



the Amplifier

A trimester newsletter from the Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance

Record Number of Students in Fine Arts for 2017-18 School Year



Guerin Catholic student participation in Fine Arts Department activities is at an all-time high for the 2017-18 school year. More than 200 students are involved in band, orchestra and choirs — and that number does not include students taking Fine Arts classes such as art, instrument instruction or chorus, or students in

extracurricular activities like the plays or musical.

“The numbers this year are incredible,” said Mark Duray, Director of Fine Arts. “It’s a great problem to have — but we’re running out of space.”

Less than two years ago the band consisted of just 18 students. Today it numbers 50 dedicated members who arrive at school at 6:45 a.m. every day. And around 90 students participate in GoldenVoice, Guerin Catholic’s mixed voice choir, many of whom are also athletes, artists, and school leaders from a wide array of other activities.

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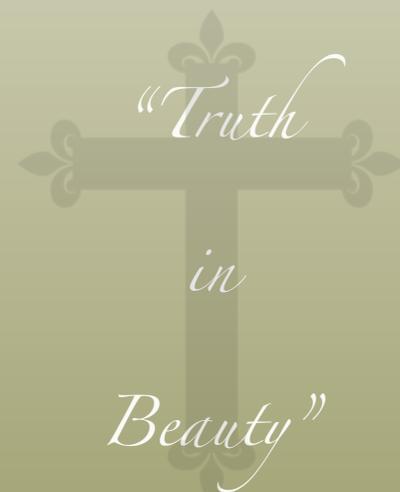
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Upcoming Events:

October 26, 27, 28 - Student Studio Production of “Schoolhouse Rock!”

October 29 - Guerin Catholic Open House



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When you arrive at Guerin Catholic at 7 a.m., you can often hear the band, Sounds of Providence Choir and the String Orchestra — each has early morning rehearsals almost every day — as you walk down the main hallway.

Classes like guitar and ukelele continue to explode in popularity as well. 16 students enrolled in the first trimester ukelele class last year. By the third trimester, that number had more than doubled, and this year over 100 students signed up for the class.

With the growing numbers come some growing needs. The Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance (GCFAA) was formed a few years ago to “to illuminate the mission of Guerin Catholic High School by continually seeking the Lord’s truth and beauty through education, performance, design and exhibit”.



(Top: The Ukelele class performs at the 2017 Spring Concert; Middle: a 7:00 a.m. Concert Band rehearsal; Bottom: with limited space in the music wing, the String Orchestra often rehearses in the hallway)



GCFAA accomplishes this through supportive activities like this newsletter, concert receptions, play and musical concessions, costumes, set construction, cast meals and much more. Parents, grandparents, alumni and Fine Arts fans are invited to support GCFAA by offering prayers, financial support or hands-on involvement. This year’s contributions will likely help pay for much-needed new risers for the choir room, stipends for two assistants and other special projects. See page 3 for more information about how you can be part of GCFAA.



Become a Member!

The Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance (GCFAA) strives to assist the Director of Fine Arts, Mark Duray, and other faculty of the department of Fine Arts in any way needed. GCFAA serves our young artists by providing the time, talent and treasure necessary to support their efforts. The GCFAA also helps to increase awareness of our fine arts program and the powerful value it brings to our community. Whether through prayer, financial support or direct involvement — WE NEED YOU!

Interested in becoming a member of the GCFAA? See below for a complete list of opportunities for involvement. Or contact our Co-Presidents with any questions or for more information.

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Be an Archangel! (\$1000)

Includes: 2 GCFAA car decals, 2 GCFAA travel coffee mugs, and donor recognition in event programs.

Be an Angel! (\$500)

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Be a Saint! (\$200)

Includes: GCFAA car decal, a GCFAA travel coffee mug, and donor recognition in event programs.

Be a Friend! (\$50)

Includes: GCFAA car decal and donor recognition in event programs.

Volunteer!

- Assist with Art Shows
- Ticket Sales/Concessions
- Newsletter/Communications
- Chaperoning Trips/Events
- Making Costumes
- Theatre Set Construction
- Coordinating Volunteers
- Meals/Receptions/Hospitality
- Administrative/Clerical
- Assist with Outreach

Pray for Us!

Bless the creators, O God of Creation, who by their gifts make the world a more joyful and beautiful realm.

Through their labors they teach us to see more clearly the truth around us.

In their inspiration they call forth wonder and awe in their own living.

In their hope and vision they remind us that life is holy.

Bless all who create in your image, O God of Creation. Pour Your Spirit upon them that their hearts may sing and their works be fulfilling. Amen.

What to Look Forward to in 2017-18

This school year promises to be a very special one in the Fine Arts Department. Here are just a few highlights of what to look for in the coming months.

