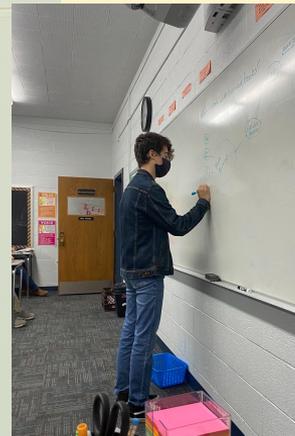
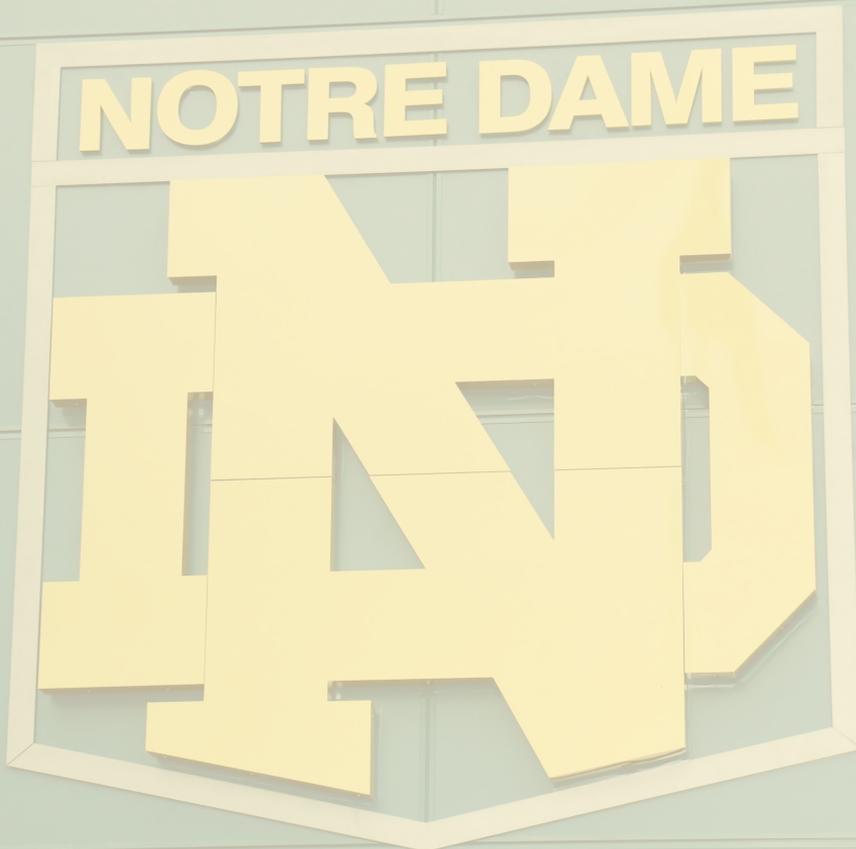


# ND is Back to School



The Notre Dame Newsletter: Fall 2021

# A message from Principal Bianco

Dear Families and Friends,

We are so excited to be back in school for the 2021/2022 school year. We continue to provide our students with 5 day in person instruction and are committed to maintaining compliance with COVID 19 protocols in a least restrictive manner. Thanks to our dedicated faculty and families that expect their children to challenge their potential and do so in a mutually respectful manner we continue to celebrate the following:

- **A diverse school in which the learning environment is physically and emotionally safe.**
- **Academic Excellence**
  - #1 school in the tri-county region for 17 consecutive years
  - 100% graduation rate
  - Ranked Top 10 in Western NY for Math and Science
- **Small school with large school opportunities**
  - 18 Interscholastic sports teams-long legacy of excellence including 89 sectional championships
  - Band, chorus, and drama program
  - 23 extracurricular clubs
  - Senior class trip and grade specific retreats
- **Senior class (34 students) earned 4.6 million in scholarships**
- **Seniors can graduate with up to 32 college credits completed**
- **Financial aid and scholarships awarded to over 80% of our students, making the Notre Dame High School experience accessible to all**
- **Diverse student population in regards to race, religion, and learning readiness**
- **Full-time, dual certified Special Education teacher on staff to support all students with learning needs (IEP's, 504's, etc.)**
- **Strong commitment to our school by our alumni and friends. We raised over 4 million dollars in our recent "Faith in the Future" Capital Campaign initiative.**
- **Major facility upgrades throughout the campus**
- **5 Day in Person Instruction throughout the 2020/21 school year**
- **Addition of a 7th and 8th grade wing focused on academic excellence and mutual respect**
- **Exemplar Scholarships for grades 9-12 students with a 90% + GPA**
- **Honors Scholarship for grades 9-12 for students with a 85-89% GPA**
- **Continuous upgrades to instructional technology**
- **Accessible to students from 21 school districts in the GIOW Region and portions of Monroe County**



