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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Emphasis on Honor

Welcome back to Guerin Catholic! We are well underway in the 2008-2009 academic school year and look forward to the opportunity to work with you in the education of our young people. And I do mean "work with you" as we as professionals know we cannot do it alone.

This year we will be putting an emphasis on living as an honorable community. How we treat one another and to what level we hold ourselves accountable go a long way in determining how successful we will be academically. We cannot fool ourselves into believing that honor and academic success are separate entities.

The students have read and signed our new Guerin Catholic Honor Code. Our faculty and

staff have done the same. Parents received a copy of the Code as part of the Student Handbook they received at Back-to-School Night. I invite all parents to read through that document and discuss it with their child(ren).

The Code emphasizes five key components of an honorable community: Open and respectful communication, integrity, pride, accountability and compassion. It serves as a guide, asking each of us to take on responsibility for living honorably.

How does this translate into the day-to-day life of a school? It directs students to treat one another with respect and to see to it that "no one is excluded, humiliated, or unjustly criticized." It directs all of us to communicate openly and honestly, with respect for the opinions and perspectives of others. It directs us

to trust one another, to be trustworthy, and to perform all tasks to the best of our ability. It directs all of us to "humbly admit our mistakes." It directs us to hold ourselves accountable and in service to others to hold them accountable as well. And finally, it directs us to be forgiving.

The Honor Code is an extension of our mission. It simply asks us to live as children of God and "to love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39)

Thank you in advance for your support of this vision of an honorable community.

God bless you!



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GUERIN DAD'S DAY: SEPTEMBER 19

Don't Miss This Inspirational Guerin Dad's Day Event.

September 19, at 6:15 a.m., in the Guerin Cafetorium

For breakfast, fellowship, and a special guest speaker ...



Alan Williams – Indianapolis Colts Defensive Backs Coach

Alan Williams enters his eighth season as defensive backs coach of the Colts. He joined Indianapolis from Tampa Bay, where he served in 2001 as a defensive assistant.

In 2007, Indianapolis ranked 2nd in the AFC, 3rd in the NFL, in total defense. It marked the club's highest defensive ranking since 1971. It represented the club's fourth top 10 defensive ranking since moving to Indianapolis in 1984, and was one of the club's eleven top five NFL finishes since 1953. The Colts yielded 279.7 yards per game, the lowest seasonal total since 1971.

Mr. Williams graduated from William & Mary in 1992 after gaining 2,559 yards total offense (1,220 rushing and 1,331 receiving) from 1988-91. In 1991, he led the team in receptions (57-598) and was second in rushing (104-439). He also owns the school's single-game post-season record with four touchdowns (three rushing/one receiving) against Massachusetts in the Division I-AA playoffs.

Most notably.....

Mr. Williams and his wife, Lisa, have three children, Christian, Solomon and Nathan.

Please join us once again as we continue to build better relations with our children - for that fleeting moment of time that they reside with us under our roof!!

Cost - \$7 per person

RSVP ASAP please emailing or calling

Cathy Dolan at 582-0120, cdolan@guerincatholic.org

(If the father is not available, grandfathers or significant others are welcome)



FROM THE DESK OF DEAN WELLER

New Cell Phone Policy for the 2008-09 School Year

Technology is an ever changing phenomenon that has greatly simplified the way we live life. Specifically, cell phones have become a huge part of our society for adults and teenagers alike. As much convenience as cell phones have brought us they bring issues to schools. One such issue we face is the proper use of cell phones during the school day. They have become a distraction for many requiring schools to become more proactive in protecting the safety of students. Young men and women in high school cannot avoid the temptation of using a cell phone during the school day especially text messaging. Today, students use text messaging for their note writing to friends. Students who are sending text messages during class are missing out on classroom instruction that can never be recovered. Cell phones that ring during class not only impact the

person receiving the call, but also the distract everyone else in the classroom, which cannot be tolerated.

Cheating and bullying by text messaging, video and still pictures meant to bully or embarrass can be sent from phone or posted on Internet sites such as MySpace recently have become more serious and offensive use of cell phones. These incidents are difficult to monitor and their implications on students are immeasurable.

