

# WELCOME TO THE GENERAL MEETING

September 23, 2025



# HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

# TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Welcome - Pam Steinkirchner
- HSA General Update – Nikki Jennings
  - HSA Board 2025-2026
  - HSA Event Calendar
  - We're Listening! Changes this Year
- School/Parish Events
- HSA Project Updates
  - Volunteer Service Event
  - Bookfair – Ginny Orlando
  - Merchant Rewards
  - Family Fun Day
  - Chili Cook-off - Tatiane Moreira
  - Spirit Nights – Shannon Gozalez
  - PAWS – Stephanie Jackson
- Auction – Beth Buitron and Theresa Bamrick
- Google Sign-In
- Q&A
- Closing



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## Welcome

# WELCOME AND SCHOOL UPDATES

School Counselor





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## General HSA Updates



## HSA BOARD 2025 - 2026



**Nikki Jennings**  
*President*



**Mona  
Chakavarty**  
*Vice President*



**Ginny Orlando**  
*Secretary*



**Caroline Bradfield**  
*Treasurer*



**Katherine Jose**  
*Historian & Community Liaison*

## 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Date	Event
<b>9/22-26</b>	<b>Bookfair Week (Grandparents Day and Cane's Spirit Day on 26<sup>th</sup>)</b>
10/11	Lions Share Store Saturday Afternoon Opening
<b>10/14</b>	<b>Little Rome Spirit Night (All Day)</b>
<b>10/18</b>	<b>Family Fun Day</b>
10/23	Lions Coffee Club
11/18	HSA General Meeting
11/21	Lions Share Store Friday Morning Opening
<b>12/7</b>	<b>Cookies with Santa (12:30-2:00)</b>
12/11	Lions Coffee Club

Date	Event
<b>1/26-30</b>	<b>Catholic Schools Week (Family Day on Jan. 27; UUS Open)</b>
1/27	HSA General Meeting
<b>1/31</b>	<b>Gala – Under the Big Top</b>
2/11	Lions Coffee Club
2/27	Lions Share Store Friday Morning Opening
3/27	Lions Share Store Friday Afternoon Opening
4/16	Lions Coffee Club
4/28	HSA General Meeting
<b>5/21</b>	<b>Field Day</b>

## **WE'RE LISTENING! CHANGES THIS YEAR**

- Monthly Teacher Appreciation Events
- Lions Coffee Club - bimonthly
- Lions Share Uniform Store – new times
- Helping Hands Referrals – now online
- Mother-Son Kickball Tournament (Tentative)
- St. Mark Family Vendors at Cookies with Santa Event (Tentative)





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## Parish/School Events



# GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL GUESTS DAY

JOIN US FOR



*Grandparents &  
Special Guest Day*  
SEPTEMBER 26TH 2025

*Details*

- Join us to celebrate 8:30 am Mass in the church
- Please arrive at the church by 8:15- backpacks are not necessary today. Students may either be dropped off at regular time or can arrive with their guest at the church and not be counted tardy. They will sign in at their class after Mass.
- Children may sit with their grandparents except for TK/Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade who will sit with their classes for a presentation.
- After Mass Grandparents/guests will visit classrooms, the cafeteria for muffins and coffee, and the Book Fair.
- There will be photo opportunities throughout the school
- If you would like to take your grandchild home early, please check them out with their classroom teacher.



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# ST. MARK PARISH FALL FESTIVAL



# SMART FAMILIES

- **St. Mark onsite Parent Presentations**
  - October 8 at 6:00 p.m.
  - October 9 at 8:15 a.m.
- **Student presentations will take place during the school day on Oct. 29 and 30**

## The Smart Families Mission

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**Our mission is to empower families to build communities that engage with technology in a healthy, intentional way that is respectful of our innate human dignity.**

We provide world class education on neuroscience and physiology to both parents and children to help them navigate the dangers surrounding all forms of manipulative uses of information technology. We empower families with the practical support and the leadership required to change the status quo.



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## HSA Project Updates





## THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING AT OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT!!!!

