



St. Theodore Guerin Catholic High School **Guide to Textbook Buying, Selling and other Little Tricks**

Summer Reading

Summer provides a wealth of growth opportunities for high school students and to that end, Guerin Catholic has re-evaluated the Summer Reading Project in an effort to better facilitate a passion for Lifelong Learning within our students. The goal of the summer reading project has always been to provide a continued learning experience to aid in the growth of the students. To allow for the focus of summer learning to be truly about learning and growth, we have decided to remove the requirement of The Summer Reading Project. At Guerin Catholic, our hope is that in partnership with parents we can strongly encourage and support students to experience opportunities that open up new challenges, and to seek out activities that provide learning in areas of individual interest. This is wonderful gift to give to your children and these experiences help them learn about themselves and the world around them. Please see the Guerin Catholic website under “Academics” for programs and resources available to your child this summer.

The Textbook List

The Guerin 2016-2017 Textbook List can be accessed under “Academics” on the Guerin Catholic website beginning May 13. Use this textbook list to determine the needed books for all courses at Guerin Catholic HS. The textbook list is organized by department and lists the name, publisher and copyright/edition of the needed books for each class. It is important that students obtain the correct edition of the textbook; different editions contain different readings, problems or examples.

E-text Options

Our online bookstore, MBS Direct, has many e-text and rental options available for our required texts. (See purchasing textbooks below.) There may be other e-text options than the ones listed on the Textbook list and if students can determine that the content is the same, they are welcome to use them. iPads, Kindles and other e-readers can be used in the classroom.

Selling Textbooks at the end of the 2015-2016 school year

There are several options for current Guerin students to sell their used textbooks:

1) *MBS Direct Book Buyback*

**MBS Direct (our online bookstore) will be at Guerin Catholic on Tuesday, June 7 from 9:00am-12:00pm and again from 4:00pm-7:00pm to purchase used textbooks.

**Parents enter the ISBN# of the textbooks they are selling on the dedicated Guerin Catholic MBS Direct website before coming to school on June 7 to determine the prices that they will receive.

**MBS Direct will mail a check to the student a few weeks after the buyback.

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| Advantages: | Will know immediately the price point of each book; no need to wait to see if books sell at a later date. Receive check in the mail in 2-3 weeks. |
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May purchase books that Guerin is not using next year for use in other schools.

Considerations: MBS Direct sets book prices; students must take price offered.
No guarantee that all books will be accepted.

2) *Selling textbooks through online sources or directly to GC families*

There are many online sources in which you can sell textbooks directly to other families. Websites like Amazon, Cash4books, Bookfinder, ecampus, etc. provide venues for you to sell your textbooks in an online forum.

In addition, a parent-run Facebook page called “Guerin Catholic Marketplace” allows parents to sell books and gently used clothing to other Guerin Catholic families.

Advantages: Sell to a wider audience
Set your own price and work on your own hours.

Considerations: You take responsibility for all aspects of sales and shipping books
Not endorsed or guaranteed by GCHS

Purchasing Textbooks for the 2016-2017 School Year

There are several options for purchasing new and used textbooks:

1) *Guerin Catholic Online Bookstore (through MBS Direct)*

<http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/guerincatholic.htm>

Textbooks and novels for every Guerin class will be available for online purchase beginning **July 1, 2016.

**Order online through MBS Direct’s secure server. Textbooks are categorized by department and class title.

**Many e-books and rentals will only be available online through this website.

Advantages: All titles for every class available.
Books delivered right to your door.
Used books available on some titles.
Many e-books and rentals available at a discounted price
Free shipping over \$99 from July 5-11.

Considerations: Shipping charges may apply.
Can be pricey.
Rentals must be returned to MBS Direct
The virtual bookstore is not available **until July 1.**

3) *Selling textbooks through online sources or directly to GC families*

**There are many, many independent website that buy and sell student textbooks.
Guerin Catholic High School does not endorse or guarantee purchases from any of

these sites. If you Google “textbook websites”, many options such as Amazon.com, Affordabook.com, TextbookX.com, etc. will appear.

**In addition, a parent-run Facebook page called “Guerin Catholic Marketplace” allows parents to buy books and gently used clothing from other Guerin Catholic families.

Advantages: Great money-saving deals are available in a variety of subject areas.
Books delivered to your door.

Considerations: Can be time consuming, especially if a number of vendors are used.
Shipping charges may apply.

Please note: The best deals in online purchasing are available early in the summer. As the start of the school year draws near, there are fewer online deals offered.

Novels and other Tradebooks

Consider the following when looking for novels:

- **Many classics are available as free downloads
- **E-books
- **Borrow from the library
- **Share with a friend who has the class a different trimester

Books that carry over for more than one year

- **Mathematics for the International Student: Math SL (2 years)
- **Mathematics for the International Student: Math HL Core (3 years)
- **IB Biology SL & HL (2 years)
- **IB Chemistry SL & HL (2 years)
- **New College Latin & English Dictionary (2 years)
- **Theban Plays (2 years)

More Questions?

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