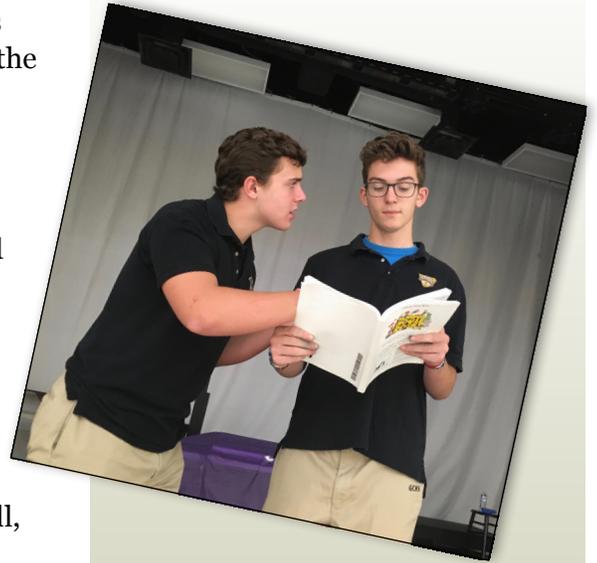
First, you won't want to miss the Student Studio Production of "Schoolhouse Rock!" later this month. Each fall, Student Studio Productions puts on a show that is completely conceived, directed and run by students, offering them real, hands-on, learning experience with the ins and outs of direction and production, in addition to the performance experience.

This year's show, "Schoolhouse Rock!" based on the animated, musical, educational programs that began in the 1970s, is being directed by students Michelle Powers, Michael Bailey, Matt Farrell, Sophia Fernandez and Chloe Kennedy. The music directors are Dominic Duray and Ellie Svec. The entire cast and crew has been hard at work rehearsing such numbers as "I'm Just a Bill" and "Conjunction Junction" for the October 26, 27 and 28 performances in the Guerin Catholic Cafetorium.

Another not-to-be-missed activity will be the music department's biannual New York City trip February 20-24. The trip features performances at New York City parishes and schools, as well as visits to cultural highlights such as the 9/11 Memorial, art museums, a Broadway show and more. Students who have attended in the past often count it among the highlights of their time at Guerin Catholic — especially the sharing of music on the streets and with the members of the parishes they visit. Any student who participates in Music Department activities is eligible to participate. Contact Mark Duray for more information.

Guerin Catholic's Visual Arts Department will hold its annual art show in February. Because the show has outgrown the space at the Design Center, the 2017-18 show will be hosted in two venues — the Carmel Design Center, as well as the Carmel Apprentice Theater, or "the CAT". The CAT is a newly opened theater in the Carmel Arts and Design District, in the space previously occupied by the concert venue "The Warehouse", and has ties to Guerin Catholic. In fact, Fine Arts alumni Emma Rund and Tristan Avaleta interned at the theater this past summer.

Of course, these are just a few of the upcoming Fine Arts events. While the calendar is constantly updated online, see pages 7-8 for the current schedule of events for the 2017-18 school year.



REJOICE!

The annual REJOICE event for students from the Catholic elementary schools in the Carmel Deanery went off without a hitch on Saturday, September 30. Guerin Catholic music staff and students worked with nearly 250 young participants to learn several pieces, have a little fun, and enjoy a pizza lunch — complete with the famous Guerin Catholic cookies. The day culminated with a fun performance of what they learned.

Participants came from these six schools:

- St. Lawrence, Muncie
- St. Maria Goretti, Westfield
- Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville
- St. Louis de Montfort, Fishers
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel
- St. Theodore Guerin High School, Noblesville



(Top and bottom: Singers from all six participating schools come together to perform at the end of the day; left: a thank you note signed by students from one of the schools hangs in the choir room)



Where Are They Now? Checking in with a Very Special Fine Arts Alumnus. . . Father Cole Daily

On June 3, 2017, GoldenVoice led the music at Guerin Catholic Alumnus Father Cole Daily's First Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Patrick Church in Kokomo.