Guerin Catholic High School will continue to strictly enforce its policy of not allowing cell phones to be used during the school day, including in the hallways and during lunch. Students are expected to turn their cell phones off and store them in their lockers during the school day. If any student is caught violating this policy, he or she will have their phone confiscated and taken to Dean Weller's office. This violation will be recorded as a Level 2 offense and the student will also receive a Saturday School.



Confiscated cell phones must be picked up by the parents/guardians and will not be given back to the student. It is the responsibility of the student to explain to their parents/guardians that their cell phone was taken away. Parents/guardians may or may not receive a call from the school. Cell phones may be picked up at the main office by the parent/guardian between the school hours of 7:15am – 3:45pm.

More assertive disciplinary action will ensue for repeated violations of this policy including, but not limited to,

school maintenance detail, and out of school suspensions.

Parent/guardian support is vital as we enforce this policy. If you need to get in contact of your child please call the front office at 582-0120 to leave a message rather than contacting your child on their cell phone. All phone messages will be delivered to your child quickly. We have high expectations for student learning and achievement.

We greatly appreciate your help and support in is matter.

Dean Weller

GO WEST!

Go West on the Summer Field Study Trip to the Rocky Mountains!

Last year, 5 Guerin Catholic students joined 85 other high school students from Roncalli, Cardinal Ritter, and Bishop Chatard when they went to the Grand Canyon and the San Juan Mountains of Colorado.

This summer, Guerin students will again have the opportunity to take part in the 28th annual Summer Field Study trip to the Rocky Mountains of Estes Park, Colorado! Current Juniors and Seniors who go west will camp

for 2 weeks, as they hike, swim, go white-water rafting, backpack, reflect, pray, play, and enjoy God's wonders. Students can even choose to rock climb and mountaineer Pike's Peak! If interested, there will be an evening meeting in late September for students and parents to learn more details about the program from Anna Maurer and Roncalli's President, Joe Hollowell.

Please e-mail Mrs. Maurer with questions at amaurer@guerincatholic.org.



Come run, walk and pray with us as we make a difference in the lives of others who suffer from cancer as we commemorate the life of Lonna Kirkwood in this inaugural run. All proceeds will benefit the John Paul II Research Institute and Guerin Catholic athletic department.

When: 5K Run/Walk: 9:00 AM, September 13, 2008 (Kids Fun Run: 9:30 AM)

Where: Guerin Catholic High School

Cost: \$20.00 adult registration, \$15.00 student registration (through 9/9 at 11:59 PM EDT)

Register today at www.getmeregistered.com Click on the: On Eagles Wings 5k Event and follow the directions. Race packets can be picked up September the 12th at Guerin High School's main entrance from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be no race day registration. This event will happen rain or shine! All registrants will receive a t-shirt. Sign up today! Contact Mark Brewster: 317.710.5156 mbrewster@saaboffishers.com for more information.

It's been a busy summer, planning for the new school year...building the VISION for Guerin Catholic. We've had changes outdoors, with the Track completion, the visitors football bleachers and the Grotto nearly complete. And there's been changes inside the school as well, with the indoor visitors bleachers, the gym floor refinishing and a general clean up and re-waxing of the other floors around the school.

Our Annual Fund has now begun. The Annual Fund helps to fund the difference between what it costs to provide a top-notch college preparatory education for your children, and what we collect in tuition. (and the tuition number is an average which includes discounts for needs-based tuition assistance). So please watch for your Annual Fund letter in the next few weeks, and prayerfully consider your gift to help us try to attain an annual fund level of \$450,000 this year.

On Saturday, September 13th we will host the 'Eagles

Wings' 5k run at Guerin Catholic at 9:00a. If you are a runner, or would just like to participate or help...please join us that morning for a run in memory of Lonna Kirkwood. Registration is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. You may register at our website.

