

# The "Off to the Races" Rag

## AUCTION & GALA NEWSLETTER



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### RSVP TO THE AUCTION AND GALA TODAY!

After tomorrow, **March 11th**, *ticket prices increase*, so purchase your tickets today!

### BEST OF LIVE RAFFLE

One lucky winner will get to cherry pick a Live Auction item **before bidding even starts!** Tickets are only \$100, and the Live Auction items are some of the most desirable and enviable (and highly valuable). You could win a trip to Cabo, a weekend in Virginia horse country, or an instant wine or whiskey cellar. We only sell 50 tickets, so your odds are pretty good! Purchase "Best of Live" tickets at [givergy.us/cesgala23](http://givergy.us/cesgala23).



### MANES AND TAILS



Our "Off to the Races" Manes and Tails is a fun quick spirited game that will be played during the live auction. A tremendous prize goes to the winner of this year's Manes and Tails game: A beautiful piece of fine jewelry that will be revealed on Gala night! At a cost of *only \$25 to play*, plan to join in the fun and play the game. You might just win!

### WILL I RECEIVE A CATALOG IN ADVANCE?

Yes! The "Off to the Races" catalog will be distributed next week via backpack express. Peruse the catalog for items that may interest you, and **start bidding online on Sunday, March 12th!** Register at [givergy.us/cesgala23](http://givergy.us/cesgala23) and let the bidding begin!

For live auction items, read the descriptions and think about which items you'll want to bid on during the Gala (alone or with a group of friends). Things happen FAST at the auction, so be prepared!

### RAISE THE PADDLE

Raise the Paddle is a special time during the live auction. The auctioneer asks everyone to raise their auction paddle to donate at various monetary levels to support a specific need the school has identified as most important.



This year, our Raise the Paddle effort will support our new **CES Learning Lab** (more details in next week's newsletter). Please include the Raise the Paddle opportunity in your budget for the gala evening!

## SILENT AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS:

### REMEMBER TO BID HIGH AND OFTEN!



Four rounds of golf at Blue Mash Golf Course (CES golf balls and cart included!)



A four-night stay at beautiful Deep Creek Lake, Maryland!



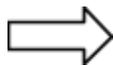
A Kendra Scott heart necklace! Show yourself or that special someone some love!

Over for more! →

## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK



**Please consider helping with Gala set-up and clean-up.** You will get to preview all the amazing auction items, including class art! The more volunteers we have, the faster we can put on our cocktail attire and dancing shoes! We will also need some volunteers to help with cleaning up after the event, which goes very quickly with a handful of people. Please sign up below to lend a hand. Thank you!



[signupgenius.com/go/30e0545abaa229-cesauction#/](https://signupgenius.com/go/30e0545abaa229-cesauction#/)

## HANDS ON LEARNING HIGHLIGHT

**Be sure to check out Auction Item #301  
Symphony and Season's 52**

For over a century, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (BSO) has been recognized as one of America's leading orchestras and one of Maryland's most significant cultural institutions. The orchestra is internationally renowned and locally admired for its performances, recordings, community, and educational initiatives including OrchKids. And in addition to performing in Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore, they also perform regularly at **The Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda.**

The winner receives four prime tickets to a single performance at Strathmore **and a VIP backstage tour and musician introductions led by the BSO's CEO** (who happens to be a big fan of CES!). What an amazing inspirational experience! Before you head to Strathmore, grab dinner at the delicious Seasons 52 restaurant which is right up the street! The perfect opportunity for adults and students alike!!