### IMPACT

- 77 Boxes
- 16,632 meals
- Equivalent to feeding 45 kids a daily meal for a year



Look for next session on a Saturday during  
Lent. Date TBD



# SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

## THEME: PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

- **Monday, September 22nd**
  - Teacher Breakfast (7:00AM-9:00AM) & school-wide preview
- **Tuesday, September 23rd**
  - Kids shop (7:15AM-4:00PM)
- **Wednesday, September 24th**
  - Kids shop (7:15AM- 4:00PM)
- **Thursday, September 25th**
  - Book Fair Open late (12:00PM-7:00PM)
  - Shopping with Parents (5:30PM-7:00PM)
- **Friday, September 26th**
  - Grandparents' Day (7:15AM-12:00PM)





# SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

## Book Character Dress Down Day

- **Dress as your favorite book character**
  - **Monday, September 22**
  - **Included in Fast Pass or \$2**

## Informational Sites

- **General Book Fair Information**
  - <https://sites.google.com/view/st-mark-bookfair>
  - This has ewallet links, teacher wallet links, schedules, spirit days, and volunteer link
- **Book Fair Volunteers**
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084EACAB28A3F85-58112874-stmcs#/>
  - Still in need of volunteers as of 9/9/24 - especially later in the week and Grandparents Day



Note: Spirit shirt and jeans can be worn in place of themed day attire.

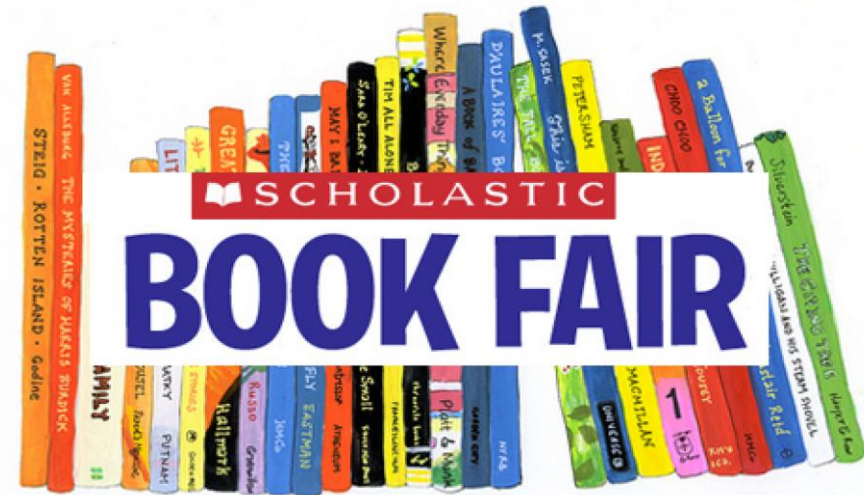


# WAYS TO DONATE TO THE BOOKFAIR

Funds raised will be used to replace worn books and to bring authors to the school

To donate towards the library, please add money to Mrs. Hughes e-Wallet or payment directly to the school noted for the library.

Teachers will have “wish list” at the Book Fair or you can donate online to their e-Wallet and they can purchase what they would like.





# MERCHANT REWARDS PROGRAMS

## Available to all families to participate in



Just follow these easy steps:

1. Go to <https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards/>
2. Log in or create an account
3. Choose to Find an Organization
  - a. Type in our school number SC385
    - i. You should see St. Mark Catholic School on the next screen
  - b. Click Enroll



Just follow these easy steps:

1. Go to <https://www.tomthumb.com/yourstore/good-neighbor.html>
2. Log in or create an account
3. Go to account settings
  - a. Scroll to bottom of screen
  - b. You will see your Club Card Number listed in bottom left
4. Print off form [https://www.tomthumb.com/content/dam/store/good-neighbor/GOOD\\_NEIGHBOR\\_CHARITY\\_TT.pdf](https://www.tomthumb.com/content/dam/store/good-neighbor/GOOD_NEIGHBOR_CHARITY_TT.pdf)
5. Complete form
  - a. Type in our school number 2758 on charity line
6. Two options to complete your enrollment
  - a. You can either drop off at local Tom Thumb service desk
  - b. Email it to [good.neighbor@tomthumb.com](mailto:good.neighbor@tomthumb.com) with subject of Good Neighbor



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4. Use the QR Code!
5. Very few have signed up. So there is A LOT of OPPORTUNITY to help!



