

# MEET THE COACHES

Head Coach Kurt Tippmann completes his sixteenth year with the Panthers and seventeenth year in coaching, his third year as head coach. He is also the Offensive Coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Coach Tippmann worked as a graduate assistant in the Indiana University football program for the 1995-96 seasons. He graduated from Snider in 1990 and was the captain on the 1989 team. He earned a B.S. degree in math from I.U. in 1994 and a Masters degree from I.U. in 2000. He currently teaches Math at Snider. Kurt is married to the former Martina Swenson, a 1990 Snider graduate. Kurt and Martina have three sons, Hayden, 9, Jake, 6 1/2 and Sawyer 4 1/2. Hayden is in fourth grade and Jake is in Kindergarten at St. Charles Elementary School.

Assistant Head Coach Russ Bush counts this year as his forty-first season on the Snider football staff. Coach Bush is the Assistant Head Coach and Defensive Backfield Coach. He is the senior member of the football staff and of the Snider High School coaching staff. He teaches biology at Snider. He is a 1967 graduate of Elmhurst High School and received his B.S. and M.A. degrees from Saint Francis and Purdue University, respectively. His wife, Georjean is a retired Fort Wayne Community Schools teacher and his son, Doug, is a 2002 graduate of Snider and a football alumnus. Doug is married to Christine Graham. They live in Minnesota.

Assistant Coach Bob Bergeron completes his fourteenth year with the Panthers, joining the Snider coaching staff after head coaching stints at Riverton Parke and Southern Wells. Coach Bergeron has 26 years of coaching experience. He coaches the wide receivers for the Panthers. Coach Bergeron graduated from Bishop Luers in 1980 and the University of Michigan in 1984. He was the All Big Ten Kicker in 1983-1984 and was second team All-American in 1983. He holds the career record for field goal percentage at the University of Michigan. He is married to Dr. Lisa Bergeron. She is an Indiana University Medical School graduate where she specialized in developmental pediatrics. She works for Maplecrest Pediatrics. Bob and Dr. Lisa have a son, Robby, 7 and a daughter, Mary, 5 1/2. Robby is in first grade at St. Jude's Elementary School.

Assistant Coach Quentin Bowen completes his eighth season with the Panthers. He coaches the running backs for the Panthers. Quentin is a 2001 graduate of Snider. Quentin was a great tailback during his football career. After graduation, Quentin attended Rochester Technical Community College and played football. Quentin works at Lakeside Middle School. Quentin has a daughter, Amaya, 2 1/2.

Assistant Coach Willie Burton completes his ninth season with the Panthers. Coach Burton works with the inside linebackers. Willie is a 1994 Snider graduate and a member of the 1992 State Championship team. He was an All-State defensive back and participated in the 1994 All Star game. He earned a scholarship to Bowling Green State University. Willie is a graduate of Manchester College with a degree in Physical Education. After graduating, Willie spent three years as an assistant coach for the Manchester College football team. Willie is now a fire fighter for the City of Fort Wayne. Willie has two sons, Darnell, 14 and Darion, 10. Willie is married to Audrey. They have one son, Braylon 1. Willie has one step son, Bryson Olden, a senior on the Panther football team and one special niece, Aisha, 12.

Assistant Coach Lance Cline completes his seventeenth year with the Panthers. He coaches the Offensive Line. Coach Cline is a 1989 graduate of Snider and a graduate of IPFW. He is employed by KMT Enterprises.

Assistant Coach Mike Danley completes his seventeenth year with the Panthers, and his 29th year in coaching. Coach Danley coaches the defensive tackles. A 1967 South Side High School graduate, he played in the '67 Indiana All-Star game. Mike attended Western Michigan University and graduated in 1971 with a B.S in Business Education. He earned an M.S. in Secondary Education from Indiana University. While at WMU, Coach Danley earned All MAC honors as a defensive lineman. Coach Danley brings years of coaching experience to the Snider staff. He coached at Northrop from 1972-1985. He is the DECA Coordinator at Snider. He and his wife, Christine, are the parents of a son and daughter. Brandon, a Snider football alumnus, was a student and football manager at Indiana University and is currently living in Boston working for Samuel Adams. Richelle lives in Indianapolis and is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. Christine teaches at Holland Elementary School. "Coach Mike" competed on the past season of The Biggest Loser and lost over 80 pounds. Congratulations Coach Danley

Assistant Coach Neal Davis completes his third year with the Panthers and his twenty-first year of coaching. Coach Davis works with the Wide Receivers. He earned a BS from Purdue University and an MS from Indiana University. Coach Davis has previously coached at Concordia, North Side and most recently at Hamilton Southeastern high school.



