



8001 West Belmont Avenue
River Grove, IL 60171-1096
Phone 708.453.6233
Fax 708.453.6296
www.guerinprep.org

MEDIA CONTACT

Sr. Dawn Tomaszewski, SP
Vice President for Advancement
708-453-6233, Ext. 4708

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Aug. 20, 2010

GUERIN PREP OPENS NEW SCHOOL YEAR “UNDER CONSTRUCTION”

Construction fences will greet the students of Guerin College Preparatory High School when schools open for the 2010-2011 year as various improvements are under way, including the renovation of the school’s competition gymnasium in the Holy Cross building on Guerin Prep’s 22-acre campus.

The school year begins Aug. 23 with approximately 540 students, including 127 freshmen and 15 transfer students. The Mass of the Holy Spirit starts the day, an all-school picnic will bring the first day to a close.

Also, the school welcomes its first Guerin Prep graduate, Vince Nardiello, to the faculty. Vince, a recent graduate of Dominican University with a B.A. in history, will teach social science. He has been a member of the Guerin Prep football coaching staff since he graduated from Guerin Prep in 2006.

Also on Monday, Guerin Prep will begin to provide its own bus service for students living in the western suburbs. For the coming semester the bus will pick up at the River Grove Metra Station, St. Vincent Ferrer in River Forest and Sacred Heart School in Melrose Park. Each semester the route will be determined by the needs of Guerin Prep families.

“Under Construction”

Following the sale of four acres of property earlier this year, Guerin Prep has sought to implement a long-range plan adopted by its board of directors in 2007. The master plan calls for the enhancement and expansion of the four core components of Guerin Prep’s mission—academics, athletics, arts and financial aid, and since the sale Guerin Prep already has acted on two of these areas.

A tuition freeze for the 2010-2011 school year was announced at the time of the sale, thus offering every Guerin Prep family tuition assistance for the coming school year.

The second project was the renovation of the girls' softball field and the surrounding fence and gate areas, completed in time for the spring softball season.

Since then, the school has also upgraded the football/soccer and baseball fields and has installed a safety fence for the stadium field area. Parking lot repair, resurfacing and restriping is also being completed in time for the start of the school year.

Inside the building, new science lab desk tops and chairs have been installed and new risers have been added to a new chorus room. A students' commons study area is in the final stages of development. In addition, new tables have been ordered for the school cafeteria.

Next on the agenda are major improvements in the Holy Cross building, including refurbishing of the gym, a new fitness center and a new concessions and kitchen area.

Eventually, a new entry way will be created leading into the gymnasium.

"We want to move from being a good school to a great school," explained Principal Tony Tinerella in addressing the faculty and staff about the improvements during faculty meetings this week. "This is a great start."

Search for a New President

Guerin Prep is currently searching for a new president for the school, following the retirement of Terry Malik this June. Malik served as president since March 2008. A search committee formed by the board of directors will begin interviewing candidates for the position Aug. 30.

While the search committee does its work, the Board of Directors has named the three remaining members of the school's administration as acting co-presidents—Kevin Miller, vice president for financial affairs, Anthony Tinerella, principal, and Sister Dawn Tomaszewski, vice president for advancement.

###