



# ON EAGLES WINGS

GUERIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Summer school will be available at Guerin Catholic this year.

There will be three courses offered during a 3-1/2 week session in June. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all students (and parents on behalf of their students) to consider taking advantage of these course offerings.

### Why?

- By taking a summer school class, students earn one credit in a required course, as well as gain some flexibility in their 2009-2010 schedule – opening up the opportunity to take electives such as band, choir, art or others during the regular school year.
- This, in turn, helps the school to meet scheduling demands, maintain appropriate class size and more evenly distribute students within the building.
- It is economical. The course fee is just \$200.00 plus the cost of books.
- It helps students to recover credit in courses in which they have earned a

NC, keeping them on track academically

### What?

Courses offered this summer include:

- Physical Education I (Kinesiology) – open to all incoming freshmen, transfer students or any student needing to recover from an NC in the course
- U.S. Government – this is a required course for sophomores, but this summer course could also be taken by freshmen, transfer students or any student needing to recover from an NC in the course
- Summer Theology – this is a unique course in that it is not offered during the regular school year. This survey course will fulfill one Theology credit and thus can replace or make up for any other Theology course in the curriculum. Thus it is open to all grade levels and could benefit a student wanting to open up his or her schedule for more electives, or would allow a student to recover from a NC earned in any of our regular Theology courses.

### When?

- Dates: (M-F) Monday, June 8 through Wednesday, July 1
- Times: 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. with appropriate breaks
- In order to receive credit, a student must earn a C- or higher and must not miss more than (1) session

### How?

Forms were mailed to all families the last week of January, are available as a link on our website, or can be picked up from the main office and the guidance office.

Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity for your student. It offers a number of advantages to both Guerin Catholic and her students. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions you might have!

Rick Wagner  
Principal



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## FROM THE DESK OF FR. DALE

### Fundraising for Cancer at St. Theodore Guerin High School

Dear Guerin Catholic Community Member,

I am writing you, a member of the Guerin Catholic Community, to let you know that St. Theodore Guerin High School can no longer offer any support to the American Cancer Society or participate in fund raising that directs funds to them.

Some months ago I became aware that the American Life League (a pro-life organization) had identified the American Cancer Society as an organization that is against the protection of the unborn by its stance and support of labs that conduct human embryonic stem cell research. Research using cells from human embryos is immoral due to the simple fact that the cells are derived from aborted human beings.

To further clarify the position and practice of the American Cancer Society I contacted them directly. Their staff did confirm the fact that their official stance is open to all forms of research regardless of the moral implications and they are also funding education at Planned Parenthood clinics in the Midwest. The American Cancer Society considers Planned Parenthood a community resource and does not consider it a conflict

to the largest abortion provider in the country. Given their position and how their funds are distributed Guerin Catholic cannot support the American Cancer Society.

There is an attitude in our society that knowledge that can be gained by science and research should be sought for the possible good that can be achieved without consideration of the consequences or moral implications. This “end justifies the means” approach is contrary to basic moral principles and ignores one of the most fundamental Christian beliefs – it is God who gives life and knowledge. The knowledge and truth discovered through scientific inquiry are God’s gift but like any gift it must be exercised in moral ways. Science and technology must be used in support of the dignity and value of human life not valuing saving some lives over the destruction of others.

Our mission at St. Theodore Guerin High School is to teach young men and women that they must always consider the moral implications of their decisions. Our teaching is not only with our words but also by our example. That is why we cannot support any organization that supports human embryonic stem cell research or abortion in any way.

Cancer is a devastating disease and one that has touched the

lives of us all. We will continue to support those living with cancer, their families and programs and research that search for a cure using morally acceptable means.

There will be a cancer fund raising opportunity this spring at Guerin Catholic. I encourage all to participate to their ability. In terms of supporting research we have worked with the Cell Therapy Foundation, located here in Indianapolis. Their research utilizes adult stem cells. We will be identifying other organizations through which we can support cancer research. Finally, please pray for those living with cancer and their families. That is one way all of us can make a difference today.



If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Dale W. Ehrman  
Vice President



**“Beloved” is a wonderful success!**

# ACADEMIC NOTES

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*~Scheduling presents new opportunities and challenges~*

Though the calendar only says February of 2009, it is time to begin planning for classes that will be taken during the 2009-2010 school year. The scheduling of classes at the high school level is an involved process that takes into account the subject requests of over 400 students spread over a 5-period day and the availability of 32 teachers to teach more than 100 different courses. Adding challenge to the scheduling process are classes that are only taught once during the day or that must be taught a certain period and the accessibility of classrooms throughout the day.