Our Grandparents Day is slated for October 3rd at 7:30a. All grandparents are invited to share breakfast with our students followed by a tour of the facility afterwards. That day is also the feast day of Mother Guerin, our school namesake and the first canonized saint from Indiana. Bishop Higi will preside at an All-School Mass in the gym at 9:00a and all are welcome.

We have instituted two new ways of giving as well. The Golden Eagle Century Endowment is a unique way to make a gift to fund our future educational needs by buying a simple life insurance policy today. This can be done through your own agent or through the Development Department and qualifying

donors will be recognized on the Golden Eagle Century Endowment plaque, located in the main hallway. The second way of giving is through the Charitable Gift Annuity program. This program allows donors to make the donation of cash or stock today, while continuing to receive the income from the donation during their lifetimes.

And back to the vision of Guerin Catholic. My VISION is to complete the academic bricks and mortar and several other areas critical to the school, allowing us to fill the enrollment, which will help Guerin Catholic grow into a long-term plan of financial soundness. This will help us to fulfill the Mission of Guerin Catholic in serving Hamilton County and adjacent areas in the Lafayette Diocese with excellent Catholic preparatory education and a 2000 year catholic faith tradition. In honor of his service to



the Diocese, and in preparation for the next phase of this school's history, please plan to join us for the Annual Bishop's Dinner, Friday, November 7th 2008 at the Bridgewater Club.

Peace.

Gordon Smith

IB UPDATE

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program, introduced to Guerin Catholic students in 2006, places a strong emphasis on high academic standards and intellectual rigor in addition to international understanding and responsible citizenship. IB students become critical and compassionate thinkers, lifelong learners and informed participants in local and world affairs. The two-year curriculum covers a wide range of academic subjects and has challenged over half million students in 129 countries for 40 years. The world's leading universities

welcome IB Diploma Programme graduates.

Guerin Catholic High School is proud to recognize its first group of IB participants! Sixty-six students took IB exams in May 2008, which included 20 juniors and 46 seniors. Of the 46 seniors, 26 participated in the full diploma program, requiring them to take extensive exams in six subject areas, attend classes in Theory of Knowledge, complete 150 hours of personal development activities and write a 4,000 word extended research essay. Twenty of those students passed all the require-

ments set forth by IB, giving Guerin a 76% pass rate in its first year of the program, only slightly below the international pass rate average. The remaining twenty seniors taking IB exams did not participate in the full diploma program, but instead took exams in selected subject areas. They, along with the six students who did not achieve the full diploma status, can apply to gain college credits for their work in IB.

Whitney Haas, a 2008 graduate of Guerin Catholic HS, passed all of the IB exams and fulfilled all of the additional

requirements of essay and personal development, earning her the full IB diploma. She shares that, "The IB diploma helped me get into the college of my choice and it helped me earn academic scholarships." We are very proud of all of our IB pioneers for leading the way in this challenging, rigorous academic venture.



SERVICE HOURS FAQ

How many service hours is my teen required to perform each year? 30.

Where can I find service sheets? They are online, in the front office, and in the Campus Ministry Office.

Where does my teen submit his/her hours? In Deborah Riley's office or mailbox.

Who can submit service sheets? ONLY students – coaches, teachers, and administrators do NOT submit students' service hour sheets.

Where can I check to see how many service hours my teen has completed? Students will be updated periodically through their Kairos group. Parents will be notified via report cards.

What counts for service hours? Any acts of mercy or acts of charity.

What doesn't count as service hours? Any duties for which students are paid. Students cannot earn service hours for participating in Mass, but they may earn service hours for any preparation or training for Mass participation. Students cannot earn service hours for duties performed during school hours unless previously approved by the Director of Campus Ministry.

What if my teen does not complete his/her service obligation by the end of the school year? S/he will be declared ineligible for extracurricular activities.

What if my teen does not have his/her service hours completed by the end of his/her senior year (120 hours of service total)? S/he is ineligible for graduation. The transgression will be noted in their school transcripts.

