Welcome

VINE & BASKET

SPONSORED BY THE SRDS PARENTS GUILD
APRIL 24, 2021
Schedule of Events

5:30pm  Check-In Begins
SRDS Jazz Ensemble

6:00pm  Welcome to Vine & Basket
Opening Remarks
Musical Presentation

6:30pm  Wine Tasting with Christian Galliani,
Certified Sommelier

7:00pm  Volunteer Recognition and Honoree Presentation
Musical Presentation
Comedy with Dan Pulzello

7:30pm  Raise the Paddle Presentation and Video

7:45pm  Raffle and Auction Items Close

8:00pm  Winners Notified
Thank You and Closing Remarks
Dear SRDS Community,

On behalf of the Saddle River Day School Parents Guild, welcome to our 2021 fundraiser, Vine & Basket! When we began planning this event back in January, we weren’t sure what late April would look like. Would there be another lock down? Would everything be back to “normal”? Something in-between? We struggled to balance our planning pragmatism with our hopeful optimism. So we thought a shortened, outdoor event with a virtual option could allow everyone to enjoy our wonderful community in the way they are most comfortable. We’ve never hosted a hybrid fundraiser before, but we were willing to learn and try. Out of that, Vine & Basket was formed. It was planned for and inspired by SRDS, a prime example of how with perseverance and ingenuity, we can adapt to unexpected difficult conditions and never stop growing.

It seems only natural that the proceeds from Vine & Basket are dedicated to the SRDS COVID-19 Response Fund, the pool of resources that allowed our children to learn and grow safely all year, and will continue to protect, educate and enrich our students into 2022. Over this past year, as we witnessed school closures and educational standards slipping across the world, it has really accentuated how incredibly fortunate the SRDS children are. The administration did not hesitate to put every effort into keeping our school open in a safe way and they spared no expense to bring top notch technology into every classroom to insure an exceptional education whether students are remote or in school. Our compassionate and innovative faculty & staff worked tirelessly to implement the new technologies and procedures and our children continued to bloom. The SRDS COVID-19 Response Fund will ensure that our children will have a safe, nurturing and highly educational school environment alongside a cutting edge virtual option into next year.

By participating in Vine & Basket, you will help to fulfill this vital mission. Thank you very much for your support and enjoy the evening!

Amy & Joni
A message from the Board of Trustees

24 April 2021

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2021 Annual Spring Fundraiser! Please join me in extending a tremendous and heartfelt THANK YOU to the amazing members of the Parents Guild and the Administration who worked together to make this possible.

Each Spring we are provided with the opportunity for the entire Saddle River Day School Community to come together for an evening of camaraderie and celebration in support of our school. This year’s event, like last year’s, is a first-of-its-kind at SRDS; we have been offered the opportunity to be present on campus or to participate virtually from the comfort of our own homes. The funds we raise will be directed toward the SRDS COVID-19 Response Fund, dedicated to keeping our school open and safe as we continue to navigate the ever-changing landscape of the global pandemic.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you to each and every member of our community for your generosity. Collectively through the various methods and platforms that you donate to SRDS, you secure the mission of this school for today’s students as well as those who will walk these grounds in the future.

I look forward to an enjoyable evening together.

[Signature]

John Haller
President, Board of Trustees

A message from the Director of Development

Dear SRDS Community,

What a tumultuous year it has been! We are extremely proud of the resiliency and commitment of our faculty and staff in delivering a COVID-19 action plan that prioritized the health and safety of the community while delivering a high quality education.

In response to the unexpected expenses resulting from the pandemic, the COVID-19 Response Fund was created to offset investments in 3 key areas:

- **Health & Safety** -- investments in PPE (hand sanitizers, wipes, cleaning supplies, Plexiglas shields, and other protective equipment), mandated campus renovations, air filtration, new cleaning protocols, and hiring of additional staff.
- **Technology** -- increased bandwidth, internet and electrical upgrades, and equipment and software purchases (cameras, monitors, smart boards, document cameras, headsets, iPads, Chrome books, Zoom).
- **Need-based Financial Aid** -- investments in need-based aid increased by 5% and the number of families receiving aid increased by 4%.

This past fall the Development Office introduced this fund to a select group of donors whose generosity enabled us to offset a significant portion of our COVID-related expenses. Yet some of these expenses will continue into the 2021-2022 school year, and that is why the Parents Guild has graciously chosen to donate the proceeds from tonight’s Vine & Basket event to the COVID-19 Response Fund.

We are immensely grateful for the support of the Parents Guild and the entire SRDS community for coming together for the benefit of our students. A very special thank you goes to the Vine & Basket committee for the work they have done to create this amazing event!

I hope you enjoy this beautiful evening. It is a wonderful opportunity for our community to get back together again -- something we all hope to see much more of in the near future!

[Signature]

Director of Development
Saddle River Day School Board of Trustees

The Trustees of Saddle River Day School provide commitment and leadership for the advancement of the School’s mission, vision, and growth, as well as the preservation of the School’s rich legacy.

In partnership with the Head of School, the Board of Trustees oversees and ensures all legal obligations are met and works to build a strong endowment by supporting annual fundraising and capital campaigns. The Board plays a vital role in guiding Saddle River Day School forward and ensuring that the institution is run with the utmost professionalism, while remaining at the forefront of educational and technological development.

The Board is comprised of parents, alumni, and community members with a deep affection, affiliation, and commitment to the school. They are highly skilled in their outside professions and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience that allows them to work together toward the best interests of the school.
Meet Our Host Dan Pulzello

Dan Pulzello
Guest Host & Comedian...