New to the scheduling proc-

ess this year will be the requirement to sign up for next year's classes online. The guidance department will be meeting with each class individually to review the process and present them with the options they will need to register for classes. Students will then have several days to discuss options with parents and complete the process online. The first of these meetings begins with our current juniors on March 4, followed by the sophomores and the freshmen. Incoming freshmen parents take part in an Incoming freshmen parents took part in an Information Night on February 4, and individual family meetings will complete scheduling.

Though Guerin Catholic students generally do not have a lot of room for electives in their schedules due

to the additional requirement of Theology classes and the rigor of the Academic Honors and IB diplomas, there are opportunities to enjoy a variety of classes. Next year's freshmen will have the chance to choose an elective from one of the Fine Arts department and will be asked to rank among choices including band, chorus, art and theatre arts. This will fulfill part of the Indiana Academic Honors Diploma requirement for a Fine Arts credit as well as give students a taste for possible future classes. For upper classmen interested in taking additional electives, Guerin summer school is an option. Three classes—Kinesiology, Theology and Government—will be open to any Guerin student who wants to make up a missed credit or open his or her schedule for more electives during the



regular school year. Forms were mailed to all families the last week of January, are available as a link on our website, or can be picked up from the main office or the guidance office. Enjoy the excitement of planning for a new year!

## PARENT GUILD UPDATE

Joan Eicher  
Parent Guild Chair

### Don't Miss the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Trivia Challenge!

Join us Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> for a casual evening of competition, fun and fellowship. You are invited to put together a team or come alone...it will be a GREAT time for all! We will play 10 rounds of Trivia Challenge with categories for everyone!

- ✦ 7PM - 11PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- ✦ Must be 21 to attend
- ✦ \$25.00 per person or

\$200.00 per team of eight players

Pizza, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks and MORE

If you would like to Sponsor a table for an additional \$100.00, contact Nancy Eiker at 580-9770.

Registration forms were sent home in the all-school mailing and also available to download from the Parent Guild page of the Guerin Catholic website.

Don't miss out on this very fun event!!

### Birthday Club for 2009-2010

The Birthday Club allows parents the opportunity to publish their student's birthday in the assignment notebook for next year. Don't miss the chance to give everyone an opportunity to wish your child a Happy Birthday! Birthday Club forms were sent home in the all school mailing and are also available to download from the Parent Guild page of the Guerin Catholic website.

*Please note: The deadline to turn in forms is March 20th.*

### Parent Guild Committees are Forming for 2009-2010!

The Parent Guild needs you! We are beginning to fill up the committees for next year's Parent Guild. There are a wide variety of opportunities to help the Guerin students and staff. Please consider volunteering. Please go to the Parent Guild page of the Guerin Catholic website to download the Volunteer Sign Up form. Look over the different opportunities and let us know which one(s) you can help with. You may drop off completed forms to the front desk. We look forward to working with you to continue to make Guerin Catholic a great place!

# GOLDEN EAGLES SPORTS CALENDARS

(BOLD INDICATES HOME GAME)

Sunday 02/01/09 Crown Point Away 1:20PM

Friday 02/06/09 Hoosier League Varsity Tournament Home TBA

Saturday 02/07/09 Hoosier League Varsity Tournament Home TBA

Sunday 02/08/09 Hoosier League Varsity Tournament Home TBA

Friday 02/13/09 Hoosier League Championship Home TBA

Saturday 02/14/09 Trinity, KY Home 12:30PM

Saturday 02/21/09 Indiana State High School Hockey Tournament Home TBA

Sunday 02/22/09 Indiana State High School Hockey Tournament Home TBA

Monday 02/23/09 Indiana State High School Hockey Tournament Home TBA

Saturday 02/28/09 Indiana State High School Hockey Tournament Home TBA



## Boys Varsity

Saturday, 02/07/09 Regionals Pendleton H.S. Doors Open at 8:15AM, Wrestling starts at 9:00AM

Saturday, 02/14/09 Sem-State New Castle H.S. Doors Open at 8:00AM, Wrestling starts at 9:00AM

