

The "Off to the Races" Rag

AUCTION & GALA NEWSLETTER



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TOP TEN THINGS PEOPLE DO WHILE WAITING IN CARPOOL LINE

10. Read *People Magazine*
9. Chew gum
8. Talk on the telephone
7. Talk with the person in the next car
6. Listen to music
5. Play "I Spy" with your children
4. Daydream
3. Talk with your children about their day
2. Take a nap

And the Number One thing people do while waiting in carpool line....

Buy their Auction and Gala tickets! RSVP Today at givergy.us/cesgala23.

****Ticket prices increase after March 11th!****



WHAT DOES A VIP TICKET GET ME?!

We are glad you asked! A VIP ticket gets you Champagne service upon entry; VIP Concierge Desk with dedicated line for check-in and check-out, help with placing and monitoring bids, as well as access to an exclusive charging station for your phone; One entry into the Manes and Tails game; and a "Winners Purse" gift bag with beverages and treats to take home at the end of the night. Bet on this royal treatment – you can't lose! Upgrade your ticket at givergy.us/cesgala23

WHATEVER SHALL I WEAR?



After dressing down during the pandemic, it's time to get your party on! It's cocktail attire for the gala, so have fun with it! Your dresses and ties will be perfect as we gather around the racetrack. Fascinators, jockey silks, and hats are definitely optional but of course, welcome.

TEACHER TREATS

Did you know that your child's teacher donates a "treat" to the auction? You can bid to win this fun, extra time for your child with your favorite teacher! For example, Sra. Johnson has donated Spanish Brunch at a Jose Andres' restaurant (and you know they will be speaking Spanish the entire time!). Or, your child can go on a Smithsonian scavenger hunt with Ms. Dixon or a fun run and lunch with Mr. Thistle!

Thank you to our incredible CES teachers who generously donate unique adventures so they can spend more time with their students.

FRIENDS & FELLOW CLASS PARENTS: WORK TOGETHER AND GET ORGANIZED!

After all, isn't that what we are teaching our children to do? When you receive the Auction Catalog, get together with your friends and fellow class parents and scope out great party and trip auction items on which you can bid together! The more the merrier!

DO I HAVE TO BUY ANYTHING?

No, you are not required or obligated to buy anything at the event; although all proceeds raised at the Auction and Gala benefit CES, our wonderful teachers, and all CES students. Contribute as your heart leads you!

Over for more! →

DON'T LET YOUR FRIENDS OUTBID YOU ON THESE AWESOME AUCTION ITEMS!

Whether you want to treat yourself to dinner, take a professional family portrait, or enjoy a great vacation getaway, we've got something for you! We have lots of event tickets and golfing opportunities for the sports fan, beautiful jewelry and other types of pampering for that special someone (including yourself!), and many hands-on learning opportunities for the kids. All at a variety of price points! Be on the lookout for the Auction and Gala catalog, which will make its way home via the backpack express the week before the gala. There is something for everyone! **The Silent Auction opens on March 12th.** *Don't forget to bid high and often!*



A birthday party for up to 10 children at the Cabin John Fire Department!



SO MANY cupcakes at the famous Georgetown Cupcake! Delicious!



Tickets to the International Spy Museum!

THIS WEEK'S LIVE AUCTION HIGHLIGHT:

DINNER WITH BISHOP BUDE



This is a once in a lifetime opportunity! The winner and up to seven guests will enjoy amazing conversation over a delicious dinner hosted by The Right Reverend Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde in her home!

Bishop Budde is the first female bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, an incredible preacher, and author of several books. We are grateful she is welcoming the CES community into her home in such a fun and generous way.

Pictured: Bishop Budde visiting Christ Episcopal School for our 50th anniversary Chapel in 2016. Photo courtesy of Rebecca Sawyer Photography.