Dan is a Manhattan based stand up comedian who lives at home but he swears it is only temporary. He has performed in NYC at The Triad Theater, Greenwich Village Comedy Club, Broadway Comedy Club, Gotham Comedy Club and New York Comedy Club to name a few.

Dan has also hosted Comedy Night Fundraisers for the following organizations: Special Needs Activity Center for Kids, Tom Coughlin Jay Fund for Pediatric Cancer, Don Bosco Lacrosse Club, Connor Corish Memorial Scholarship Fund, Free Masons of New Jersey, RAC Comedy Night at SRDS and more.

Dan is thrilled to host Vine & Basket and can be reached at danpulzello1@gmail.com or call his Mom.

@danpulzello @DanPulzello @DanPulzelloComedy

Entertainers

Event Host: Dan Pulzello

SRDS Jazz Ensemble
Devan Kapur ‘21 - Trumpet
Ethan Lee ‘22 - Piano
Joseph Sneyers ‘23 - Guitar
John-Luca Haller ‘24 - Alto Saxaphone
Erick Storckman - Director

SRDS Vocals
Elizabeth Han ‘21
Avery Traver ‘21, Natalie Janowski ‘22
Tyler Capa - Director

Sommelier: Christian Galliani

Broadway Guest Singer:
Samantha Pollino

A Special THANK YOU to our SRDS Technology Department!

Video Production
Laura Hollis & Adam Bobroy
with help from the SRDS Tech students

Technical Support
Niles Patel
Event Committee & Volunteers

SRDS Parents Guild Vine & Basket Planning Committee
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A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have given so much of their valuable time and efforts to make this evening special!

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Chef Mark Carter
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Jacqueline Vasquez
Ken Waldeck

Meet Our Sommelier Christian Galliani

Christian Galliani is a Certified Sommelier and Wine Educator. He has worked in wine retail since 2010 and began his career at Vines on Pine. Christian is also an Italian wine expert and was part of the Wine Team at Del Posto. Mario Batali & Joe Bastianich’s Michelin starred flagship restaurant in NYC, as well as Lead Sommelier at Tarry Lodge. Christian has won the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence and has served as a Beverage Manager at Eataly’s Vino & Grano and Osteria della Pace. Christian founded Feast on History’s Italian Tours in 2014 and now hosts “Italian Wine for the 99” a monthly live wine class and tasting held via Zoom.
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Congratulations to our Honorees

Thank you to our Shining Stars!

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Thank you

JALAJ DESAI
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THANK YOU

SRDS FACULTY & STAFF

For dedicating your tremendous efforts and talents in keeping our school open and growing during this unusual year. Our children continue to mature and thrive at SRDS and we are thankful!

The SRDS Parents Guild
CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The Auction Committee has endeavored to accurately catalogue and describe the items being auctioned, descriptions of faculty experiences, services and packages, etc. All items sold must be used within 1 year unless otherwise indicated by the expiration dates, or as "specified by the donor."

2. All sales are final. Unless otherwise noted, all items and services are non-refundable and non-exchangeable.

3. Payment in full by the successful bidder must be made in full by credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover at the close of the auction.

4. Bookings for all experiences, day trips, dinners and like items must be mutually arranged between the winner and the donor.

5. According to the IRS Code Section 170, only the amount paid for an auction item in excess of the actual cash value on the prize is tax deductible. A written receipt indicating such amount for tax purposes will be issued to you at your request.

6. This information is provided as an aid to our supporters; however, the ultimate burden of proof for charitable deductions lies with the taxpayer, not with the Saddle River Day School. If you have specific tax and charitable deduction questions, please consult your tax professional.

7. All items are sold in "as is" and "with all faults" conditions. The Saddle River Day School makes no warranties or representations whatsoever as to the correctness of description, genuineness, or condition of any item. In no event shall the Saddle River Day School, or anyone acting on its behalf, be liable for any occurrence arising out of the use of these goods and services.

8. Items must be claimed by the winner within a reasonable amount of time. Pick up and delivery options will be handled on an individual basis.

9. By participating in this auction, each bidder, the successful bidder or otherwise, and every party herein to this Contract recognizes and agrees that
neither Saddle River Day School nor anyone who assists in the conduct of this auction shall be liable for any occurrences resulting from use of auction items.

PICK UP INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUCTION WINNERS

All Items
1. All winners will be notified at the end of the auction via text or email.

2. An invoice detailing your auction purchase(s) will be emailed to you at the end of the evening and will serve as proof of said winnings.

3. All items must be paid in full to be released to the highest bidder deemed as said winner.

4. All items must be claimed within a reasonable amount of time.

Items With A Certificate
1. Items with a certificate such as Teacher Experiences, SRDS Parking Spaces, etc. will be mailed to the address used to register for this event.

Physical Items
1. Physical items such as framed artwork: letters, posters and cards, guitars, album covers, sports memorabilia, etc. can be picked up curbside from Saddle River Day School at a mutually agreed upon date and time.

2. Items may be shipped directly to the winner via USPS or UPS. The winner will be responsible for any and all packing, shipping and handling expenses associated with the item.

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And while you are enjoying art at The STABLE...

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May you continue to grow and bloom.

Graduation Ceremony May 18, 2021
A heartfelt thank you to this year's COVID-19 Response Fund donors for their on-going support of the SRDS Community during this very challenging year.

With gratitude,
The SRDS Development Office

IN MEMORIAM
Diane Alford 1925-2021

We fondly remember the life and legacy of Mrs. Diane Alford. Diane and her husband John founded The Saddle River Country Day School in 1957. With John's passing in 2016, Diane remained an engaged supporter of our school. We are eternally grateful to experience their vision of what an independent school in Saddle River should be.

"Never in John's and my wildest dreams, did we envision what the school has become today."
~ Diane Alford
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