



Dear St. Brendan Families,

It is that time of year again! Time for pumpkins, lattes, and preparing for the St Brendan School Auction! Mark your calendars for March 2, 2024, for all of the sparkle and glam with An Evening Under the Stars!

For those who are new to St. Brendan, the school auction is an annual event that raises funds to support our Home and School Association. Home and School supports our students and faculty by funding things like field trips, educational programs, artists in the schools, parent socials, teacher lunches and high school scholarships to name a few. In addition to supporting these programs, funds raised at the auction this year will go toward upgrades to our school's stage. Some past projects the auction has helped fund have been new flooring, cabinets and countertops, new lockers, doors and windows, a new playground, creating our STEM Lab, funding classroom improvements, creating a new teacher's lounge, providing a new sound system in our multipurpose room, and helping to pay for our new media center.

We rely on donations from St. Brendan families to create packages auctioned off during the event. Here is our ask of you: work with friends, parishioners, or other St. Brendan school families to put together a themed package for the silent auction. We have put together categories to help generate ideas for some of our most popular packages below.

Whether you work alone or with many families, designate one person to "sign-up" at this [link](#) to let us know you're working on a package. Please be sure to include the other families' names on the sign-up so we know who to include in the description on our auction site.

Our goal is to get a variety of packages for the event. Most will be used in the silent auction, but higher valued packages may be placed in our live auction. This year we are asking that you do not wrap the package in cellophane or other outer wrapping as we will be getting pictures of the individual items before wrapping them for our online bidding app.

Categories on the Sign-up Genius

Recreation and family fun (ex: backyard games, passes to zoo/theme parks, golf lessons, hiking gear, BBQ, camping, beach fun, movie/game night)

Support local, food or drink (ex: local breweries/distillery, jewelry, candles, Mom's night out, restaurant gift cards, entertainment, rare bourbon, and liquors)

Sports (ex: OSU, CBJ, Clippers, Crew, NFL memorabilia, tickets, gear, tailgate supplies, lessons)

Around the house/Automotive (ex: cleaning service, cookbook, espresso machine, landscaping, interior decorating, grill, unique art, or home decor)

Self-care/Treat yourself (ex: make-up, spa gift card, yoga studio passes, fitness packages)

Technology (ex: AirPods, gaming accessories, Apple products or gift cards)

Travel (ex: airline/hotel/AirBnB gift cards, vacation home stays, luggage)

Handbags (new high-end handbags for the purse table)

Other (ex: hot air balloon ride, pet/babysitting, holiday decorations, yard clean-up, favorite beverage basket)

Step-by-Step instructions and timeline

1. Talk with families and friends to confirm who will work together to put together a silent auction package.
2. Designate one person to enter it into the [Sign-up Genius link](#), indicating the families participating.
 - Commit to and sign-up by the **end of December 2023.**
3. Purchase and finalize packages. By **January 31, 2024**, e-mail sbauction@cducation.org the following information: Names of those who contributed, list of all items, and total value.
4. Have the items ready for drop-off at the school the week of **February 5th 2024**.
 - Reminders will be sent along the way!
5. If you do not have other families to work with or have an individual item to donate, please contact Christine Mack or Christina Miller to be paired up with someone. In addition, any personal donation questions can be sent to sbauction@cducation.org.

Thank you in advance for your help in making the auction a success! As you know, this is our largest fundraiser, and your generosity is always appreciated!

2024 Personal Donations Chairs

Christine Mack and Christina Miller