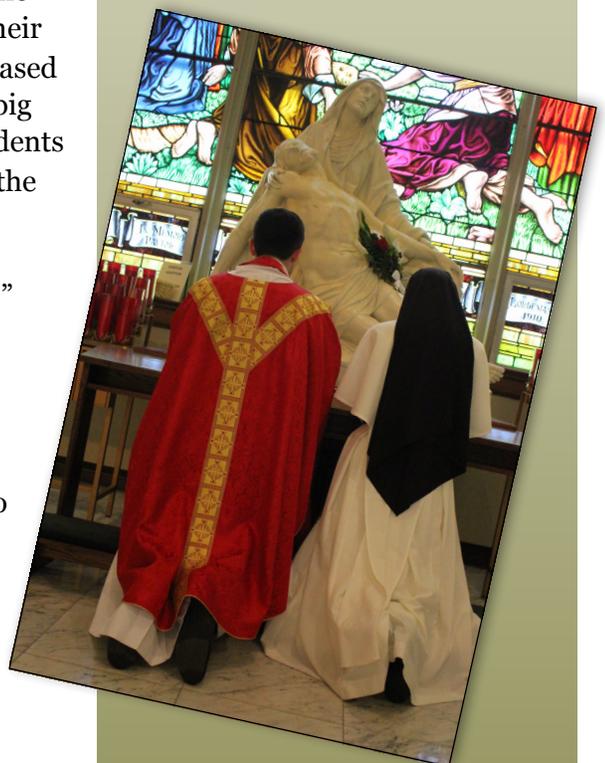
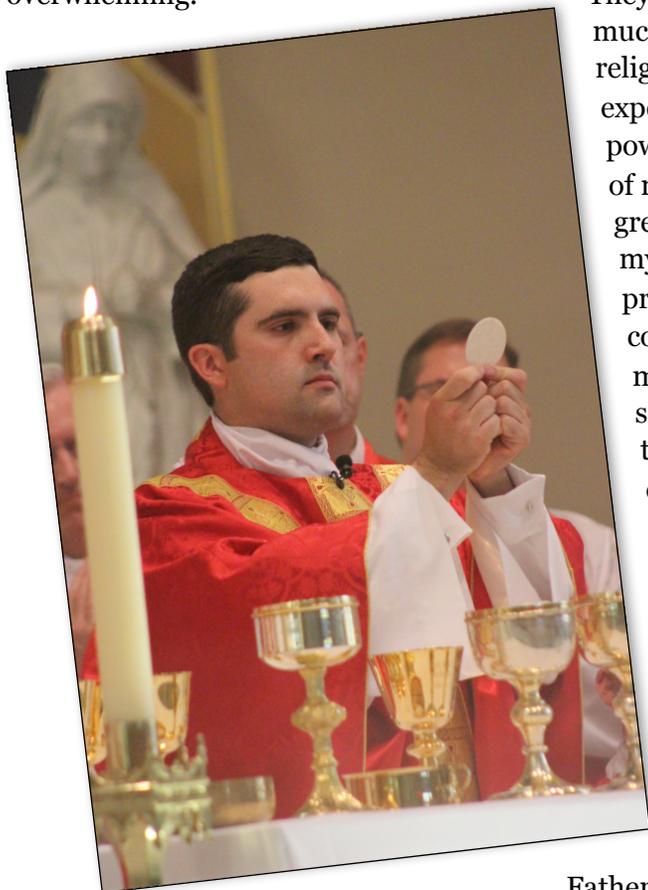
"One of the greatest joys on the day of my priestly ordination was having GoldenVoice lead the music at my First Mass of Thanksgiving," said Father Daily. "I sang in GoldenVoice when I attended Guerin Catholic under the direction of Mark Duray. It was a great experience for me then, and it helped me to use my gifts to glorify God."

He went on to say "hearing the choir at my first Mass was overwhelming.

They brought so much beauty and religious experience to that powerful moment of my life. They greatly aided in my prayer and the prayer of others. The compliments on their music have not ceased since that day. A big thanks to the students of GoldenVoice, the Durays, and the whole Guerin Catholic family!"

GoldenVoice students were equally moved by the special opportunity to share in

Father Daily's celebration. According to one student "I think the specialness of the occasion inspired us to do our very best."



Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Calendar of Events 2017-2018

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are subject to change so check updated calendar online often!)*

DATE	EVENT	ENSEMBLE
October 26-28	Student Studio Production	
TBA	University of Indianapolis Choral Invitational	TBA
October 29	Open House @ Guerin Catholic	All Choirs, Concert Band and String Orchestra
TBA	Open Mic Night	
November 21	Deadline for ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival Entries	
TBA	Associate Holiday Luncheon @ St. Vincent Hospital Fishers	Sounds of Providence String Orchestra
December 13	Christmas Presentation/Visit for Residents @St. Augustine Home	GoldenVoice Cecilia Concert Band String Orchestra
TBA	Christmas Presentation/Visit for Residents @ Magnolia Springs	
December 19, 7:00 p.m. (students report at 6 p.m.)	Christmas Concert @ Guerin Catholic H.S. Gymnasium	All Ensembles
December 22	All-School Mass Christmas Concert Convocation	All Ensembles
TBA	Open Mic Night	
January 11 & 12 7:00 p.m. January 13 2:00 p.m.	Winter Play in Guerin Catholic Cafetorium	
January 27	ISSMA District Wind/ Percussion/String Solo & Ensemble Festival	

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January 30	Catholic High School Choral Festival @ Marian University	TBA
February 3	ISSMA District Vocal/Piano Solo & Ensemble Festival	
February 17	ISSMA State Vocal/Piano Solo & Ensemble Festival	
February 24	ISSMA State Wind/Percussion/String Solo & Ensemble Festival	Concert Band and String Orchestra
February 24-28	Music Department NYC Trip	
TBA	Holy Family Catholic Conference @ Kokomo High School	
March 3, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Deanery Instrumental Music Festival @ Guerin Catholic H.S.	Concert Band and String Orchestra
March 15-17 and 22-24, 7:30 p.m.	Spring Musical and Spring Art Show @ Guerin Catholic H.S.	
April 5	Guerin's Got Talent! – 7th annual talent show @ GCHS Gymnasium – Convocation	
April 28	ISSMA State Qualification Event	GoldenVoice
May 15 - 7 p.m. (students report at 6 p.m.)	Spring Concert @ Guerin Catholic H.S.	All Ensembles
May 31	Baccalaureate Mass	GoldenVoice, Cecilia, Concert Band, String Orchestra
June 3	2018 Commencement	