own insurance company.