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Toll Free: 800.727.4715 Option 3 | [Support@RaiseRight.com](mailto:Support@RaiseRight.com)

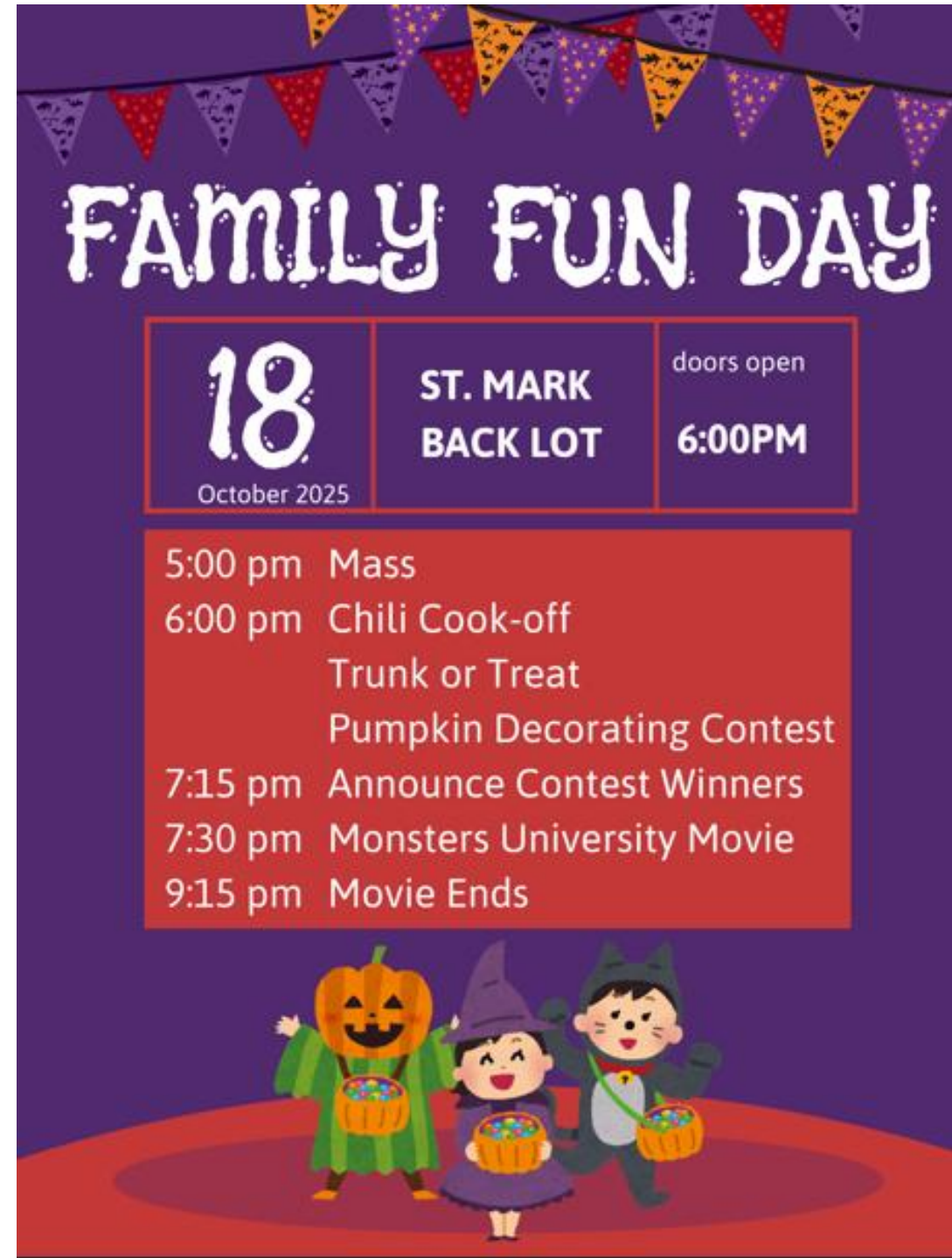
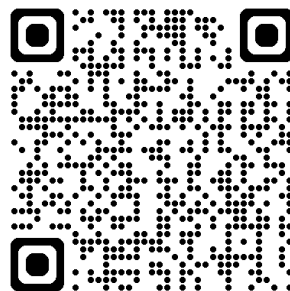


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## FAMILY FUN DAY: OCTOBER 18TH

I challenge every family to find at least one way to participate!!


