

# GUERIN CATHOLIC

## Cell Phone Recycling Drive

Please join us **APRIL 18TH - APRIL 22ND** in celebration of EARTH DAY. Guerin Catholic is pleased to announce a new, environmentally responsible community service initiative designed to benefit GC Parent Guild, while simultaneously helping to alleviate the fast growing environmental problem of e-waste at work and home. But we need your help...

Simply collect yours, the neighbors, family and friends old cell phones and drop them off at collection bins located in the school. Or for added convenience, we will be collecting during morning and afternoon carpool. You don't even have to leave your car!

**100% of the proceeds from the recycling of these items will benefit**

**GUERIN CATHOLIC PARENT GUILD.**

### About Cellular Phone Waste

Over 100 million cellular phones are stockpiled in U.S. households creating potentially hazardous waste. By 2008, an estimated 130 million cellular phones will be discarded *annually* in the U.S. alone. On average Americans replace their cell phones every 12 to 18 months. Unfortunately, cell phones contain eight toxic substances including: Arsenic, Antimony, Beryllium, Cadmium, Copper, Lead, Nickel and Zinc. Although benign when properly refurbished or recycled by companies such as Recycling Fundraiser, these toxic substances pose a serious environmental and health risk if discarded improperly. Cell phone toxins leach into soil and groundwater from landfills and form highly toxic dioxins & furans during incineration. In fact, the cadmium from a single phone is capable of polluting 158,200 gallons of water. That's 1.2 Million 16-ounce coffees! These toxins have been associated with cancer and range of reproductive, neurological and developmental disorders.



### About Safely Recycling used Cell Phones

All of the items received are processed and recycled in accordance with the leading industry standards. Many of the cell phones received are destroyed and recycled according to EPA guidelines. This process effectively destroys all information stored in the cell phones. In the event a cell phone is refurbished or resold for reuse each phone is data cleared in accordance with NIST Special Publication 800-88 "Guidelines for Media Sanitization" by our trained team of technicians and data clearing is verified by someone in EcoPhones quality control department. The data clearing process wipes the phone's memory clean and enables a new number to be assigned. **However, EcoPhones strongly recommends that donors clear the memories on their cell phones of any sensitive private information before donating them. In addition, donors should always ensure the service on any cell phone they donate has been disconnected, to prevent fraudulent use. EcoPhones will not be responsible for any information left stored in the memories of phones donated or their fraudulent use.**

For more information please visit [www.RecyclingFundraiser.com](http://www.RecyclingFundraiser.com)

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### Tax Deductible Donation Acknowledgement

Thank you for your donation. We cannot make any determination as to the value of the specific item(s) you have donated to us. Generally speaking, older items will not warrant a tax deduction (but still can be recycled). You should consult your tax advisor regarding value determination for tax purposes. The IRS requires the following information for tax deductions of \$250 or less. Please fill in the information indicated below and retain this for your tax records.

(Insert organization name here)

Donation Organization

Donation Date

Description of item(s)

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# of Items

Value of Donation

Donor's Name

Donor's Address