



Dear Cathedral Parents,

As we head into the holidays, we want to thank you for your support of the Ball activities thus far and give you a preview of what's to come when we return from Christmas break. Yes, it's a long one, but please bear with us and keep reading... a lot of important info below 😊

As you know, our theme is "**Glory Days**," and part of the money raised will go towards a new Amphitheater and grotto in the back of the school behind the convent wing. This will be an area where the kids and teachers can take advantage of outdoor learning, assemblies, etc. This is another step to continue showcasing our already beautiful campus.

### **Friday Night Lights – Family Movie Night**

Thank you for coming out to what we hope will become an annual tradition...*Family Movie Night*. Seeing all the families hanging out and the kids running around was so great! So many people jumped in to help make the evening a success!

### **Student Raffle**

The *Student Raffle* was a resounding success! A huge thank you to our Raffle chairs, **Julie Baumgartner & Shannon Shamosh**. There is a TON of work to make it happen and they knocked it out of the park. We also wanted to give a special shout-out to **Mark Baumgartner**, the behind-the-scenes unsung hero of the Raffle.

So many volunteers came out on Wednesday and Friday mornings to collect raffle tickets and distribute prizes. Volunteering isn't always glamorous, but it's critical to what CASPA does and is the only way the Ball happens, so thank you!!

### **Teacher Experience Auction**

We hope you had fun bidding in our first auction event of the ball - the *Teacher Experience Auction*! The teachers outdid themselves this year to come up with some really special things to do with the kids outside the classroom! **Maura Belden & Robyn Dunne** are the Teacher Experience chairs, and we can't thank them enough for putting it all together!

### **Other Ball events coming up...**

In January, the students will celebrate with the **100 Days to the Ball Celebration**. This will happen at school in the afternoon of Friday, 1/24. We could use some volunteers to help with this, so let us know if you're interested!

The **Spots & Slots Auction** will take place in late Jan/early Feb. You'll be able to bid on the reserved parking spots and Summer Camps! We know many of you start planning for camps in January, so stay tuned to find out the camps we'll have available to score a spot.

### **Silent Auction >> Here's where we need YOUR help!**

Every year, our parents are a huge part of why this event is so successful, especially with our live and silent auctions. We are incredibly lucky that our school community includes such creative and talented parents and family members. Donating to the auction is a great way to get your name, product, or service exposure to the Cathedral community. *Would you please take a moment and consider sharing your time and talent with us?*

Here are examples of ways you can contribute to the auction:

- **Do you or your friend/family run their own business?** Ideas include personal trainers, photographers, chefs, landscape design, interior decorators, professional organizers, artists, tutors, etc.
- **Do you have a favorite local business?** Could you share our cause with them and ask them to donate? Reiterate the benefits of advertising to local families while simultaneously supporting their community.
- **Do you have tickets to a sporting event, play, speaker series, etc.?** Would you be willing to donate them so others could share in the fun?
- **Do you have a vacation home** that you could share so other families can have a fun getaway?
- **Would your place of employment sponsor a donation?** *You don't know if you don't ask!*  
Your participation is an excellent opportunity to show your support to the Cathedral school community.

Please reach out to [CathedralBall2025@gmail.com](mailto:CathedralBall2025@gmail.com) if you can donate!

Thank you in advance for making the 2025 Cathedral Ball a tremendous success! In the meantime, we wish you a very Merry & Blessed Christmas...we'll see you in the new year!!

*Kim & Chris Gunkel*

*Jennifer & Kevin McDermond*

Cathedral Ball Co-Chairs