



# Amplifier

A Quarterly Newsletter from the  
Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance  
*"Truth in Beauty"*

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**Welcome! Please Join Us!**



Welcome to the newest issue of *Amplifier*, the quarterly newsletter of the Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance. I am Karen Dutcher, chairperson of the GCFAA Steering Committee and parent of two Guerin Catholic seniors, Anna and Michael, who have participated in fine arts groups at GCHS since their freshman year. The GCFAA

includes parents, teachers, staff and friends of the GCHS arts community who want to share their time, talent and treasure to support our student artists. I use the term "student artists" to include students involved in theatre, vocal and instrumental music and visual arts. We exist to support them all! There are endless reasons I want to do everything I can to encourage our students to develop their artistic talents. In brief, however, let me say that their participation in artistic endeavors enhances their lives and the lives of every person touched by their work. A prayerful meditation sung during an all-school mass, a thought-provoking watercolor hung in the Media Center, a perfectly timed comic line delivered in a play – I can't imagine a world without such beautiful, joyful expression.

Please read Fine Arts Director Mark Duray's column on page 7 to learn more about GCFAA and consider joining to provide more opportunities for our talented young men and women. We hope to see you all at the many upcoming Guerin Catholic fine arts events. Thank you for your support!

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## Calendar of Events through December 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Ensemble</u>
10/10	<b>GCFAA Committee Meeting</b> Room 737 - 4 pm	
10/16	<b>Fall Concert (Instrumental/Choral)</b> @ St. Elizabeth Seton - 7 pm	All Ensembles
10/30 – 11/1	<b>Student Studio Productions</b> In Cafetorium - 7 pm	1 Musical 1 Play
10/30 – 11/1	<b>Fall Art Show</b> In Media Center	
11/9	<b>Open House</b> @ Guerin Catholic High School	All Ensembles
11/14	<b>Art Club Blood Drive</b> In Gym	
11/14	<b>Open Mic Night at the Guerin Catholic Coffee House</b> In Cafetorium - 7 pm	Open to All
11/20	<b>Catholic High School Choral Festival</b> @ Marian University	TBA
11/25	<b>Deadline for ISSMA Solo &amp; Ensemble Entries</b>	
12/13	<b>Knights of Columbus State Council Meeting @ location TBA</b>	GoldenVoice
12/18	<b>Christmas Concert</b> @ St. Elizabeth Seton - 7 pm	All Ensembles

**Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance**  
*Stop by our table at the fall concert to join  
the GCFAA. If you've already joined, we'll  
have your mugs/car decals ready for you.*

## Events Worth Noting



**Sidewalk Mural** – Mrs. Wagoner’s Painting II class has started work on a sidewalk mural just outside of the art room. Featured artists on this project include seniors Trace Bulger, Luke DeWaal, Brenna O’Boyle and Ally Zwinski and junior Tori Sullivan.

**Fall Art Show** – Paintings, pottery, metal work and more will be on display in the Media Center before and after the Student Studio Productions October 30 – November 1. Stop by to see the creativity. Some works will even be on sale. Bring your wallets!

**Art Club Hosts Blood Drive** – Every two seconds someone in the world needs blood to live. That’s why the Guerin Catholic Art Club joins with the Indiana Blood Center to host a blood drive several times a year. The next drive is November 14 in the gym. Look for signup information in mid-October. Parents, faculty, staff, and students over 17 who are healthy may sign-up. If 16, you’ll need parental permission. So join your friends. Donate blood. Save a life.

**Student Studio Productions Right Around the Corner** – This fall’s Student Studio Productions offer audiences music, drama and lots of humor. Guerin Catholic students will premier two productions October 30, with additional shows October 31 and November 1 at 7 pm.



*The Magic Shop*, a musical written by senior Tristan Zavaleta, portrays a humorous love triangle in which two members of a *Saturday Night Live*-like cast fall in love with the beautiful guest star of the week. “It’s funny because of the cheesy one-liners,” says Tilly Murphy, who plays the stage director. Blake Miller, playing a Shakespeare-reciting janitor, adds that he likes the randomness of it all. “The audience won’t know what’s coming next.”

The second show is *Detention Never Ends*. Seniors Molly Moran and Grace Warns co-wrote and co-directed. “Basically six high school students get sent to detention for various reasons, break out and go on a hilarious adventure together,” Warns explains. Look for more information about the plays in the weeks to come.



**Honoring Jeff Chianello** – Members of the Guerin Catholic Fine Arts community were saddened by the passing of Leona Chianello’s husband Jeff in September. Mrs. Chianello is the school’s registrar and guidance department assistant and a big supporter of GCHS fine arts. At her request, members of GoldenVoice had the honor of serving at the funeral mass. We are humbled that the Chianello family asked that donations in Mr. Chianello’s memory be made to the GCHS Music Department. Our thanks to the Chianellos. May God bless you at this especially difficult time.

