



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

Summer Reading

The Summer Reading List can be accessed under “Academics” on the Guerin Catholic website beginning on May 15. Students may choose any of the three options from the list provided and every student is expected to have completely read their chosen book and completed a project by August 12. All students will complete a project on their book by the second day of the new school year whether or not they have English during the first trimester.

The Textbook List

The Guerin 2015-2016 Textbook List can be accessed under “Academics” on the Guerin Catholic website beginning May 15. 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 new 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 2014-2015 school year

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

1) Guerin Catholic HS Parent Guild

**The Guerin HS Parent Guild will conduct a Book Buyback on Wednesday, June 10 from 2:00pm-6:00pm at school and on Thursday, July 16 from 10:00am-1:00pm.

**Students give the Parent Guild all of the textbooks they wish to sell along with the prices that they wish to charge for each book.

**When books are sold (at the Parent Guild Textbook Sale), the Parent Guild will send a check to the student minus a 10% processing fee (used for Parent Guild-sponsored activities).

Advantages: Students decide on the selling price.
 Receive cash in the mail after the book is sold.

Considerations: Can only sell books that will be used during the 2015-2016 school year.
 No guarantee that books will be purchased by another student.

2) *MBS Direct Book Buyback*

**MBS Direct (our online bookstore) will be in the Guerin Catholic cafetorium on Wednesday, June 10 from 2:00pm-6:00pm 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 10 to determine the prices that they will receive.

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

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.
May purchase books that Guerin is not using next year for use in other schools.

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

Purchasing Textbooks for the 2015-2016 School Year

There are several options for purchasing new and used textbooks:

1) *Guerin Catholic Parent Guild*

**The Guerin Parent Guild will sell used textbooks on Thursday, June 11 from 4:00pm-7:00pm at school and on Thursday, July 16 from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

**Prices will be set by the student who is selling the book.

**Books must be paid for at the time of purchase.

Advantages: Books are offered at a discounted price.
Books are available for perusal on site.
Can be taken home that day.

Considerations: New textbooks and textbooks new to the Guerin curriculum will not be offered.
Limited quantities on some titles; popular books sell fast

2) *MBS Direct* **<http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/guerincatholic.htm>**

Textbooks and novels for every Guerin class will be available for online purchase beginning **July 1, 2015.

**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 6-12.

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) *Using other textbooks websites*

**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.

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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