



BOOKWORM BULLETIN

AUCTION & GALA NEWSLETTER

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EXTRA! EXTRA! THE GALA IS ONLY HOURS AWAY!

DAY OF TIMELINE:

Happening Now: Bid in the Silent Auction. Whether you are attending the gala or not, everyone can bid at www.givergy.us/cesgala25.

6:00 pm- The party starts! Be at Maggiano's (5333 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase) in your cocktail attire.

6:00-8:15 pm- ENJOY the open bar, delicious food, and a night out with your friends!

8:00 pm- Last chance to bid on silent auction items! Silent Auction closes at 8:15 pm. Bid with or against, your friends (do NOT let your friends outbid you)! This is all in fun and to support the school.

8:30 pm- Raise your paddle and bid high and often in the Live Auction

9:30 -11:00 pm- Dessert, dancing, and checkout! Guests will be able to check out starting at 10 pm, and then continue dancing until the event ends at 11 pm!

11:00 pm- Please consider lending a hand with clean up

After the Gala- Sleep like a baby, because you had fun and helped raise money for a very special school!



SO MUCH RESPONSIBILITY IN ONE LITTLE BOOK

Auction catalogs were sent home via the "backpack express." If your student has not yet given you your catalog, please check their backpack!

Be sure to bring your auction catalog with you to the Gala on Saturday night. In addition to describing all of the wonderful auction items, it will also serve as your bid paddle when we attach your bid number to it!

ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER

...of amazing auction items!

Absentee bids for Live Auction Items from those individuals unable to attend the Auction and Gala will be accepted until **12:00 noon on Saturday, March 8th.**

You can also purchase a "Best of Live" ticket and win, *even if you are not present at the Gala!* Go to www.givergy.us/cesgala25 and click on the "Best of Live" tab. **Only 50 tickets are sold** so your odds of winning are excellent!

You must also be registered on the Givergy website (www.givergy.us/cesgala25) with a credit card on file to confirm your bid.

For absentee bids, please email Caitlin Vredenburg at cvredenburg@cesrockville.org with the following bid information:

- Your full name
- Email
- Mobile phone number
- Auction Lot Number
- Your bid amount

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

Wear your dancing shoes and come prepared to cut a rug! (or whatever the young people call it these days!)



INSTANT GRATIFICATION

If I win something, can I take it home at the end of the evening? **YES!**

A majority of items will be available for you to take home at check out. Givergy makes it easy to know quickly and easily if you won, and allows you to pay for your items and take them home.

RAISE YOUR PADDLE!

Enhanced STEM and Technology Curriculums for All Students Bringing Science to Life!

Please include the “Raise the Paddle” opportunity in your budget for the Gala evening! You can read about this year’s effort in more detail in your Gala Catalog.

If you will not be in attendance at the gala and would like to contribute to Raise the Paddle, please email the Director of Development, Cyndy Mamalian at cmamalian@cesrockville.org. We are grateful for every contribution!

-GALA PARKING & TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS-

Maggiano’s is located at 5333 Wisconsin Avenue, NW,
right on the border where Chevy Chase ends and Washington, DC begins.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL OPTIONS:



If traveling in your own car:

There is a Colonial Parking garage under the restaurant. There are two garage entrances:

- (1) Enter the “Chevy Chase Pavillion” Colonial Parking Garage using the entrance located on Military Road between Western Avenue (off of Wisconsin Avenue) and 43rd St. NW. At the bottom of the entrance ramp, turn left, and follow signs to Maggianos. The elevator there will take you up to the restaurant.
- (2) Enter the “Chevy Chase Pavillion” Colonial Parking garage on Wisconsin Avenue, to the left of the Maggiano’s entrance. After going through the garage gate, continue straight and follow signs to “Friendship Center”. Once in the Friendship Center side of the garage, there will be a sign on the elevator vestibule for Maggiano’s.

Upon leaving Maggianos, be sure to **validate your parking ticket** at the host stand, which will provide discounted parking for the first 4 hours for \$4, and then an additional 1-2 hours will be \$5-\$7. The garage is staffed until 11:00 pm, but is open 24 hours.

There is limited street parking.

If not driving yourself:



METRO

Maggiano’s is located at the Friendship Heights metro stop on the Red Line. Once off the metro, take the Military Road exit.



Taxi or Rideshare

Take a taxi or rideshare to the gala!

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER...