## Events Worth Noting

**Choir Sings at St. Vincent Cancer Walk** – GoldenVoice sang at the closing ceremony of the annual St. Vincent Cancer Walk September 20 at Lions Park in Zionsville. The group performed *You Raise Me Up* by Josh Groban and an arrangement by Mike Sammes of Laurence Binyon's poem *For the Fallen*. They ended the ceremony with *Everything Is Easier*.



“At Guerin Catholic, we know first-hand how important St. Vincent Hospital is to our community,” said Guerin Catholic Director of Fine Arts Mark Duray. “St. Vincent Hospital has been instrumental since day one in their vigorous support of our mission here at our high school! Their invitation provides us with the opportunity to give back to them, to support their efforts as they reach out further to help our greater community and to provide support, comfort and hope to all those who have themselves experienced or have been affected by cancer.”

**Hurry! Spirit Wear Shop Open for Limited Time** – Our Fine Arts spirit wear website is open! If you would like to purchase sweatshirts, t-shirts, polo shirts or jackets with our new Fine Arts logo, go to [www.bsnsports.com](http://www.bsnsports.com), click on My Team Shop, click on Login Now and then enter the access code golden3DZ. This is a flash store, so it won't be open long! Store closes on October 19. Items will be distributed to students at school.

### Open Mic Night at the Guerin Catholic Coffee House



#### Interested in trying your hand at Open Mic Night?

Sign up with Mrs. Murphy in the Media Center beginning November 3.

**Rather watch and support your friends on stage?** Join them on November 14 at 7 pm in the Cafetorium.

Coffee house pastries and beverages will be for sale for a nominal fee.

## Alumna Profile – Samantha King Talks ‘Toons

When Samantha King, a 2009 graduate of Guerin Catholic High School and an alumna of the California Institute of the Arts steps into her office at Cartoon Network in Burbank, Calif., she’s really getting ready to play. “That’s what it seems like sometimes,” says King, who has worked as a story revisionist on the show *Clarence* since July. “There’s a mirror in my office, so if I need to draw a character with a funny look on his face, I can practice making different expressions in the mirror before creating the one I think will work.” For



those unfamiliar with the cartoon, *Clarence* is about a typical boy and his friends who sport typical boy mentalities, says King. “I was a fan before I started because the cartoon shows kids as kids – not sweet angels but kids dealing with real-world things – homework, bullying, pulling pranks or just being gross because they can be. How gross? “Well, I’ve had to figure out how to draw vomit...” King explains that story artists work with a team to create episodes and pose out each shot. After a first review, the drawings go to King, who fixes or changes shots as directed. Basically, a revisionist is an apprentice to the story artists, she adds.

King, the daughter of Chyrise and Roch King, has wanted to be an animator since she was a sophomore at Guerin Catholic. “I always liked all kinds of art – theatre, music and drawing. With animation, I can incorporate all of those into my work.” Still, King acknowledges that it’s not easy working in the arts. “My parents were supportive, but my dad wanted assurance that I could be successful. I’m lucky that this industry is pretty secure.” King hopes to continue working in animation and someday pitch her own show. She offers advice to others pursuing degrees or jobs in the arts. “There’s no one specific path,” King says. “Just keep trying to find your way. I had to work a bunch of rough jobs before I got what I wanted, and you may have to do other things to support your dream, but that’s okay. Just give it up to the Lord, and know He’ll get you there. King believes the arts are especially important in our world today. “As humans, we all have some kind of arduous journey ahead of us, but through the arts, we can connect with and support each other, and we can make a difference. For me, drawing helps me focus on the positive side of life.”

## Student Studio Productions = On-the-Job Leadership Training



When Jack Titus, a 2014 Guerin Catholic graduate approached Media Center Specialist Marcia Murphy about a summer Student Studio Production, she made sure he understood the work involved. “We try to let the students take complete control of these productions from writing to directing to figuring out costumes to solving problems. The point of student studios is to build better leaders. The adults let the students figure things out for themselves, and it can be really tough.” That didn’t stop Titus, who proceeded to write a script for his play *Tangled under the Sea*, direct 41 cast members and pack the house every night of the show. Murphy shouldn’t have worried. “Jack is incredibly professional. He was very organized and handled every aspect like a pro. The best part was watching him watch his show and realize the fruits of his labors.” Now, two more productions are underway, and several new student directors are following in Titus’s footsteps. Currently, Molly Moran and Grace Warns, the co-directors of *Detention Never Ends*, are a little stressed about finding the right costumes and making sure everyone knows their lines. “I’m new to directing, so I’ve had to learn as I go,” says Moran. “But we’re figuring it out, and it’s so much fun.”

## Rejoice! Carmel Deanery Choral Festival Rocks the House



For the seventh year, Guerin Catholic High School hosted *Rejoice!*, its Carmel Deanery Choral Festival outreach program on September 27. Nearly 250 singers in third through eighth grade from St. Maria Goretti, Our Lady of Grace, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Louis de Montfort, joined fifty Guerin Catholic high schoolers for a day of music and praise. According to GCHS Fine Arts Director Mark Duray, the festival “brings us together as a community of musicians and celebrates what makes us family.”