- Food Lovers - Register to compete in the chili cook-off
- Creativity Enthusiasts - Decorate a pumpkin for the pumpkin decorating contest
- Children at Heart - Host a Trunk for the Trunk-or-Treat
- Community Ambassadors – Volunteer to help us make this event a success
- Registration is OPEN.
  - <https://forms.gle/jgXWwTonLaUB8eDt5>
  - Deadlines to Register:
    - October 12<sup>TH</sup> (Pumpkins)
    - October 15<sup>TH</sup> (Trunks)



**FAMILY FUN DAY**

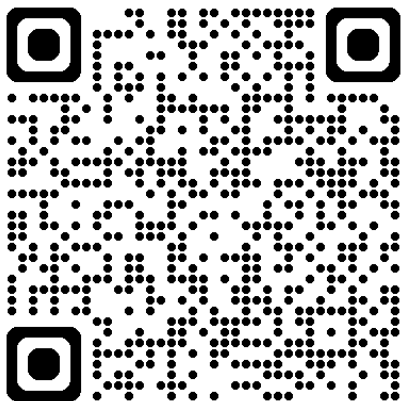
<b>18</b> October 2025	<b>ST. MARK BACK LOT</b>	doors open <b>6:00PM</b>
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- 5:00 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm Chili Cook-off
- Trunk or Treat
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- 7:15 pm Announce Contest Winners
- 7:30 pm Monsters University Movie
- 9:15 pm Movie Ends





# FAMILY FUN DAY: CHILI COOK OFF



- **Rules/Guidelines**

- Cook from scratch on site
- Categories to be judged are the Chili & Booth theme
- Chili Cook off Team fee: \$25

- **Day-of Timeline**

- 2:30 pm Chili Team Booth setup
- 3:00 pm Cooking Begins
- 6:00 pm Tasting Begins
- 7:00 pm Voting closes
- 7:15 pm Winners announced


- **Registration is open**

- <https://forms.gle/y7GrcYgpbAMk83fK8>
- All entries must register & pay by Oct 12<sup>T</sup>
- To pay, please use our [online payment](#). Please be sure to select HSA and add Chili Cook Off in the comments section.


# St. Mark Spirit Nights

## **Raising Cane's – First Early Release and Grandparents Day!**

 1000 W. 15th Street, Plano (Across from the School)

 Friday, September 26 |  12:00 PM – 4:00 PM


 Mention St. Mark School at checkout or use code RCFUND96 online/app.

 A portion of will be sales donated back to our school!

