



Dear Parents of Current Sophomore and Junior Guerin Prep Students,

As students begin the process of course selection for the 2017-2018 school year, we wanted to apprise you of several options available for Guerin students to earn college credits while still in high school. Academic partnerships with Concordia University, Triton College, and St. Mary's University are providing academically qualified junior and senior Guerin students an opportunity to earn college credit and high school course credit simultaneously.

Dual credit courses benefit students academically, socially, and financially. The ideal candidate for dual credit is a student eager to challenge themselves academically, to ease their transition from high school to college, to get a head start on postsecondary core requirements, and to cut the cost of college tuition.

These options offer Guerin students a variety of experiences from taking classes on a university campus taught by college professors to traditional high school classes taught by Guerin faculty. A description of each of these programs, courses available, requirements/prerequisites for acceptance, and cost are provided in the *Guerin Prep 2017-2018 Academic Program of Studies Guide*.

If interested in any of the programs, please have your child see his/her counselor to determine whether or not he/she meets the requirements/prerequisites established by the college and Guerin Prep. If the student qualifies for Dual Credit, he/she should get the signature of his/her teacher and then register for the selected course(s). Directives regarding application/registration to the university will be forthcoming. The postsecondary institution reserves the right to accept or deny a student's application. It is highly recommended that students explore the credit transfer policies of institutions before selecting dual credit. Further information relating to the Dual Credit programs at Guerin Prep may be obtained on the Guerin website or by contacting *Karin Calandriello, Director of Dual Credit*.

These partnerships with colleges/universities accredited by the Higher Learning Commission provide an excellent opportunity for your children to gain a head start on their college pursuits while still in high school. The Guerin community hopes that our students will take advantage of this innovative educational endeavor.

Sincerely,

Karin Calandriello
Director of Dual Credit Programs