As you are aware we are dedicated to continuously improving all aspects of our school and we welcome your feedback as we continue the journey toward perfection! Please contact me with any questions or concerns.  
Respectfully,  
Wade Bianco, Principal

# Homecoming 2021

**HOME COMING 2021**  
**Saturday, October 9th**  
**COME JOIN US**

11:00 AM: Class of 1981 Year of Home Doves High School led by Board of Trustee President, Joe Tracy, Sr. & Mesage, Wade Brown.  
Please meet at the front entrance.

12 Noon: Celebration of the life of Paddy MacDonogh, Sr. '05.  
Prayer Service led by Deacon Mark Coleman, '76.  
Please meet at the flag pole.

1:00 PM:  
Home football game  
ND vs Alexander

Half Time: Commemorative Ceremony honoring Coach Bill Sutherland.  
Please report the Bill Sutherland Field at 1:45pm.

Please join us on this special day in Notre Dame history.  
If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Kate Edwards (Director of Advancement) or Mike Basso (Coach).



## Daily Themes:

Monday: Sports' team

Tuesday: Decades day

Wednesday: Country Club

Thursday: Holiday theme

Friday: Class color day



## Notre Dame family remembers Ricky Mancuso Jr.

The memory of a beloved Notre Dame High graduate lives on in the hearts and minds of his family and friends – and in a tree planted in his name in front of the Union Street school's main entrance.

ND Principal Wade Bianco and Deacon Walter Szczesny presided over a ceremony dedicating a tree in honor of Ricky Mancuso Jr. (Class of 2005) on the front steps of the school before Saturday's Alexander at Notre Dame "Homecoming" football game.

Ricky, (*photo at right*), son of Rick and Julie Mancuso of Batavia, passed away on Dec. 27, 2020 at the age of 33.

"This was an unbelievable testimony to the Mancuso family who have meant so much to Batavia and especially Notre Dame High School," Bianco said. "The turnout was fantastic; the front lawn was full of people."

Bianco said the ND teachers and staff contributed to the purchase of the tree.

*Submitted photo.* Members of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team were among a large gathering Saturday that honored Ricky Mancuso Jr.

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# Homecoming 2021

On Saturday, October 9, 2021, a large crowd of family, friends, former players and alumni gathered to honor the memory of Bill Sutherland. Bill was a man whose contributions to Notre Dame High School spanned six decades. The formal ceremony was to name our football field **The Bill Sutherland Field**. Among those in attendance were Bill's wife Melanie '70, son Billy '96 (& wife Ashley), his daughter Jennifer '00 (husband Kevin '98, their children Nora & Patrick) as well as Bill's brothers & sisters: Kathy '69, Ann '71, David '80, Mary '84, and Jimmy '86 (children: Jack '16 and Melanie '18) as well as numerous other members of Bill's extended family..

The name, Bill Sutherland, and his famous nickname "Sudsy, were synonymous with Notre Dame for 41 years. Coach Sutherland was recognized throughout the Genesee Region, Section V, and the Monsignor Martin Association for his coaching prowess, the preparation of his teams, and the way his teams competed. During this time, Bill helped shape the hearts and minds of Notre Dame's students as a coach, teacher, and administrator. As a coach, Bill was known for his love of his players and his desire to see them excel on the field, in the classroom, and most importantly, in life. Coach Sutherland was renowned for his fiery intensity and his ability to motivate his players like few coaches could. The result of this was a stellar coaching career that included 7 Genesee Region Football titles, 13 Genesee Region Baseball Titles, 2 Bishop Smith Baseball Championships, 4 Section V Championships in baseball, 7 Section V Baseball Championships, and his golf teams captured 3 consecutive Section V Golf Championships. Altogether, Coach Sutherland led teams were victorious a remarkable 14 times in 16 Championship game appearances.

What is often lost, when discussing Bill, is that he was an excellent teacher who motivated students to perform at high levels. Coach Sutherland's Global students' passing percentages and mastery levels were annually at the top of the GLOW Region. Just as a coach recognizes his teams' areas that need to improve, Bill excelled at identifying where his students were struggling and then finding ways to help them understand and improve their performance level. He did the same outstanding job preparing his students for their "championship game", the Global Regents, that he did readying his teams for Sectional championship games with success rates that were eerily similar.

Bill also was an outstanding athlete at ND, and in 1995, he became the only person inducted in the Notre Dame Athletic Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach. In 2007, Section V recognized Bill's successful career by inducting him into their Football Hall of Fame.