## **Fall Spirit Night at Little Rome**

 2707 W. 15th Street, Plano 75075

 Tuesday, October 14 |  All Day (11am-10pm) – Lunch or Dinner

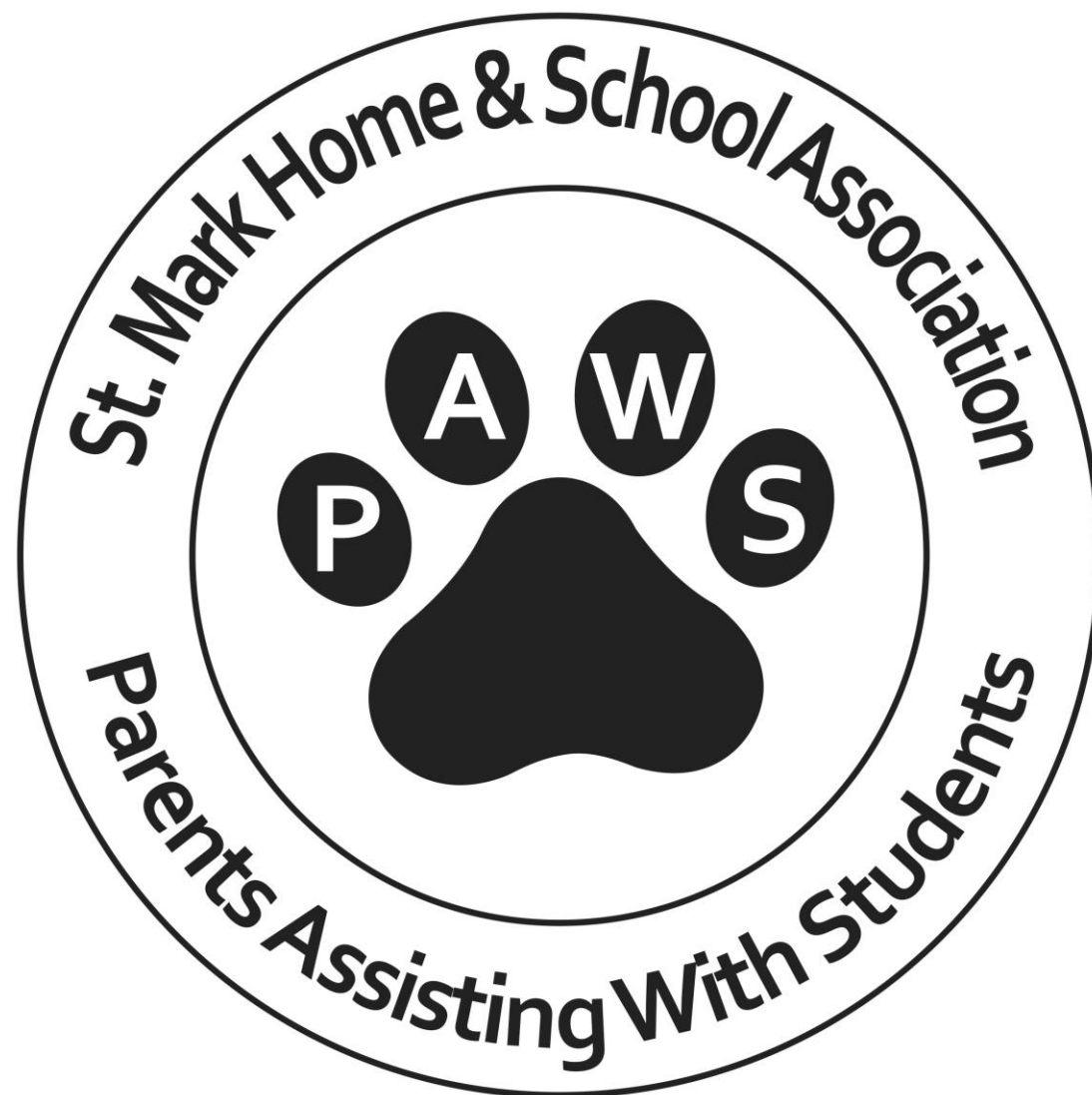
 Remember to mention St. Mark School when ordering.

 A portion of sales will be donated back to support St. Mark school!

 Support St. Mark School while <sup>22</sup>enjoying delicious food with family & friends.

# PAWS

- **Sign Up to Volunteer**
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084E/CAB28A3F85-56776925-paws>
- **Volunteer Location Changes @ St. Mark**
  - Paper Pulling
- **Time Slot Changes or Cancelations for Volunteer Time**
  - Changes in Teacher Schedules/Unseen Events
- **SUG for Spring 2026 Coming Soon**
- **P.A.W.S. Shirts are for Sale**
  - \$21
  - Limited Sizes Available
  - No Reorders for this year
  - Please email me @ [steffi30@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steffi30@sbcglobal.net)





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## Gala Update





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# GALA 2026

Introducing:

## **Theresa Bamrick & Beth Buitron**

2026 Gala co-chairs

### **JANUARY 31, 2026**

Join us for a thrilling evening  
that will tantalize all your senses  
It's everything you ever want!  
It's everything you ever need!

# BETH & THERESA

**WELCOME TO**

**ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
UNDER THE BIG TOP  
THIS IS THE GREATEST SCHOOL**

**January 31, 2026  
6 -11 pm**

**Southfork Ranch  
Cocktail attire**





## Live & Silent Auction Items

We are happily accepting items for live & silent auction.

Gift cards

Sporting event tickets or musical performances

Rental homes or curated experiences

Items for gift baskets...no item is too big or too small.

Item Donation Link can be found on St Mark website under  
Auction or can be accessed here.



# BETH & THERESA





## SPONSORSHIPS & TICKETS

### RINGMASTER, \$10,000

RECOGNIZED IN GALA PROGRAM AS OUR "GALA RINGMASTER"  
TABLE FOR 10 GUESTS WITH PRIORITY SEATING  
INVITATION TO VIP COCKTAIL HOUR 5-6PM  
EARLY ACCESS TO BIG TOP GAMES & ENTERTAINMENT  
UNDER THE BIG TOP VIP GIFT

NAME/LOGO DISPLAYED AT GALA, ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND SCHOOL WEBSITE

### LION TAMER, \$5,000

RECOGNIZED IN GALA PROGRAM AS OUR "GALA LION TAMER"  
TABLE FOR 10 GUESTS  
INVITATION TO VIP COCKTAIL HOUR 5-6PM  
EARLY ACCESS TO BIG TOP GAMES & ENTERTAINMENT  
UNDER THE BIG TOP VIP GIFT

