

MRS. GRACE PRATT

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

(SERVING STUDENTS WITH LAST NAMES SD-Z)

MS in School Counseling (Butler University)

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St. Agnes Academy (College Point, NY)



Mrs. Grace Pratt has been at Guerin Catholic since the school opened in 2004. Grace has worn many hats during her time at the school, including serving as the first Director of Admissions. She previously worked in the Advertising industry as a Media Buyer.

WORDS TO DESCRIBE ME AS A COUNSELOR:

Committed, "Passionate" about my students' successes, and Advocate

ADVICE TO PARENTS OF INCOMING STUDENTS:

High school is a process. These four years fly by and setting yourself up for success early is important. Creating good habits—time management, getting enough sleep, limits on social media—are all super important. Freshman year is also about discovery. If a student can find that one thing that will carry them through high school—participating in theatre, a sport or art activity—and trying other things along the way—these opportunities will help them form connections and feel connected!

ADVICE TO INCOMING STUDENTS:

Take advantage of what the GC campus life has to offer—clubs, organizations, sports, campus ministry opportunities, theatre. Join something freshman year, there is no better way to meet people and feel connected. Try something until you find your niche.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME & MY FAMILY . . .

My husband Mike is a retired software executive. We have three daughters who have all graduated from Guerin Catholic. Our daughter Adriana (Pratt) Mansour '08 graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2012 and is an Emmy Award winning Senior Broadcast Producer at Good Morning America. Adriana and her husband Luke and daughter, Emilia, reside in New York City. Our middle daughter Angie '09 graduated from Indiana University in 2013 and the Erickson Institute in Chicago in 2016 with a Master's in Child Life, and is currently a Certified Child Life Specialist at New York Presbyterian-Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital. Our youngest daughter Chelsea '12 graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2016 and is Vice President of Investor Relations at L. Catteron, a Consumer Private Equity Firm in Greenwich, CT.

Some of my favorite things to do include spending time with my family, cooking, entertaining friends, playing tennis and golf, working out and running.

We attend Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish.



MY FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENT FROM MY OWN COLLEGE EXPERIENCE . . .

I traveled over 800 miles from home and knew no one among the 35,000 students on campus. It was a culturally shocking experience coming from New York City but through determination, flexibility, and being forced to grow through my struggles, it was a life changing experience for me. I joined the school newspaper, a sorority and organizations related to my major which helped me to network, gain confidence and grow in my abilities. I also met my husband Mike during my first week on campus!

FAVORITE ST. THEODORE GUERIN QUOTE *"Love the children first, then teach them."*