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Guerin Prep Hosts “The Big Event”

Guerin Prep High School’s first Big Event on Saturday, March 8, 2008 promises 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., and features a Las Vegas venue along with entertainment, food, drinks and more.

Music is being coordinated by the Band Boosters. The Cavern Beat, a look-alike Beatles Band featuring Armando Regalado, one of Guerin Prep’s theology teachers will rock the halls, and Guerin Prep’s outstanding Jazz Band will accompany a dance competition besides providing Big Band music for everyone to enjoy.

“This is going to be one of the biggest events ever held here,” said Sister Dawn Tomaszewski, SP, director 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.”

Faculty couples and student couples will compete head-on in Guerin Prep’s own rendition of Dancing with the Stars.

“I’m so thrilled,” says retired dance teacher and stars’ coordinator Vickie Perri. “The faculty contestants are as giddy as the teenagers. They immediately jumped into planning costumes and learning new steps. The audience is going to love this.”

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. Admission to this venue only is free.

“We have some wonderfully creative auction and raffle items already promised,” explained Janis Ryan, special events coordinator for the Office of Advancement and the coordinator for all the groups working on the Big Event. The Parents Club is coordinating raffles baskets and silent auction items.

Among the items are private dance lessons from Perri, Rose Bowl souvenirs, original art by Tom Susin of the art faculty, use of the Guerin Prep courtyard for a private party and an Italian dinner party for six prepared and served by two faculty members.

Guerin Prep faculty are staging a repeat of last year’s successful chocolate lovers’ room. Food will also be on hand in the gym and foyer provided by a wide variety of local restaurants and caterers.

Sponsors include LaSalle Capital Group, Chicago, and Manor Press, River Grove, LMI Packaging Solutions, Wisconsin, Neighbors Magazine, Melrose Park and The Rose Newspaper, Melrose Park. Additional sponsors and benefactors are being sought.

Details about The Big Event are available at www.gpbigevent.com. Tickets are \$30 per person and 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 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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