Friday, 02/20/09 State (Pre-lims) Conseco Field House

Saturday, 02/21/09 State (Finals) Conseco Field House



## Boys Varsity

**Friday 02/06/09 Cardinal Ritter H.S. Home 7:30PM**

Thursday 02/12/09 Muncie Burriss H.S. Away 7:30PM

**Friday 02/20/09 Lutheran High School Home 7:30PM**

**Saturday 02/21/09 Cambridge City Lincoln Home 7:30PM**

Tuesday 02/24/09 University High School Away 7:30PM

## Boy's Junior Varsity

**Friday 02/06/09 Cardinal Ritter H.S. Home 6:00PM**

Thursday 02/12/09 Muncie Burriss H.S. Away 6:00PM

**Friday 02/20/09 Lutheran High School Home 6:00PM**

**Saturday 02/21/09 Cambridge City Lincoln Home 6:00PM**

Tuesday 02/24/09 University High School Away 6:00PM

## Boy's Freshman

Monday 02/02/09 Greenfield-Central H.S. Away 6:00PM

**Wednesday 02/04/09 Knightstown H.S. Home 6:00PM**

Tuesday 02/10/09 Northwest H.S. Away 6:00PM

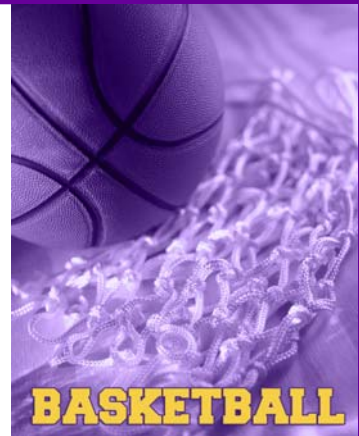
**Monday Lebanon H.S. Home 6:00PM**

## Girl's Varsity

**Tuesday 02/03/09 Broad Ripple H.S. Away 7:30PM**

## Girl's Junior Varsity

**Tuesday 02/03/09 Broad Ripple H.S. Away 6:00PM**



## TECHNOLOGY CORNER

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Our laptop refresh process has begun! All indications are that the program is successful IF the students follow the directions given to them.

Parents: A few reminders that I would appreciate you passing on to your student(s):

- The update program is NOT optional; All

laptops MUST be updated

- Students on the Mac laptop MUST store their documents, spreadsheets, and presentations in the Documents folder to ensure no schoolwork is lost in the process
- Students need to turn their laptop in ON THE DAY THEY ARE

ASSIGNED.

The schedule is published on Angel, and posted in the media center.

Updated lists will be published at Noon each Friday.

All students will have a MINIMUM of one week's notice. If their name is not on the list yet, then they are at least one week out.

-Scott



## Campus Ministry Corner

### Taking a Stand for Life

### St. Theodore Guerin High School Right to Life March

January 2009

*"The hundreds of thousands of spectators and the speakers' zeal about the importance of pro-life was exhilarating to me!"*

Meghan Gray

Guerin Catholic High School Class of 2010

*"I only hope that my actions will inspire others to speak out against injustice, especially abortion---it is up to us to make difference."*

David Nichols

Guerin Catholic High School Class of 2009



*"Our goal is that in the future every human being will be given the same chance we have been given. THANK GOD THAT OUR MOTHERS GAVE US THE RIGHT TO LIVE!!"*

Scott Craver

Guerin Catholic High School Class of 2009

*"I am so glad that Our Lord counted me worthy to serve Him alongside my brothers and sisters in faith over the Right to Life weekend, and I am gracious for the lesson in charity which I received from Our Lady's immaculate heart as I marched."*

Laura McKamey

Guerin Catholic High School Class of 2009

# 2008 Indiana High School Academic All-Stars



**Guerin Catholic Senior Joe Crawford (Top Row, Left) was honored by the Colts at a home game in December for being named to the 2008 Indiana High School Academic All-Stars! Congratulations Joe!**

## Making a Difference: Samaritan's Feet



Coach Pete Smith went "barefoot for a cause" during a game in January in an effort to raise awareness for the "Samaritan's Feet" organization.

Guerin Catholic collected over 350 pair of new shoes which will be donated to needy children around the world.



# Calendar of Events

# February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Guerin's Got Talent! Inaugural Talent Show, 7:00p in the gymnasium
8	9	10	11 All-School Mass 9:00a	12	13 Destination Jesus Setup and no school	14 Destination Jesus
15 Destination Jesus	16 President's Day (no school)	17 Math League Contest 7:00a	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Ash Wednesday (special schedule including All-School Mass) Trimester finals	26 Trimester finals	27 Trimester finals Half Day	28

## Upcoming Spirit Nights

### Spirit Day at Chick-fil-a is February 11th!

Our first spirit day is set! On **Wednesday, February 11**, Chick-fil-a will host a spirit day to benefit the Guerin Gala.

Bring in the coupon which will be coming home shortly and present it when ordering and 20% of your bill will be donated to the Guerin Gala! This is an easy and fun way to raise money for a great cause, so be sure to bring your coupon and eat breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner at Chick-fil-a on February 11th!!

Click [here](#) to download the Guerin Coupon.

### Spirit Day at Kelties is March 5!



Join us at Keltie's Restaurant in Westfield on **Thursday, March 5th from 5-8 p.m.**, for our second Spirit Day to benefit the Guerin Gala! If you've never been to Kelties, you won't want to miss this.

The food is incredible and Keltie herself is a parishioner of St. Maria Goretti! Don't forget to mention that you are from Guerin! We will see you on March 5th from 5-8 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more details