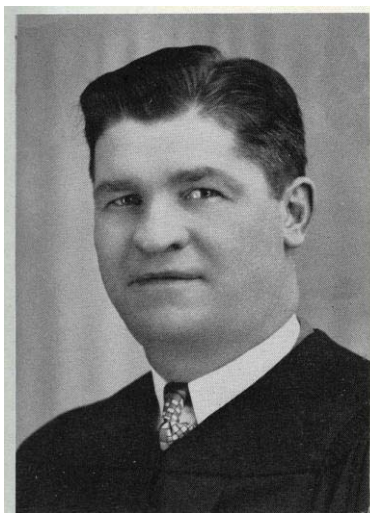


HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Mr. Edmund V. Burns

Faculty



MR. EDMUND V. BURNS

Mathematics
Varsity Basketball,
Baseball Coach

Edmund V. Burns
1949 Power Yearbook

With a faculty tenure spanning the Fall of 1944 to the Spring of 1977, there's a good chance you had him as a teacher, coach, or activity moderator. He was a mentor to young Powermen for 33 years. If there were a Mt. Rushmore of Power Memorial faculty, this man would surely be on it. Edmund Vincent Burns was born in New York City on November 9, 1912, to Irish immigrants Patrick and Ellen Burns. Ed grew up in the Hell's Kitchen area of Manhattan and attended high school at All Hallows Institute, as it was then called, where he was a three-sport letterman playing Varsity Baseball and Basketball as an underclassman before adding Varsity Football to the mix as a Junior and Senior.

After graduating from All Hallows in 1932, Ed worked for the NYC Parks Department before attending Manhattan College and New York University, where he earned degrees in Mathematics and Physical Education. His first teaching assignment was at Textile High School on West 18th Street in Manhattan, at that time the largest vocational school in the country dedicated to one industry. Mr. Burns' began

teaching at Power in September, 1944, but even before joining the faculty, he had a connection to the school. His younger brother, James, was a member of the first graduating class in Power Memorial's history, getting his diploma in 1935. Sadly, James, the navigator on a B-24 Liberator bomber, was killed in action while on a mission in the Pacific during World War II. His life and service to his country were warmly remembered in the December 1943 edition of the Purple & Gold, Power's school newspaper.

In the classroom, Mr. Burns taught a range of subjects with a primary focus in mathematics. In addition to Advanced & Intermediate Algebra, Math 10, 11 and 12, Plane Geometry, Trigonometry and Calculus, he also taught English 9, Social Studies 9, Religion, Gym and Typing. During his teaching career he served as the Mathematics Department Chairman and Director of Physical Training. Outside the classroom, he coached a variety of afterschool sports including Varsity Basketball, Varsity Baseball, JV Basketball, JV Baseball and JV Football as well as serving as Intramural Sports Moderator, Alumni Club Moderator, Math Club Moderator, and National Honor Society Moderator.

In his spare time, Mr. Burns was a director at a Knights of Columbus camp and the Stryker's Lane Community Center on West 53rd Street in Manhattan. His achievements as a varsity head coach include a third-place finish in the 1954 CHSAA Basketball Championships. Among others, he coached all-city basketball players George Yarwood and Dick Percudani, the latter becoming a Power faculty member and basketball coach himself some years later. Mr. Burns retired from coaching after the 1966 baseball season and from teaching after the 1976-1977 school year. Pre-deceased by his parents, his siblings and his wife, Mr. Burns passed away on September 13th, 2000. He was survived by his many nieces and nephews along with a legion of former students in whom he'd planted the seeds of knowledge as the longest tenured teacher in the history of Power.