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Christina Ehle-Fails completes her twelfth year with the Snider Football Program as the Athletic Trainer. She attended the University of Indianapolis completing her B.S. in Biology with a minor in Athletic Training. She passed her National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification Exam in 1995. She attended Indiana University and completed her teacher certification in 1996. She student taught at Snider in Biology with Coach Russ Bush and served as a volunteer Athletic Trainer in 1996. She recently completed her MS in administration. Her experience includes Head Athletic Trainer at the National High School and College Cheerleading and Dance Championships from 1995-2000. She was the Athletic Trainer at North Side High School from 1997-1999. She teaches Biomedical Sciences at Snider. She also developed the Bio-Med program for Snider. She is married to Craig Fails.

Assistant Craig Fails completes his ninth season on the football staff. He is our Defensive Coordinator and Defensive Backfield Coach. This is his fifteenth year with FWCS teaching Mathematics and Science. Craig graduated from the University of Indianapolis in 1996 with a B.S. in Education and earned an M.S. in Educational Administration. Craig coached on Snider's 2006 and 2009 State Championship baseball teams. He is married to Christina Ehle-Fails.

Bob Hirschelman completes his fourth year on the Panther football staff as an athletic trainer. Bob grew up in the Philippines. He graduated from Faith Academy in 1996 in Manila and Cedarville University in 2000 with a major in athletic training and Physical Education and a minor in Health Education and Bible. He has been a certified trainer since the summer of 2000 and has been known as "Trainer Bob" ever since. Bob has been working for SportOne for the past eight years. Bob is married to Stacy. They have two children, Kyle is 8 and Cali is 6. Kyle is in second grade and Cali is in kindergarten at Maple Creek Elementary School.

Assistant Coach Geneori Hogan completes his first year with the Panthers as outside linebacker coach. He has coached for ten years, the first nine with the Harding Hawks. He is a 1992 graduate of Harding High School where he was named to the 1992 Indiana North/South All-Star team. He is currently a captain with the Fort Wayne Fire Department. He is married to Christi. They have two daughters, Kayla and Kelsi. Kayla is a sophomore at NHS. Kelsi is an eighth grader at Jefferson Middle School.

First year volunteer coach Dave Mohr works with the punters and kickers. He has been coaching in the Fort Wayne area for nineteen years. He is a 1988 graduate of Woodlan High School. He was a punter and kicker for Ball State University. He graduated from BSU with a degree in Visual Arts Education. He later pursued his coaching passion and received an MA from Ball State with a specialization in coaching. He began his coaching career at Wayne High School in 1993. While there he was an assistant on their 1995 State Championship team. He later became their head coach and remained in that capacity from 1999-2002. He then coached at his alma mater, Woodlan, with the infamous Leland Etzler and Barry Ehle from 2003-2010. He is now the Head Wrestling coach at Snider. Dave is married to Dawn. They have four daughters, Olivia, 10, Rachel, 9, Emma, 8, and Madyn, 5. They all attend Leo/Cedarville Schools.

Assistant Coach Ryan Mohrman is in his second year with the Panthers, coaching the Defensive Ends. Ryan was a great player for the Panthers in the early 90's earning three varsity letters. After high school, Ryan attended Indiana University and graduated with a B.A. in Education. He later earned a Masters degree from IPFW in Secondary Education. Ryan taught at North Side High School for the past twelve years as a Special Education teacher. He also coached multiple levels of football and wrestling at North Side. Ryan is married to Sarah who is a dietician for Fort Wayne Cardiology. They have three sons, Max, 7, Jack, 3 and Pete, 1 1/2. Max is in first grade at St. Charles. Ryan's family has been an active part of the Snider Football family. His brothers all played football for Snider and his father, Mike, a Snider alumnus is the team Doctor for the Panthers.

Assistant Coach Aaron Murphy completes his fourth season as an Offensive Line Coach. Aaron is a 2007 graduate of Snider High School and a three year letter winner for the Panthers. He is currently a student at IPFW and works at the Wal-Mart distribution center. Aaron is married to Jennifer.

Assistant Coach Donlaray Reese completes his first year as an assistant of the Panthers. He coaches the defensive backs. Coach Reese graduated from South Side High School and attended St. Francis University where he obtained his BS in Marketing. He currently runs the JAG (Job for America's Graduates) program at Snider. He has two children, Donlaray, Jr, 4 and Ava, 8. They both attend Indian Village Elementary School

Mike Schieferstein is completing his first year on the Snider staff with the defense as defensive statistician. Coach Schieferstein is a graduate of Indiana University, with a BA in Education and a MS in Education. Coach Schieferstein is currently retired. He is married to Lana. They have three daughters, Emily, Betsy and Julie, all Snider alumnus.

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Assistant Coach Tyler Sellhorn completes his third year with the Panthers and fifth year coaching football. He coaches the Tight Ends and offensive line. Tyler grew up in Rockford, Michigan then played football at Taylor University and was a GA for the Trojans. Previously he coached at Chicago Hope Academy and South Side High School. Tyler is currently working at Miami Middle School. He is married to the former Brooke Minniear, a Snider alumnus and current Panther Head Volleyball Coach. They have twin sons, Timothy and Bradley, one year old.