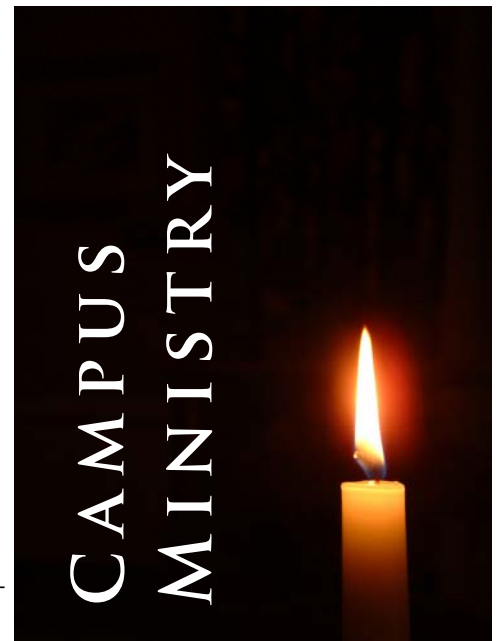
How can my teen regain eligibility for extracurricular activities? Students regain eligibility by completing and submitting their hours to the Director of Campus Ministry.

Is there a limit to how many hours my teen can submit for his/her work with any one volunteer organization (or ongoing project)? There is no limit to what can be submitted, but no more than 15 (out of 30) will count toward his/her service hour requirements.

What if my student completes more than the required hours? Please submit them! Those who surpass minimum requirements may be eligible for awards and scholarships.

Where can I learn more about service opportunities for my teen? Ideas for service opportunities are available in the Campus Ministry Office.

What if I have more questions about service-hour requirements? If you have any further questions concerning the Guerin service program, please contact Deborah Riley, Director of Campus Ministry, at 582-0120 ext. 267.



FROM THE IT DEPARTMENT

Laptop Battery Woes

Welcome to the September edition of the Technology Corner! This month, I would like to address the issue of laptop batteries, and what to expect from the batteries, as well as to clarify warranty positions from both Dell and Apple.

All laptop batteries in use at Guerin Catholic are Lithium Ion. This battery technology is ideal for laptops due to their high capacity and run time. One of the downsides to all batteries, is that they eventually need to be replaced.

All Lithium Ion batteries have a finite lifespan. This lifespan is dependent on several factors:

Total charge/discharge cycles, how often is power required from the battery, etc. Both Apple and Dell batteries are designed for a peak performance of 80% original capacity at the 300 cycle mark. This means that after 300 charge/discharge cycles, the battery should be performing at 80% of new capacity, and will decrease from there with every cycle. This cycle and capacity fact is true for all Lithium Ion batteries (laptops, camcorders, digital camera's, etc).

Both Apple and Dell warrant the batteries for factory defects for a period of one (1) year. This is true regardless of how long the laptop is un-

der a maintenance warranty. Batteries are considered a consumable item, and are therefore not covered by maintenance warranties.

What all this means is this: If your student uses his/her laptop everyday at school, and has a charge/discharge cycle each school day, then the battery would have 180 cycles during the school year. If they only use the laptop at school, they battery should last about a year and a half to two years. If they use the computer 7 days a week, and go through two charge/discharge cycles, that adds up to 730 cycles, and the battery would last less than a year.



You are responsible for consumable items for your child's laptop (batteries, paper for a printer, ink for a printer, etc.). There are several methods to obtaining a replacement battery. Please check the battery information page at <http://www.guerincatholic.org/tech/batteryinfo.pdf>



GOLDEN EAGLES

GOLDEN EAGLES VARSITY SPORTS CALENDARS

(BOLD INDICATES HOME GAME)

