

GALA 101



Here is everything you need to know to feel confident, comfortable, and ready for a fantastic night out. The primary goal of the night is to have fun, raise money and celebrate our school and church community.

Arrival and Check-In

Registration: When you arrive, head to the registration desk. You do not need to bring physical tickets; simply show the volunteers your Givebutter QR code and receive your table number and auction bid paddle.

Bidding Account: Our event is powered by Give Butter. Each guest needs a cell phone number on file so that we can ensure you are not excluded from memorable parts of the evening.

Table Etiquette and Seating

Assigned Seating: Gala seating is pre-arranged. You will receive your table number at check-in.

Conversational Courtesy: Keep your phone on silent. When speakers take the stage, please pause table conversations to give them your full attention.

Bidding and Giving

Galas are fundraisers, but there are multiple ways to participate at every comfort level. There is absolutely no pressure to bid on everything!

The Live Auction: Conducted by an auctioneer during dinner for high-value items. If you want to bid, raise your bidding paddle clearly. If you win an item you will be expected to pay before departing.

Bid from the heart: A moment in the evening where guests are invited to make a direct, tax-deductible donation to the Outdoor Learning Initiative. The auctioneer will call out donation tiers, and you simply raise your paddle at the level you wish to contribute.

The Silent Auction: Items like gift baskets, local experiences, and teacher-donated perks are bid on digitally via your phone. You will get a text notification if someone outbids you.

Ending the Night

Check-Out: Before you leave, head back to the registration area if you won any physical auction items to pay and pick them up. With Givebutter you can choose to cover the fees or not, completely up to you.