Assistant Coach Jeff Stanski completes his first year with the Panther staff. He assists coach Tippmann with the quarterbacks. Jeff graduated from Bishop Luers in 1992. He was the MVP of the football team in 1991 on their state runner-up team. He played two years of college football at DePauw University. He graduated in 1996 with a degree in Philosophy. He then acquired his teaching certificate in 1998 from IPFW. He coached at Bishop Luers from 1996-2000. He then coached at Trine University from 2001-2002. Then he coached at South Side from 2004-2008. Then he coached at North Side from 2009-2010 where he is now a teacher on their staff. Jeff is married to Sara. They have two children, Charlie, 7, and Sophie, 5. They both attend St. John the Baptist School.

Assistant Coach Glen Steele completes his first year with the Panthers. He coaches the Defensive Line. Glen graduated from West Noble High School in 1993. He played football, basketball and golf at West Noble. He earned a scholarship to the University of Michigan to play football. While at UM, he was a four year letterman earning All-American honors his senior year and All-BigTen honors his junior and senior years. He holds records for career TFL (45) and sacks (24) at Michigan. He was drafted by Cincinnati in 1998. He played six years for the Bengals, playing in an amazing 82 consecutive regular season games. He received the Ed Block Courage award in 2003 given to the player that overcomes injuries showing courage on and off the field.

Doug Till completes his first year as an assistant coach with the Panthers. He has been assisting with the stats for three years prior to this year. Doug is a 1996 graduate of Snider where he participated in football. He is an Indiana University graduate and currently works for TMK fund raising. Doug is married to Stacy, who is a senior loan officer for Arbor Mortgage. They have one son, Carsten, 6 who is in Kindergarten at Glenwood Park Elementary School.

Mike Till completes his ninth season with the Panthers serving as the Video Coordinator. Mike is a 1986 graduate of Snider and played football for the Panthers. Mike has five children. Julie is a Snider alumnus and former student trainer for the football team. Michelle is student at IPFW. Mark is a freshman at Snider and plays in the Mighty Panther Marching Band. Mike is a freshman on the Panther football team. Jacqueline attends St. Charles elementary school. Mike has one granddaughter.

Gail Vogt completes her eighth season with the Panthers as the Director of Football Operations. Gail graduated from Dupo High School in 1966 and graduated from TWA Airline School in 1967. Gail has been at Snider since 1987 and is currently serving as the Athletic Secretary. Her husband, Dan, is retired from Kroger Company. They have three children - Lisa, Cheryl and Andy - as well as six grandchildren, including Ryan Johnson, a Snider Panther football alumnus.

Assistant Coach Dave Welklin completes his eleventh year with the football program. He coaches the offensive line. He is a 1984 graduate of Snider and earned his bachelors degree from Indiana University in Education. Coach Welklin swam at IU under Doc Counsilman. His football experience includes coaching the offensive line and defensive ends at North Side. He also coached the defensive line at Northrop. He is currently working as an insurance agent at Leland Smith Insurance Agency. He has one son, Zachary.

Assistant Coach Ron Wilson completes his tenth year with the Panthers. Ron was an all conference player at Heritage High School. Following high school, he earned his BA in Education from I.U. Ron is married to Jennifer and they have two children. Jared is 17 and Rachel is 15. Jared is a senior captain on the Panther football team and wrestles for the Panthers. Jared served as a ball boy for the Panthers. Rachel is a sophomore at Snider and plays volleyball for the Panthers. Ron sells real estate for ReMax and Associates.



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Student Coach Matt Grabowski completes his third season as a student assistant coach. Matt is a senior honor student at Snider. Matt's duties included assisting coach Till with the video and assisting all coaches during practice with the scout team play cards. He is the son of Tom and Paula Grabowski. He attended Forest Park and Harris Elementary schools and Lane Middle School. He was born in Hammond, Indiana where his father still resides and is employed as a Hammond police officer. He and his mom moved to Fort Wayne when Matt was four. His mom is employed in the bursar's office at IPFW. Matt is an avid baseball fan and played in the St. Joe Little League and several other travel baseball teams. He is an amateur guitarist.

Student Coach Ryan McCarthy completes his first year as student coach. He is a sophomore at Snider. Ryan attended Blackhawk Middle School and played football his sixth grade year. He participated in drama as a seventh and eighth grader. He is the son of Roy and Tabitha McCarthy. Ryan plans to attend college and major in Mathematics with a goal of becoming a high school teacher and coach. Ryan has an older brother, Jacob, a Snider track and cross country alum who currently attends Grace College. Ryan has two younger sisters. Grace is a freshman at Snider who participates in swimming and track. Lindsay is in sixth grade at Blackhawk Middle School.

