



St. Bridget Parish School
14th Annual Gala & Auction Fundraiser
Saturday, February 24, 2018

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Dear St. Bridget Parish School Family,

The Saint Bridget Parish School Gala is quickly approaching! Each year, we come together as a school family to financially support and celebrate our school with an evening of entertainment, dining, silent and live auctions. This year marks our 14th year of gathering to raise money for our school in this way. Plans are well underway for "An Evening in the Enchanted Forest!"

Year after year, the Gala committee is amazed by the love and support for our children shown through the generous donations of area businesses, families, and guests at our Gala event. Last year, we raised \$80,400 for our school and students. The 2017 Gala funds have been used to purchase instructional supplies for every classroom, technology replacements, teacher professional development, several classroom-sized white boards, additional student desks, and partial funding of the Wolf Ridge Environmental Center field trip for our 6th & 7th grade students.

In order for our largest fundraiser to be successful this year, we need your help. **Each school family is required to donate to the Gala. There are several available options for this donation:**

- 1) **Volunteer:** New this year we will trial an option for volunteer time to count as your Gala donation. A commitment of 4 hours or more per family is required if you choose this option. This can be on the Gala committee or volunteering for the event. Please contact me if you would like to help contact local businesses for donations or be a "themed basket coordinator". In the near future, a Sign-up Genius link will be posted in the E-buzz and on Sycamore to sign up for other volunteer positions. Please still complete the attached form so we are aware of your donation intent.
- 2) **Family Donation:** This can be a SCRIP card, an item your family personally donates or a donation your family has solicited from an area business or your employer. If you choose to ask a business for an item, please contact me so I can provide the needed forms and ensure that a business is not asked multiple times for a donation.
- 3) **Monetary Donation:** Your family can choose to sponsor a table for the event, give a donation to help create one of the themed baskets, or give directly to the Gala proceeds.

The Gala committee has chosen to move away from classroom families creating baskets and will have volunteers create them from designated donation funds.

When filling out the donation form, please be sure to complete it in its entirety. This is very important to help us list items appropriately in the catalog, price them accordingly for the auctions, and send receipts.

Finally, if you would like to volunteer your time or talent to our Gala committee, please do not hesitate to contact the school office regarding various other Gala volunteer opportunities. There is a lot of preparation that is involved in bringing this event into fruition! Please reach out if you are able to volunteer!

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional forms. All Gala donations from school families should be delivered to the school office as soon as possible but no later than January 19, 2018 in order to be listed in the catalog. Thank you in advance for showing your support of our school!

Sincerely,

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