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Second Annual Big Event Even Bigger than Last Year

Guerin Prep High School's second annual Big Event on Saturday, March 7, 2009 promises to be even bigger than last year, providing something for everyone and a good time for all.

The event 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 offers a brand new Comedy Club and plenty of food and drinks.

Decorations in the gym and music is being coordinated by the Band Boosters. The Cavern Beat, a look-alike Beatles Band featuring Armando Regalado, a former Guerin Prep's theology teacher, will rock the halls, and Guerin Prep's outstanding Jazz Band will accompany a dance competition in addition to providing Big Band music for everyone to enjoy.

"High energy, lots of diversity, phenomenal" said a 1974 alumna who attended last year.

"We had 600 people and look forward to topping that," 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—wine-tasting, a repeat of our very successful chocolate lovers' room, silent auctions and raffles."

Couples made up of moms and sons or dads and daughters will compete head-on in Guerin Prep's parent rendition of Dancing with the Stars. Auditions for Guerin students and parents will be held at 7 pm in the Smythe Gym on Feb. 12.

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 a year’s tuition at Guerin Prep, second is tuition for a semester and third is a Deluxe Panasonic 42” HD plasma TV,” explained Janis Ryan, special events coordinator. The Parents Club is coordinating raffles baskets and silent auction items.

Guerin Prep faculty will host the now traditional chocolate lovers’ room, where Synchronicity, Guerin Prep’s string ensemble will provide entertainment. Plenty of dinner food will also be on hand provided by a wide variety of local restaurants and caterers and is included in the ticket price. Cash bars will be available throughout the event.

Major sponsors include LaSalle Capital Group, Winston & Strawn, LLP, both of Chicago; Solidarity Clothing, Evanston; Holy Cross alumni Roy McCampbell ’72 and Terry John Malik ’69, president of Guerin Prep. Additional sponsors include Manor Press, Pan American Bank, Performance Graphics, Inc., Stadium Sports Club and Pizza and Neighbors. Additional sponsors and benefactors are being sought.

Details about The Big Event are available at www.gpbigevent.com. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance or \$40 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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