As a result of the many accolades listed above as well, as those time didn't allow to be mentioned, the Notre Dame Board of Trustees, Administration, Athletic Department, and most importantly our Notre Dame school community, including his classmates from the Class of 1967, determined that the naming of our football field is a fitting tribute to Bill Sutherland who dedicated so much of his life to Notre Dame and her students with much of that time spent on our football field. So going forward, the Notre Dame Athletic Field will now be known as the Bill Sutherland Field.



# From the Advisement Office

## ATTENTION ND SENIORS

### College Application Timeline: 12th Grade (College Board Recommendations)

#### Fall

- **Narrow your list of colleges to between five and 10.** Meet with your Adviser (**Mrs. Gomez**) about your college choices and, if you haven't done so yet, download college applications and financial aid forms. Plan to visit as many of these colleges as possible.
- **Create a master list or calendar that includes:**
  - Tests you'll take and their fees, dates, and registration deadlines
  - College application due dates
  - Required financial aid application forms and their deadlines (aid applications may be due before college applications)
  - Other materials you'll need (recommendations, transcripts, etc.)
  - Your high school's application processing deadlines
- **Ask your Adviser** to help you request a fee waiver if you can't afford application or test fees.
- **Take the SAT® one more time:** Many seniors retake the SAT in the fall. Additional course work since your last test could help you boost your performance. Plus you already know what to expect on test day.
- **Be sure** to have your SAT scores sent to the colleges you're applying to.
- **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** To apply for most financial aid, you'll need to complete the FAFSA. Oct. 1 is the first day you can file the FAFSA.
- **Prepare early decision/early action or rolling admission applications** as soon as possible. Colleges may require test scores and applications between Nov. 1 and Nov. 15 for early decision admission.
- **Ask an Academic Adviser and teacher for recommendations** if you need them. Give each teacher or counselor an outline of your academic record and your extracurricular activities. For each recommendation, provide a stamped, addressed envelope and any college forms required.
- **Write first drafts** and ask teachers and others to read them if you're submitting essays. If you're applying for early decision, finish the essays for that application now.
- **Complete** all college applications by Thanksgiving.
- **Complete the transcript request form for your Adviser** to send your transcripts to colleges. Give your Adviser the proper forms at least two weeks before the colleges require them.

## ATTENTION ND SENIORS

### College Application Timeline: 12th Grade (College Board Recommendations)

#### Winter

- **Keep photocopies** as you finish and send your applications and essays.
- **Have your high school send a transcript** — it is sent separately by mail to colleges if you apply online to colleges.
- **Give the correct form to your Adviser** if the college wants to see second-semester grades.



#### Spring

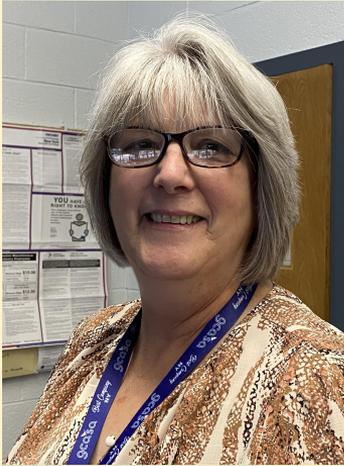
- **Keep active in school. If you are wait listed,** the college will want to know what you have accomplished between the time you applied and the time you learned of its decision.
- **Visit your final college before accepting.** You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April. Notify your counselor of your choice. If you have questions about housing offers, talk to your admissions counselor or call the college.
- **Inform every college** of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid by May 1. Colleges cannot require your deposit or your commitment to attend before May 1. Talk to your counselor or adviser if you have questions.
- **Send your deposit** to one college only.
- **Take any AP® Exams.** Show what you've learned in your AP classes. A successful score could even earn you credit, advanced placement, or both in college.
- **Waitlisted by a college?** If you intend to enroll, if you are accepted, tell the admission director your intent and ask how to strengthen your application. Need financial aid? Ask whether funds will be available if you're accepted.
- **Work with an Admissions counselor** to resolve any admission or financial aid problems.
- **Ask Advisement office** to send a final transcript to your college.
- **Review your financial aid awards:** Not all financial aid awards are the same, so it's important to choose the aid package that's best for you and your family. Be sure to note what you have to do to continue receiving financial aid from year to year, and how your aid might change in future years

# GLOW with Your Hands

**GLOW with Your Hands** is a hands-on career exploration event for **GLOW** region students, highlighting high-growth & high-demand careers in **Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Skilled Trades**. Students can participate in a variety of activities including **welding, bricklaying, electrical wiring, heavy equipment operation** and much **MORE!**



## A few new faces at ND



Hello. My name is Carol Nicometo; I am a Prevention Educator and Student Screening and Referral services from GCASA (Genesee Council on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse). This year I will be taking the place of Sheila Harding and I am looking forward to serving the parents and students here at Notre Dame.