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### MAGICIAN \$3,000

RECOGNIZED IN GALA PROGRAM AS SPONSOR, SAM THE MAGICIAN  
MAGICIAN WILL WEAR SPONSORSHIP BUTTON WITH NAME/LOGO  
TICKETS FOR 6 GUESTS & INVITATION TO VIP COCKTAIL HOUR 5-6PM  
EARLY ACCESS TO BIG TOP GAMES & ENTERTAINMENT  
UNDER THE BIG TOP VIP GIFT

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### STILT WALKER, \$1,500

RECOGNIZED IN GALA PROGRAM AS SPONSOR FOR 1 OF 2 STILTWALKERS  
STILTWALKER WILL WEAR SPONSORSHIP BUTTON WITH NAME/LOGO  
TICKETS FOR 4 GUESTS & INVITATION TO VIP COCKTAIL HOUR 5-6PM  
EARLY ACCESS TO BIG TOP GAMES & ENTERTAINMENT  
UNDER THE BIG TOP VIP GIFT

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## SPONSORSHIPS & TICKETS

### BIG TOP GAME SPONSOR, \$1,000

RECOGNIZED IN GALA PROGRAM FOR SPONSORING 1 OF 2 BIG TOP GAMES  
1 OF 2 BIG TOP GAMES WILL DISPLAY A SPONSORSHIP PLAQUE  
TICKETS FOR 2 GUESTS & INVITATION TO VIP COCKTAIL HOUR 5-6PM  
EARLY ACCESS TO BIG TOP GAMES & ENTERTAINMENT  
UNDER THE BIG TOP VIP GIFT

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### VIP TICKET, \$250 FOR INDIVIDUAL

ADMISSION FOR 1 PERSON OR A COUPLE, \$500  
INVITATION TO VIP COCKTAIL HOUR 5-6PM  
EARLY ACCESS TO BIG TOP GAMES & ENTERTAINMENT  
UNDER THE BIG TOP VIP GIFT

### REGULAR ADMISSION, \$150 FOR INDIVIDUAL

ADMISSION FOR 1 PERSON OR A COUPLE, \$300  
REGISTRATION OPENS AT 6PM

### SPONSOR A CENTERPIECE, \$50

THIS IS A SPONSORSHIP TO SUPPORT OUR EVENT AND THUS DOES NOT  
GUARANTEE THAT A CENTERPIECE WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOU.  
YOUR NAME WILL BE DISPLAYED ON A CENTERPIECE  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP

### NAME YOUR TABLE, \$25

NAME YOUR TABLE AND THE BEST NAME WINS A PRIZE  
EXAMPLE: "FEROCIOUS LION TAMERS" OR "FIREBREATHERS"





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please join us for a

# *Cocktail Mixology & Shopping Party*

**NOVEMBER 15, 2025  
6-9 PM**

ATTEND A MASTER MIXOLOGY CLASS FEATURING  
3 CHRISTMAS COCKTAILS & DO SOME CHRISTMAS  
SHOPPING! 15% OF ALL SALES AT VIVI'S DURING  
PARTY WILL BE DONATED TO THE AUCTION.

VIVI'S BOUTIQUE  
635 WEST CAMPBELL ROAD, SUITE 236,  
RICHARDSON, TX 75080

\$75 PER TICKET, LIMIT 30 ATTENDEES  
NET PROFIT FROM TICKET SALES GO TO AUCTION

ATTIRE IS CHRISTMAS SPARKLE



# GALA 2026



## Q&A AND FINAL THOUGHTS

- **Last Thoughts**

- **Grandparents/Special Guest Day** on Friday, September 26
- **Lions Share Uniform Store** will be open for Grandparents Day from 9:30 – 10:30
- **Teacher Appreciation Event** – Hosted by 2<sup>ND</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> Grades on Wednesday, October 7.
- **Teacher Appreciation Event** – Hosted by 1<sup>ST</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> Grades on Monday, November 10
- Sign up to participate in **Family Fun Day!**
- Next **HSA General Meeting** will be on Tuesday, November 18 @ 8:30PM
- Complete **Attendance Form** to receive credit (Link is in the chat)
  - All parents who attend will earn a “Jeans Pass” for their student.