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Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance newsletter

FINE ARTS EVENTS CALENDAR

Visual Arts

March 14-16, 2019 and
March 21-24, 2019 Media Center Art Show

Theater Arts

March 14-16, 2019 and
March 21, 22, and 24 Spring Musical

Vocal and Instrumental Arts

March 2, 2019 Joyful Noise Festival

March 9, 2019 GoldenVoice and Cecilia
Pueri Cantores Festival at
SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

May 14, 2019 Spring Concert



COME TO FRANCE!

In 2020 We're going to France,
the home of St Theodore Guerin.

We'll visit the cities where she was born,
where she entered the convent, and
where she taught! We'll see beautiful
churches and immerse ourselves in the
loveliness of this country.

For more information about this trip, go
to (<https://rsvp.eftours.com/ek9gye8>)
or contact **Marcia Murphy**
(mmurphy@guerincatholic.org) .



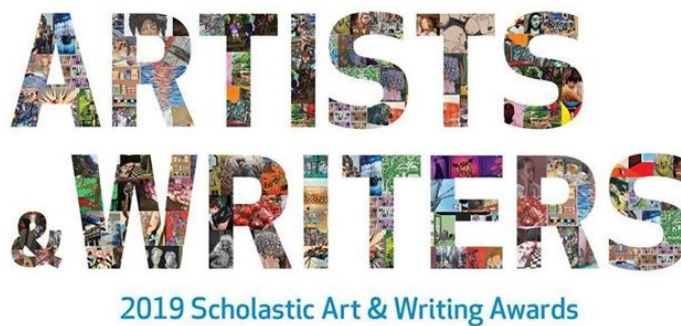
FEBRUARY 2019

VISUAL ARTS NEWS

Guerin Catholic Art Student Gold and Silver Key Awards

Congratulations to the Guerin Catholic art students who were recently recognized with Gold and Silver Key Awards.

They are now among the ranks of winners that include: **Andy Warhol, Richard Avedon, Cy Twombly, Kay WalkingStick, and Zac Posen.**



Gold Key:

Allie Dixon, Sculpture

Silver Key:

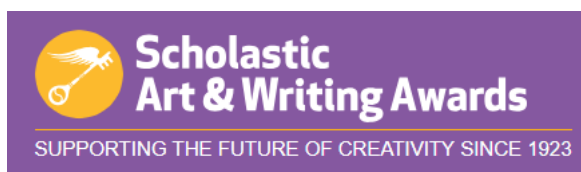
- **Alyssa Chang, Painting**
- **Sarah Dilley, Printmaking**
- **JP Spoonmore, Drawing and Illustration**
- **JP Spoonmore, Editorial Cartoon**

Honorable Mention:

- **Em Barry, Ceramics and Glass**
- **Nico Dinglasa, Drawing and Illustration**
- **Caroline Pfunder, Printmaking**

The **Gold and Silver Key Winner's work will be on display the months of February and March** culminating with a reception and ceremony in the artist's honor at **Clowes Hall on Butler University's campus Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 2:00 PM.** They would love to see some familiar faces at the ceremony.

The Gold Key winner will be judged at the national level in New York for a show at Carnegie Hall. So let's pray that **Allie** gets a national award!



VISUAL ARTS NEWS

Art Club Blood Drive: March 1

The next blood drive is **Friday, March 1, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.** Art Club is currently getting food donations and student workers for the day of the drive. Student donor sign-ups will be Friday, Feb. 22nd, Tuesday, Feb. 26th, and Wednesday, Feb. 27th during all lunches. The image below is from the IBC Instagram account posted recently.



Coming soon: Media Center Art Show

March 14-16, 2019

and

March 21-24, 2019

This show will be judged, and includes a reception at intermission.

Look for more information to come!

VISUAL ARTS NEWS

The Recent IB Art Show was a Great Success!

The **IB Art Show** was held on Valentine's Day at the **Indiana Design Center** in Carmel, IN.

The show featured amazing exhibits from the very talented Guerin Catholic art students.

The event also included live music from Guerin's Sounds of Providence, string quartet, and music students.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and who help to support these students as they share their wonderful talents and gifts.



I  **IB ART**
show

Opening Night

Presented by Love Music from Guerin Catholic's
Society of Providence and Music Students
Sponsored and Supported by:

Thursday, February 14, 2019

6:30-7:30 pm

Indiana Design Center, 300 East
800 S Ransseltree Rd, Carmel, Indiana

GETTING TO KNOW...BETH WAGONER VISUAL ARTS

What were you like in high school?

I was very similar to how I am now. (I had an unusual high school experience.

My Freshman and Sophomore years, I went to Northeastern High School in Fountain City, IN. My Junior year, I went to Halls High School in Halls, TN. My Senior year, I moved back to Indiana to graduated with my friends in Indiana while my parents were in Tennessee.)

In high school, I was very active - I played softball, volleyball and tennis. I was in National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Beta Club, and volunteered in a variety of areas of the school.

What inspires you?

I get inspired by the world around me. Nature, music, Scripture, people... God's creations.

What is your favorite season?

