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## **GUERIN PREP'S HOMECOMING TO HONOR FIRST FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS OF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS**

Guerin College Preparatory High School will pay tribute to the varsity football teams and cheerleaders of the first decade of its foundation schools during Homecoming celebrations this year.

All Holy Cross High School alumni who played on one of the football teams from 1963 to 1973, and Mother Theodore Guerin High School alumnae who served as cheerleaders during this same time period have been invited to “Come Home” and be honored as part of the special half-time celebration during the Homecoming game Saturday, Sept. 20.

The Guerin Gators varsity football team kick-offs against the St. Laurence Vikings at 1:30 p.m. on Holy Cross Field on the Guerin Prep Campus. Alumni guests will lead the team onto the field. Jack Degrenier HC '69, a former NFL player with the New Orleans Saints, will be on hand to address the varsity football team before the game begins.

The Guerin Gators varsity football team kick-offs against St. Laurence Vikings at 1:30 p.m. on the Holy Cross Field on the Guerin Prep campus. Alumni will lead the team onto the field. Several of the footballs greats from Holy Cross glory days will address the team before the game including Jack Degrenier HC '69, a former NFL player and Dr. Joe Dobner HC '67. Chicago Bear Garrett Wolfe, HC '02, has been invited to attend. As part of the half-time activities, two jersey numbers will be retired to honor outstanding players from Holy Cross' glory days of football.

According to Guerin President Terry Malik, the half-time alumni ceremonies are a part of his “Restore the Pride” program intended to help re-unite the Mother Theodore Guerin and Holy Cross alumni families. “Guerin Prep is built upon the strong traditions and values of its two foundation schools. It’s time for alumni to come home and help Guerin Prep reach its full potential,” stated Malik.

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### **Other Homecoming Events**

Following the Homecoming football game, all guests are invited to enjoy refreshments and reminiscing during the “5th Quarter Chili Bowl” in the Holy Cross cafeteria. There will be a minimal charge for chili, hot dogs and beverages.

The evening before the game, Friday, Sept. 19, all parents, friends and alumni of Guerin Prep can take part in the annual Homecoming parade either as spectators or participants beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the back parking lot of the school. Everyone is encouraged to dress as their favorite Superhero to celebrate this year’s Homecoming theme.

The parade winds through the neighboring streets of River Grove, led by the Guerin Prep marching band. Guerin Prep’s newly formed alumni council will be participating in the parade by riding on the old time fire truck compliments of the Village of River Grove. The Homecoming Court is also featured in the parade.

Students from area grade schools, including St. Cyprians, St. Francis Borgia, St. Celestine’s, Canty, and Dever, also have been invited to participate in the homecoming parade.

Following the parade, a pep rally and fireworks show will be held back at Holy Cross field on the Guerin Prep campus. At that time, the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced.

The Homecoming King and Queen and court will again be recognized during the traditional semi-formal dance on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. The dance also will carry out the Super Heroes theme.

Homecoming events actually kick-off on Sunday, Sept. 14, with the third annual family picnic from 1 to 4 p.m. at the school. Various games, performance by a clown, a moon walk, dunk tank and bean bag contest will be among the featured activities, culminating in a powder puff football game at 2 p.m.

The seniors will hold their annual car wash from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day.

On Monday, Sept. 15, students will dress as their favorite Super Hero Day to carry out this year’s Homecoming theme. On Tuesday, Sept. 16, the freshmen will dress in ‘50s style, the sophomores are to be decked out in ‘60s clothes, the juniors in ‘70s and seniors in ‘80s. On Wednesday, Sept. 17, members of the Guerin Prep community will wear college shirts and on Thursday, Sept. 18, they will show off the shirts of their favorite professional sport team.

Friday, Sept. 19 is GUERIN PRIDE DAY with everyone wearing Guerin Wear or Guerin colors – blue, green and silver. A pep rally will be held at 12:45 p.m., to introduce the Homecoming court and to get everyone psyched for the weekend’s activities.

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