## A few new faces at ND



My name is Mrs. Antinore. I am so excited to teach 7th grade ELA at Notre Dame this school year. I have a Bachelor of Science in Education with dual certification in General and Special Education from Geneseo State University. I have a Master of Science in Education with a concentration in Interdisciplinary Arts for Children from Brockport State University. I taught for the Batavia City School District for eight years. I stepped away from the classroom to raise my small children and focus on a business that I co-own. I co-own Center Stage Dance Company, in Batavia, along with my sister. I have taught dance to children of all ages in our community for 19 years and I'm excited to begin our 20th season. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to re-enter the classroom setting at Notre Dame to teach 7th Grade ELA. Teaching is a passion of mine and ELA is my favorite subject. I have two children, Chase (grade 7) and Jay (grade 10), who both attend Notre Dame. My husband, Sam, can be seen around many different sporting events. He helps coach ND baseball and football. I love to dance and my husband and boys love sports. We are a very active family. I think it is important to stay active and have passions in life. I can't wait to learn all about my students/families and I'm excited for our reading adventures!



Andrew Ferris '04

Teaches Global I and Global II

Graduated from Notre Dame in 2004

A.A. in General Studies from Genesee Community College with a concentration in English

B.A. in Historical Studies from Empire State College with a concentration in Middle Eastern History

Currently enrolled in MAT program at Empire State College and will have my Masters degree in 2023

I have coached Notre Dame Modified Basketball since 2018

I have 3 Children, two that go to St. Joseph Regional School

## A few new faces at ND



A native of Batavia, Josh is incredibly excited to be back teaching in his hometown this year. Before taking over as music teacher at Notre Dame, Josh taught band at Olmsted High School in Buffalo. Prior to that, he worked as a music teacher in Leroy and Batavia. He is a graduate of the music department at Buffalo State College as well as the theatre department at Genesee Community College. When he's not teaching, Josh performs as a trombonist in a number of local groups, including the Batavia Swing Band, Mark Time Marchers, and the orchestras for various local shows. He is also the librarian and assistant conductor for the Batavia Concert Band.



My name is Corinne Armison and I have been teaching and tutoring math for many years. I have been married for 6 years and we have a 10 year old daughter and a 5 year old son that both attend school in Batavia. I grew up in Waterloo, NY and received my degree in mathematics education at SUNY Cortland. I am on the Batavia Soccer Club Board and love all things sports!

## A few new faces at ND



I lived near Angola NY, south of Buffalo, until I was 14 and then in the Syracuse area. After high school, I went to Cayuga Community College then the University of Rochester, and Syracuse University for grad school. After that, I taught for a year at a college in New Jersey and then joined the faculty of GCC in 1981. Due to declining enrollments and COVID related budget issues, GCC laid a number of people off in 2020, including me. I still work for them part time. I was hired by Notre Dame this past August.

After many years in the town of Pavilion, my wife Karen and I have lived for the past 6 years on East Main Street in Batavia. Our children are all in their 30s (and out of the house) and we have 5 grandchildren.



Hello! My name is Mr. Bringenberg. I was part of the class of 2003 here at Notre Dame and then went to Niagara University to earn my degrees in Social Studies Education and Literacy. I spent the last twelve years living and teaching in Virginia and just recently moved back to the area. I currently teach American History I and II to the seventh and eighth graders here at ND. I also have the pleasure of teaching a section of American Government to the seniors. Working at ND provides me the opportunity to combine some of my favorite things; learning and laughing!

# Notre Dame Memorials

Notre Dame High School would like to extend our prayers of thanks to the families of the deceased listed below for establishing memorials to benefit our students in the names of their loved ones:

Ricky Mancuso Jr.

Celia Klein

Carol Chatt

Margaret McQuillen

Judith Thrasher

Patricia Messina

Jack Hurlburt

Michael Porter

Millie Difillipo

William Sutherland Athletic Field

Mary Anne Metz

James Sullivan

Margaret Palmer



Tax deductible gifts can be made to any of the memorials by mail to the attention of the Notre Dame Advancement Office, by phone to 585-343-2783 Ext. 106, or online by visiting [www.ndhsbatavia.com](http://www.ndhsbatavia.com). Acknowledgement of your gift will be sent to the family by our Advancement Office.

Thank you again to these families for thinking of our Notre Dame students during this most difficult time.

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