Without a doubt summer is my favorite season.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love the outdoors - biking and hiking. I love making art - painting and ceramics.

I love getting to know people - thus my Book of Questions. And I love to eat - cooking and trying new recipes is so fun.

Who is your favorite artist?

Michelangelo is without a doubt my favorite artist. It is absolutely amazing what he has created... both two-dimensionally as well as three-dimensionally during his time on this earth.

Coffee or tea?

Neither. I call myself a "Jesus girl"... water and wine.



Favorite snack, healthy or junk food?

My kryptonite is chips, salsa, and guacamole. I cannot stop.

What would your autobiography be called?

The Book of Bethonian.

What do you love most about being part of Guerin Catholic?

I love being able to work in a school alongside my husband and children that challenges me not only professionally but spiritually. It is such a special place. Jason and I have been blessed to teach at GCHS for 15 years now.

Watching it grow and making such wonderful friends with co-workers and students has been life changing.

THEATER ARTS NEWS

Production: Antigone Now Guerin Catholic Fine Arts department recently wrapped production of their winter play, Antigone Now. Guerin Catholic Fine Arts student **Justine Hinkley, class of 2021**, reflects as assistant director on the experience.



“Shhh. Listen. Feel that? That is the sound of a word spoken two thousand years ago.”

Does a phrase like this spark your interest? Would you be eager to see a group of nine high schoolers, who have only studied Antigone during their short high school career, perform a modern-

ized version of this play in a little less than an hour?

I’ll be honest, when I first heard of the play and began reading over the script, I was less than intrigued.

That is, before I began seeing the cast perform. The wonderful **cast of only nine teenagers** performed in a way that is far beyond what is normally seen on a high school stage.

The cast had approximately a month to prepare this short play about a teenager facing the hardships of life in Thebes, grieving the loss of her two brothers in the war that had already taken her father. The cast worked beautifully together, and the **Director, Mr. Panasuk**, worked extremely diligently and was able to allow me, the assistant director, to learn about what he was doing and pull the show together in the short time span the cast was given.

Through this process, everyone contributing to the production had the wonderful opportunity to truly see **God’s beauty** in stories much older than we are. Overall, I could not have asked for a better cast and crew to work with on this beautiful play written long before our era.

St. Genesius, pray for us.



THEATER ARTS NEWS

Production photos: Antigone Now



THEATER ARTS NEWS

Pictures from the recent Vocal and Instrumental Arts Christmas Concert



VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL ARTS NEWS

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VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL ARTS NEWS

Congratulations!

Big congrats to our students who won **GOLD** and **SILVER** at the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble competition.

GOLD

- Emmie Bell, Cello (Group 2)
- Matt DiDonna, Drum Set (Group 1)
- Matt DiDonna, Marimba (Group 1)
- Matt Didonna, Snare Drum (Group 1)
- Jack Loub, Vocal (Group 1)
- Fefe Nguyen, Violin (Group 1)
- Michael Supernaw, Piano (Group 1)
- String ensemble (Group 2) with a **PERFECT** score!
Link to [their performance](#).

SILVER

- Emily Garnes, Vocal (Group 1)
- Adam Van Atter, Vocal (Group 1)

Bravo



FINE ARTS NEWS

Inaugural Fine Arts t-shirt: Charlie Smith

The Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Department is selling the Inaugural "Shirt".

The winning design was submitted by **Senior Charlie Smith**. Below, Charlie describes his inspiration for the design.

[Click here to order!](#)



I chose this design because of the song **Oh God Beyond All Praising**. I love how this melody is so old and universal. The first time I heard it was when I played it in band freshman year. The melody is originally from Gustovs Holts Jupiter and was written to be a symphony. The next three years I would continue to encounter this melody in Goldenvoice and Sounds of Providence. Every year among the wide variety of music we perform we always sing **Oh God Beyond All Praising**; for weddings, funerals and school mass. When I was thinking of a design, I decided to try to reflect the power of this song. It took me a WHILE and a lot of sketches to come up with the final design. As I sketched, I thought back on the different times I had sang this song and took elements of the places we have been to reflect the meaning of this powerful song. The front is inspired by a rose stained-glass window and also a compass. At the end of my sophomore year Goldenvoice sang at Father Cole Daily's first mass in Kokomo. At St. Patrick there is a large rose stainedglass window right behind the choir loft. Goldenvoice is a BIG choir so we really packed everyone in there. For the final song we sang **Oh God Beyond All Praising** and it was beautiful! As I sketched, I realized how much these

windows look like compasses and I decided to go with it. The compass design shows us that the music we create will lead us and others to God.

On the side there is a mountain range. Although we have never performed in the mountains, we have traveled and performed in New York City. My trip to New York City my junior year was one of the best parts of my life and it was amazing to have an impact in a community so far away from our small school in Indiana. While we were there, we once again sang **Oh God Beyond All Praising**. Because of the reach of our small school has on communities all around the country I decided to include the mountains.



You might be wondering why the shirt is only black and white. It's because I invite you to bring some of your own creativity to the shirt. I have explained how it applies to my fine arts experience but you can change the colors with dye to reflect how the Guerin Catholic Fine Arts has impacted your life.

