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Guerin Prep Hosts Third Annual Big Event

Guerin Prep High School's third annual Big Event on Saturday, March 6, 2010 offers entertainment, food, Vegas style games and more.

The event, open to the public, will be held at the school, 8001 W. Belmont Av., River Grove, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Adults can play Texas Hold 'em, roulette and other Las Vegas-style games in one area or dance the night away to jazz and Beatles music. The event brings back the ever-popular chocolate room and an expanded Comedy Club, featuring local comedy star Roxy Bellows, aka Pat Musker, a 1975 graduate of Mother Guerin High School.

Guerin Prep's outstanding Jazz Band will accompany an alumni dance competition in addition to providing Big Band music for everyone to enjoy in the school's gym. The Cavern Beat, a look-alike Beatles Band featuring Armando Regalado, former Guerin Prep theology teacher, will follow and rock the gym till closing time.

"We had more than 600 people each of our first two years. The word is getting out and we are excited to welcome everyone from the neighborhood," said Sister Dawn Tomaszewski, SP, vice president of advancement. "Our parents, alumni and staff are all working together to pull out the stops. We have everything to keep you entertained and well fed. In addition, there are fabulous items that have been donated by local businesses for our raffles and silent auction."

The school's foyer will be transformed into a mini Las Vegas with poker, black-jack and other games under direction of the Athletic Boosters. People who only want to visit this venue pay no admission fee.

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“In addition to some terrific raffle and silent auction items, we will have a big raffle. First prize is \$5,000 cash, second is a vacation in Sanibel Island off the coast of Florida and third is a electronics item from Best Buy,” explained Janis Ryan, special events coordinator.

Guerin Prep faculty will host the now traditional chocolate lovers’ room, located in Café Guerin, where Synchronicity, Guerin Prep’s select string ensemble, will provide music to eat by. Food donated and prepared by local restaurants and caterers will be available in abundance. All food and desserts are included in the ticket price. Cash bars will be available throughout the event.

This year, several alumni have joined companies as sponsors. Alumni include Terry Malik ’69, Sam Palumbo ’72, and Roy McCampbell ’72, all graduates of Holy Cross, one of Guerin Prep’s foundation schools. Business sponsors include LaSalle Capital Group, Winston & Strawn, LLP, High Ridge Partners, Greenola, Neighbors Newspaper, First Security Trust and Savings Bank, 36th Ward Alderman John A. Rice, Manor Press, and Rosemont Mayor Bradley A. Stephens. Additional sponsors and benefactors are being sought.

Details about The Big Event are available at www.gpbigevent.com. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance or \$50 at the door. They may be purchased online or by calling Janis Ryan at 708-437-4734. There is no charge for admission to the Vegas-venue only.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Annual Fund of Guerin Prep High School, helping to keep tuition affordable for all who wish to attend. Guerin Prep is a Catholic college preparatory secondary school for young men and women.

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