



## **Make Plans NOW to Attend the HFS Gala Dinner & Auction**

If you haven't been to the Annual Gala Dinner & Auction before, now is the time to mark your calendar for Saturday, March 21, 2020, and plan on attending!

### **What is a Gala?**

It might sound fancy, but a gala is simply a social event. There are no black ties involved. Come as you are and spend an evening out with your school community as you socialize and meet other parents, become reacquainted with others, and celebrate our school! Your event ticket includes great food and drinks, DJ entertainment, and LOTS OF FUN! PLUS, purchasing tickets counts toward the Tuition Credit Program!

### **What about the auction part?**

This is where it becomes fun! There are hundreds of items available for bid. With the online bidding platform, you can grab your cell phone and choose your limits. Guests could walk away a winner for as little as \$20. If you don't win, there are still plenty of opportunities to make a donation – large or small – to help the children of HFS. EVERY dollar counts, and EVERY donation is appreciated.

### **Where do you get the auction items?**

We have a committee that is already working diligently to solicit donations and sponsorships from individuals and local businesses. We rely on our school families and parishioners for support, too. Any donation of baskets, event tickets, or gift cards are greatly appreciated and needed in order for our event to be a success. If you would like to help with donations, please contact Jenn Lerch at 618-920-6121.

### **Once the event is over, what is the money used for?**

Annually, more than \$50,000 has been raised at the Gala. The proceeds from this event help fund the school's operating expenses from technology improvements to textbooks. Our ability to provide our students with the best resources and educational opportunities depends partially on this event's success. Your attendance and donations make a difference.

### **How can I help?**

Planning is already underway. Consider becoming a member of the committee. From creating the decorations and gathering donations to setting up and working the event, we have a special niche for each individual willing to help. ALSO, start looking for items that you think might make good donations for the auction.

**Keep an eye out for more information on the 2020 HFS Gala Dinner & Auction!**

### **Questions?**

Contact Suzanne Halbrook at 618-792-9698 or Erica Stone at 618-920-5362.