God bless!

Charlie Smith, class of 2019

FINE ARTS NEWS: HL MATH & IB MUSIC FIELD TRIP

A Monastic Day at St. Meinrad Archabbey

HL math and IB music students recently took an interdisciplinary field trip (mathematics, theology, music, art, and prayer) to St. Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, IN. There were several reasons for the visit:

- **Mathematics:** To follow up on a lesson that focused on a fractal design called a "Sierpinski Triangle." This design is a prominent feature in the pavement of the St. Meinrad Archabbey church. During the lesson, we explored the mathematics and the theological symbolism of the floor of the Archabbey church. On the trip, students were able to see the pavement in person and appreciate its theological symbolism within the context of the monks' prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours.
- **Theology, prayer, and the monastic life:** Students enjoyed the opportunity to pray with the monks of St. Meinrad during Liturgy of the Hours, and to learn more about the monastery and the lives of the monks who live there. Br. John Mark Falkenhain (choirmaster, former vocations director, Youth and Young Adult Advisory board member) led students on a tour of the church and selected areas of the monastery.
- **Music:** IB Music students have studied the history of Gregorian chant and the role of chant in both Western and Eastern cultures. They experienced chant in an organic way in monastic life.
- **Art:** Elizabeth Busey (<https://elizabethbusey.com/>), a Bloomington artist who works in lino prints, had an exhibit in the St. Meinrad Archabbey library at the time of our visit. The subjects of many of Elizabeth's prints are math and science related (Fibonacci numbers, fractals, images (micro and macro) from nature, etc.). Elizabeth met with students to discuss her art.

For more information about St. Meinrad, visit <https://www.saintmeinrad.org/>.

Student reflection IB Music and HL Math student **Jack Hodde, class of 2020**

In all honesty, when I signed up for the St. Meinrad field trip, I mostly expected to get out of school for a while and hang with some friends, potentially learning a thing or two along the way. By midday, I had completely abandoned any preconceived expectations about the trip.

Beginning the day in the Monte Cassino Shrine was a perfect way to start out the trip, as the designs and art inside were beautiful and intricate, as was the history and stories surrounding the tiny chapel.

The day was very cold but I don't think many of us even noticed, for while we traversed from place to place very quickly, we hardly had time to even worry about the cold. Some rooms were filled with colorful and vibrant art and some were riddled with fractals and mathematical spectacles. As someone who has never

been particularly interested in math or been very good at it, I managed to find so much beauty in the mathematical details within the fractal art.

One part of the trip that many of us found captivating was the showcase by artist Elizabeth Busey, whose works and methods held our interest and had us all talking and marveling at the pieces.

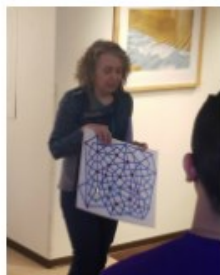
The music was one of many highlights of the trip for me, as the resonating chants and ancient texts found within the church and the library told so much about the history and sacredness of music within the monastery. Overall, my expectations about what the trip would ultimately mean to me were blown away and I came away from it with a new appreciation and view on beauty and art.



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Photos from the HL Math and IB Music field trip



FINE ARTS NEWS

Social Media, notifications, and volunteer opportunities



Search for **Guerin Catholic**
Fine Arts Department



We need your help! Click the link below to sign up for GCFAA volunteer opportunities for the 2018-2019 school year.

www.volunteersignup.org/RYFH3

NOTE: FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION, SEE PAGE 15



GCHS Musicians & Parents:

Join our Remind Group

To receive important updates, send the following messages (separately) to **text number 81010**:

- **Music Department** updates: @gcmusdept
- **GC Fine Arts Alliance** updates: @guerinfaa

Parents, please join both groups!

Become a Member!

The Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance (GCFAA) strives to assist the department of Fine Arts in many ways. We serve our young artists by providing time, talent, and treasure 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? See below for a complete list of opportunities for involvement. Or contact our President with any questions or for more information:

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Saint (\$1000 and up)

Includes:

- Donor recognition in programs
- Saint greeting cards designed by Guerin Catholic art students
- Year-end donor reception
- GCFAA car decal
- Reserved concert stadium seating for 4
- Reserved parking for all concerts and plays/musicals
- Coupon for 2 free drinks and concessions at plays & musicals

Archangel (\$250 and up)

Includes:

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- Year-end donor reception
- GCFAA car decal
- Reserved concert stadium seating for 2
- Reserved parking for all concerts and plays/musicals

Angel (\$25 and up)

Includes:

- Donor recognition in programs
- Saint greeting cards designed by Guerin Catholic art students
- Year-end donor reception

Volunteer!

- Assist with art shows
- Ticket and concession sales
- Newsletter and communications
- Chaperoning trips and events
- Meals, reception, hospitality
- Administrative and clerical
- Theatre set construction
- Coordinating volunteers
- Making costumes
- Assist with outreach

[Click here to join and donate to the Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance](#)

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.

