

On behalf of our All Saints Catholic Academy community, we WELCOME you and your family to our wonderful school! We hope that you and your child(ren) have adjusted well and are making friends while planting roots at ASCA.

We would like to extend a personal invitation to your very first Annual Dinner Dance Auction (affectionately known as the DDA): Shine Bright ~ Light Up the Night, which will be held at the Bolingbrook Golf Club on March 12th at 6 pm.

We pray that you plan on attending this fun-filled night of food, friendship, fellowship, and FUNdraising: Please join us as we celebrate all of our blessings at All Saints!

DDA FAQ's

Who attends the Dinner Dance Auction? Our guest list is by invitation only: Our current families, teachers, staff and our guests are at the top of the list; we also love to invite our founding families, supporting parishes, and generous sponsors and benefactors to break bread with us and share in our celebration.

What is the purpose of the Dinner Dance Auction? This is the most important fundraiser of the year. The funds raised are applied directly to our school's budget and benefit each and every student and family at All Saints.

When and where is the auction?

Saturday, March 12th 6pm-Midnight at the Bolingbrook Golf Club

How much are tickets? Tickets are \$100 per person.

Can I afford this event? Absolutely! There are a variety of ways in which you can participate at the auction and support our school – from raffle opportunities that cost only \$5 and up to start, to the silent and live auctions.

There are many items to bid on to fit every budget – from entertainment and dining, to lunch with the principal, to sports memorabilia and tickets, to camps and parties, to spa experiences – and so much more. The live auction offers events and experiences that are out of the ordinary like the first car in line at pick up, dream vacations, and the student vs. staff basketball game.

How do I bid? Bidding for Silent Auction Items *couldn't be easier*! You can bid throughout the night via your phone both at the event AND from home! You will receive updates as to the highest bid for items you have bid on. If you lose your top spot, you'll receive a text message so you can submit another bid and you don't miss

out on bidding for your child's class project or front row seats for the 2022 Christmas Concert!

What else happens at the DDA? We kick the night off at 6 pm with a Champagne reception and time to view and begin bidding on the Silent Auction Items. Then, you'll make your way to the Ball Room for premium cocktails (including a SIgnature Drink from one of our Sponsors) and hors d'oeuvres before dinner begins at 7pm.

Finally, when all the bidding is done, dance the night away with DJ Andy! The fun may end at midnight, but you will leave with lasting memories, lifelong friends, and maybe even an auction item or two!

Can I advertise my business? As an advertiser, your ad and business will be seen by hundreds of loyal All Saints parents, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and benefactors.

How else can I help? Volunteer! Donate! We invite you to get involved! There are plenty of opportunities at different levels of involvement. We joyfully welcome everyone to join us to plan this great event and watch it come to life!

I'm new to the school and feeling a bit overwhelmed after reading this! It's okay; we've all been the new kid on the block. Trust that the DDA is a warm and welcoming event and an awesome party that you will not want to miss. We are excited to spend time with you and get to know you better!

So, what are the next steps? Talk to your friends and put together a group, line up a babysitter, and SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 12th. If you'd like to attend, but don't know others who are going -- Please let us know and we will connect you with families from your grade level. The evening really is a wonderful way to meet new All Saints friends! Mingle, bid and dance... you're sure to meet some other amazing ASCA parents. Everyone leaves as friends!

What should I wear? Given the theme of SHINE BRIGHT, we anticipate many in shiny &/or bright garb. Whether it be your smile or your dress, shiny &/or bright is encouraged. The event is cocktail attire.

We will be communicating with all of our school families over the next few weeks with information on ticket purchases, donations, raffles, and more via –

- Saints Speak from Mrs. Marshall on Thursdays
- Shine Bright Saturdays
- Weekly Reminders on Sunday
- ASCA and DDA websites

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at <u>dda@ascacdemy.org</u>. We are happy to help!

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