Throughout the day, singers broke into small groups to get to know one another and learn five musical selections with Duray and other deanery directors including Emily Clark, (SLDM), Janie Richardt, (SMG), Joey Garcia, (OLG) and Larry Krauser (OLMC) before ending the day with a concert.



The students were very focused on the music. Our Lady of Grace third grader Avery Wilson couldn't wait to finish lunch and get back to singing. “It’s exciting because I get to learn about new songs and get to meet new people,” Wilson said. “I really like *Turn the World Around* because Mr. Garcia taught it, and it’s a really fun rhythm.” Sammy Mirande, a seventh grader from St. Maria Goretti wasn't as quick to dismiss lunch. “My favorite part is the cookies,” he said. “My next favorite part is singing with other people my age and giving a concert to show our parents what we can do.”

The students left with some inspirational words from Mr. Duray. “There’s a lot of music out there. Some of it’s good; some of it’s bad. We need better choices. We need some better music. Who is going to give that to us? You are. Singing can bring you closer to Christ, and that’s what it’s all about.”



## Why We've Created the GCFAA – "Truth in Beauty"



The Guerin Catholic Fine Arts program exists to illuminate the mission of Guerin Catholic High School by seeking the Lord's "Truth in Beauty" through education, performance, design and exhibit. One quarter of the Guerin Catholic student body participates in at least one fine arts group or event each year. Since the founding of Guerin Catholic, we have witnessed hundreds of our student-artists hone their God-given talents and turn those talents to the world.

We pray that as we move forward in our purpose, with God's grace and our humility, we can continue to be His instruments, revealing His Truth in beauty through our students' artistry. Through their efforts, we hope to create a force of goodness for a world in need. Whether our students perform in vocal or instrumental ensembles, plays, musicals, Comedy Sportz, talent shows, or community events or provide music ministry support for school and diocesan liturgies, their creative gifts are priceless. However, providing them with the opportunities to use their gifts gets expensive. I've listed a few examples:

- Purchasing one wireless microphone - \$500
- Cleaning all of our choir robes - almost \$1500
- Buying one choir robe - \$250
- Tuning one piano - \$110 (we have four that need to be tuned three times a year)
- Buying one piece of sheet music - \$2 (we need to buy 70 pieces for one song for GoldenVoice)
- Renting a bus to take a choir to perform at ISSMA - \$400
- Purchasing a music folder for one student - \$8.75
- Providing one meal for a musical cast and crew on a performance night - \$100 to \$150
- Replacing key pads on a saxophone - \$400
- Licensing a Broadway musical script and score for performance at school - \$3,000

In addition to financial support, our talented students need your time. We need volunteers to sell event tickets and concessions, make costumes, create sets, provide hospitality for receptions and cast/crew events, help communicate about fine arts events, chaperone trips, supervise back stage, maintain contact e-mail lists and help with countless other tasks involved in creating a successful fine arts program.

That's where the newly formed Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance (GCFAA) comes into play. GCFAA provides the crucial time, talent and treasure necessary to support the efforts of our student-artists. It also helps to increase the awareness of our fine arts program and the powerful value it brings to our community. GCFAA consists of parents, teachers, and friends of the Guerin Catholic Community in our neighborhood and beyond. And quite simply . . . we need YOU! We hope you will consider joining us.

Please consider donating your time and financial support to help our students develop their talents with the resources their efforts deserve. You will find a membership form on page 8 of this newsletter.

## Join the Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance Today!

The Fine Arts Department will use all funds raised to help meet the ongoing costs of operating our fine arts program. If you have questions or ideas, please contact Karen Dutcher, GCFAA Steering Committee Chair, at [kdutcher@me.com](mailto:kdutcher@me.com), or me, Mark Duray, Director of Fine Arts, at [mduray@guerincatholic.org](mailto:mduray@guerincatholic.org). Thank you for supporting the arts at Guerin Catholic.

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### \_\_\_ \$300.00 - Be an Archangel!

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Name(s) (as it (they) will appear in donor recognition): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please contact me about volunteer opportunities. I am interested in helping with (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ticket sales/concessions     | <input type="checkbox"/> newsletter                   | <input type="checkbox"/> chaperoning trips/events        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> making costumes              | <input type="checkbox"/> building/painting sets       | <input type="checkbox"/> supervising backstage           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> coordinating volunteers      | <input type="checkbox"/> meals/receptions/hospitality |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> helping with outreach events | <input type="checkbox"/> administrative help          | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify)<br>_____ |

**Drop forms and checks off at the Guerin Catholic front office or mail them to Guerin Catholic High School, Attention: Director of Fine Arts, 15300 Gray Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.**

**St. Genesius and St. Cecilia Pray for Us!**