- 09/10/08 Boy Tennis Senior Night & Pack the House Night @ I.R.C.
- 09/13/08 9:00 AM "ON EAGLES WINGS" 5K RUN @ GUERIN
- 09/17/08 Girls Golf - Senior Night
- 09/18/08 Girls Volleyball - CYO Night
- 09/22/08 Girls Soccer - Pack the House Night
- 09/27/08 9:00 - 4:00 Deanery Choral Festival (Gym)
- 10/01/08 Cross Country - Senior Night and Pack the House Night
- 10/03/08 St. Vincent Appreciation Night
- 10/04/08 Girls Soccer - Senior Recognition
- 10/04/08 CYO Cross Country Meet
- 10/06/08 Boys Soccer - Senior Night
- 10/09/08 Volleyball - Senior Night
- 10/10/08 Homecoming Game (Homecoming Dance after game)
- 10/12/08 Winter Sports Kick-off Meeting 5:00PM
- 10/14/08 Cross Country Sectionals Start @ Carmel 5:00PM
- 10/17/08 Football - Senior Night
- 10/18/08 Cross Country Regionals @ Noblesville Away 9:00AM
- 10/25/08 Cross Country Semi-State 9:00AM
- 10/28/08 Fall Sports Banquet 7:00PM

FOOTBALL

- 09/05/08 Lutheran High School 7:00PM
- 09/12/08 Lafayette C. Catholic H.S 7:00PM
- 09/19/08 Cardinal Ritter H.S. 7:00PM
- 09/26/08 Lapel High School 7:00PM
- 10/03/08 Pendleton Hts. 7:00PM
- 10/10/08 Indiana School for the Deaf 7:00PM
- 10/17/08 Edinburgh 7:00PM

BOYS SOCCER

- 09/08/08 Cathedral H.S. 6:30PM
- 09/11/08 Lawrence North High School 6:30PM
- 09/13/08 Covenant Christian H.S. 2:00PM
- 09/17/08 Lafayette C. Catholic H.S 6:15PM
- 09/25/08 Brebeuf Jesuit H.S. 7:00PM
- 09/27/08 Northview H.S. 10:00AM
- 10/02/08 International School of Indiana 5:00PM
- 10/06/08 Cardinal Ritter H.S. 5:00PM

GIRLS SOCCER

- 09/06/08 Lebanon H.S. 9:00AM
- 09/10/08 Park Tudor 5:00PM
- 09/11/08 Northwestern High School 5:00PM
- 09/13/08 Lutheran High School 10:00AM
- 09/17/08 Lafayette C. Catholic H.S 4:45PM
- 09/22/08 Bishop Chatard 4:30PM
- 09/23/08 University H.S. 5:00PM
- 09/24/08 Scecina Memorial H.S 5:00PM
- 10/04/08 Sheridan H.S. 10:00AM

BOYS TENNIS

- 09/09/08 Cardinal Ritter H.S. 4:30PM
- 09/10/08 Hamilton Hts. H.S. 4:30PM
- 09/16/08 International School of Indiana 4:30PM
- 09/17/08 Elwood Community H.S. 4:45PM
- 09/22/08 University High School 4:00PM
- 09/23/08 Knightstown H.S. 5:00PM

BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

- 09/06/08 Husky Invitational 9:00AM
- 09/08/08 Knightstown H.S. 7:30PM
- 09/10/08 Sheridan H.S. 6:30PM
- 09/13/08 Noblesville Invite 9:00PM
- 09/18/08 Laf. Central Catholic H.S. 6:00PM
- 09/25/08 Oak Hill High School 7:30PM
- 09/30/08 Hamilton S. Eastern 6:30PM
- 10/01/08 Liberty Christian 6:00PM
- 10/08/08 University High School 5:00PM
- 10/09/08 Anderson Highland 6:00PM
- 10/11/08 Cadet Invitational School 9:00AM

GIRL'S GOLF

- 09/09/08 Mt. Vernon, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights High School, Mt. Vernon High School-Fortville 4:30PM
- 09/15/08 Roncalli 4:45PM
- 09/17/08 Carmel High School 4:30PM

BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

- 09/13/08 Ben Davis Invitational 9:00AM
- 09/15/08 Greenfield Central & Morristown
- 09/20/08 FlashRock Invite 9:00AM
- 09/24/08 Lawrence Central Invitational 4:30PM
- 09/27/08 Southport Invitational 10:00AM
- 10/01/08 University H.S. 5:00PM
- 10/07/08 Guerin Catholic Invite 5:00PM