

Merrie Market Gala & Auction

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Merrie Market? Merrie Market is Visitation's largest parent- driven community fundraiser. All proceeds go directly to our Annual Fund, supporting the daily operations of the school, programming, and building enhancements. Merrie Market helps to provide a place where our students are known, loved, and challenged to reach their limitless potential. All proceeds of our Fund- A- Need, is directed to Tuition Assistance, helping families with financial need afford a Visitation education.

When is Merrie Market? *Saturday, March 4, 2023*

Where is Merrie Market? Merrie Market is held right here on campus! The Commers Gym is *transformed for the evening and with the help of a team of volunteers, quickly flipped back in time for school on Monday.*

What does Merrie Market cost? The ticket cost is \$150 which includes a full night of food and fun, including a hosted bar, passed hors d'oeuvres, and an exquisite meal catered by Lake Elmo Inn. Additionally, Silent and live auctions and an inspired student performance are all included in the price of admission. Your ticket price also includes a direct donation to the school.

What should I wear? Festive-formal is appreciated. Long or short dresses with a colorful or festive feel for women, and sports jackets or suit and tie for men. Some guests embrace the theme, and some view this as an opportunity to pull out the black or the kilt! In the words of St. Francis de Sales says, *Be Who You Are and Be That Well.*

What if I am NEW to VIS and don't know who to sit with? This is no problem! Our event staff knows our community well and takes every step to seat you with parents in your children(s) grade and/or individuals eager to welcome new members of our community. You are free to make your own requests as well and we will do our very best to accommodate them.

What if I am unable to attend, but want to support Merrie Market? There are many ways to support Merrie Market: volunteer, purchase a raffle ticket, donate an item to the auction, bid on the amazing deals during our online auction, help sponsor the event, and/or make a gift to our Fund-A-Need in support of Tuition Assistance.

What sort of items do you need for the auction? Experiences, gift cards, golf outings, electronics, sporting events and concerts, vacation getaways or just shop from our [Amazon Wish List!](#)

What is Fund-A-Need? Fund-a-Need is the *mission moment during the event when all money raised goes toward Opening the Doors to a Visitation education. Thirty-eight percent of our students receive tuition assistance. This need grows every year.*

Where can I register and bid on items? Our auction site is hosted by GiveSmart: [VIS.givesmart.com](https://vis.givesmart.com) or you can find a link to this site on our Visitation website: visitation.net/support-vis/merrie-market-gala-auction

What if I have more questions? Please contact Charlotte Bovee cbovee@vischool.org / 651-683-1725 or your event chairs: Anne and Joe Keeley / annemkeeley@gmail.com, or Julie and Steve Nilsson jrussom6@hotmail.com.

