

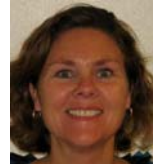
Meet the Teachers



Mr. Dave Gnadt - *Social Studies*
Currently in his 25th year in education and 14th at Dominican, Mr. Gnadt received a B.A. from Marquette and M.L.S. from UW-Milwaukee.



Ms. Amy Krzykowski - *Librarian*
Ms. Krzykowski has been the Library Media Specialist at Dominican since 2003. She earned a B.A. from UW-Eau Claire and Masters from UWM.



Ms. Pam Mueller - *Social Studies*
Ms. Mueller is in her 19th year at DHS. She earned both her B.A. and M.A. from Marquette and has studied and worked in both Spain and Mexico.



Mr. Vincent Murray - *Guidance*
In his 3rd year at Dominican and 16th in education, Mr. Murray received a B.A. in Athletic Administration from St. John's University and M.A. in School Counseling from Concordia.



Ms. Megan Renner - *Math/Technology*
Ms. Renner is in her 8th year teaching and 4th at Dominican. She earned a B.S. in Mathematics and Psychology from Michigan State University.



Mr. Trevor Russell - *English*
Mr. Russell is in his 8th year at Dominican. He also taught ESL in Central America and has a B.A. from Indiana University, an M.A. from UWM and M.P.A. from Northern Illinois.



Mr. Kevin Schramka - *Religion*
In his 2nd year at Dominican and 11th in education, Mr. Schramka earned his B.A. from St. Norbert College and M.A. from Cardinal Stritch University.



Mr. Ben Weiler - *English/Link Crew*
Mr. Weiler is currently in his 11th year at Dominican after earning his B.A. from Marquette. Mr. Weiler currently serves as Link Crew Coordinator.



Link Crew

Link Crew attempts to ease the transition from middle school to high school through supportive and ongoing interaction with upper classmen. Link Crews consist of small groups of freshmen and are led by faculty trained junior and senior students. In their small groups, freshmen will engage in a variety of programs designed to prepare them for the social and academic rigors of high school.



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Dominican KIC Program



Our Goal

The Knights Interdisciplinary Curriculum (KIC) program offers freshmen a guided transition to the Dominican community, while integrating academic experiences in four different fields of study: English, Religion, Social Studies and Technology. This interdisciplinary approach targets the development of critical thinking skills beyond traditional academic subjects, integrates technology skills into the learning process, and focuses on the study and organization skills high school students need to master a rigorous college preparatory education. Through flexible scheduling, coordinated learning opportunities and community building social activities, students will reach their full potential in a dynamic learning environment.

Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community, Partnership

Core Classes

Catholic Christianity –1credit



Through lecture, discussion, prayer experiences and other methods of study students will undertake a year long study of Catholic Christianity. This course offers an overview of the major aspects of Catholic Christianity and will introduce students to the history of Dominican High School, the Sinsinawa Dominicans, and Dominican values.



English –1 credit



Freshmen will refine basic English skills through the completion of units in composition, literature, grammar, speech, and library research. Students will spend extensive time learning the basics of essay writing and research papers. This class features classics of fiction, nonfiction, and drama from writers such as Shakespeare, Elie Wiesel, and Richard Wright. To develop creative skills, students will have the opportunity to produce imaginative writing and projects.



Integrated Technology –1/2 credit



Housed in the new *Teach and Learn Lab*, this laptop based technology class is designed to teach and reinforce computer literacy skills while integrating with other KIC classes. Students will utilize software from *Microsoft Office Suite* and *Adobe Design Suite*, along with applications such as *Windows Movie Maker*, *Google Earth* and *Prezi*.

World Cultures– 1 credit



World Cultures is a survey of selected civilizations from their inception to modern times. Students will trace the development of societies from a cultural and historical perspective in order to gain insight into the human experience. By the end of the academic year students will have a historical context for contemporary challenges ranging from the Arab-Israeli Conflict, to the Darfur Crisis and China's One Child Policy. Note-taking, research and basic writing skills will provide the structure for this exciting look at our world.

Academic Support

Guidance



The freshmen guidance counselor will assist each student with academic, personal and social topics. In addition, students will be introduced to the *Naviance* program, which will be used throughout their four years at Dominican. Freshmen will concentrate on goal setting and career research components through this multifaceted computer-based program. Learning Resource Center is also available to assist students with individualized academic needs as they arise.

Research & Academic Communication



In the 21st Century, innovations in technology have contributed to an explosion of information. It is more important than ever for students to build their information literacy skills. As Dominican, students will be introduced to the concepts of academic research and scholarly communication. In the library and *Teach and Learn Lab*, students will receive instruction and guided practice in tools and techniques that will help them identify quality academic resources and use them in an ethical manner.

