

GALA GROOVE

YOUR GUIDE TO ALL THINGS POST OAK GALA • OCTOBER 30, 2023, ISSUE

The Post Oak Parents Association
presents the 12th biennial gala



Saturday, March 2, 2024
Hotel ZaZa

postoakschool.org/gala



GET GALA READY...

Tell me about the Biennial Gala

Every two years, The Post Oak School invites the whole community: parents, grandparents, alums, and friends to an enchanting evening of sipping cocktails, silent auction shopping, exclusive art viewing, a delectable dinner, kick-off-your-shoes dancing, and great fun! In 2024, this grand event will raise support for several large projects happening at Post Oak. Those include safety upgrades, roof replacement on two buildings, a new gym floor at the Bissonnet Campus, and support for increased financial aid and technology enhancements.

We are pleased to present The Post Oak School's Twelfth Biennial Gala, and we are ready to party, Studio 54 style! Gala Chairs Jennifer Bosch and Laura De Vera are directing the party plans, and trust us, they are getting you ready to disco down the whole night!

In this Gala Groove newsletter, we'll be sharing fun tips and Gala prep: what to wear, Gala tailgating, live auction warm-up exercises, pre-parties, post parties, and where you can find the best gold lame jumpsuits! (Kidding! That one is on you!)

On the next page is a sneak peek at some of the groovy auction items that await!

DON'T MISS IT!



AUCTION ITEM PREVIEW

Get ready for vacations, staycations, fine dining, wellness and beauty services, sports, entertainment, and more!

with much more to come!



UT Football in Luxury

Eight people will experience UT football in the SEC in a south endzone outdoor "Livingroom" suite with TONS of perks (and parking passes!). Winner chooses from one of three games in Austin.

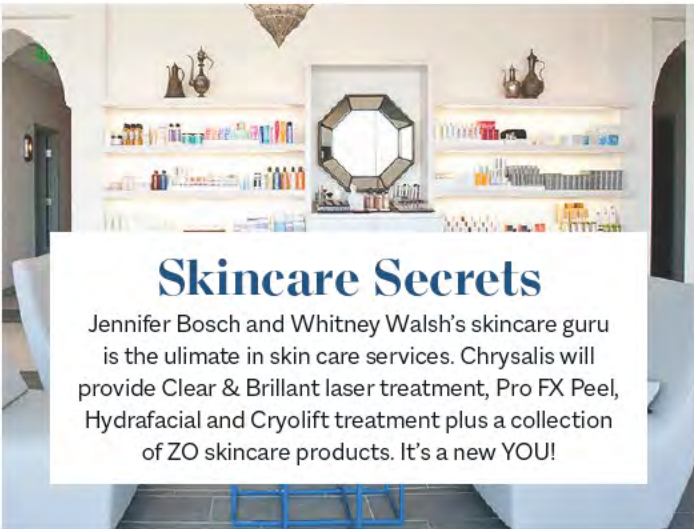
Donated by the Putman Family



Magnificent Maine

Four nights at our cabin in Bridgton, Maine. Ski-in/ski-out or simply enjoy the unparalleled views of Moose Pond from your private deck.

Donated by Sean and Megan Skeuse



Skincare Secrets

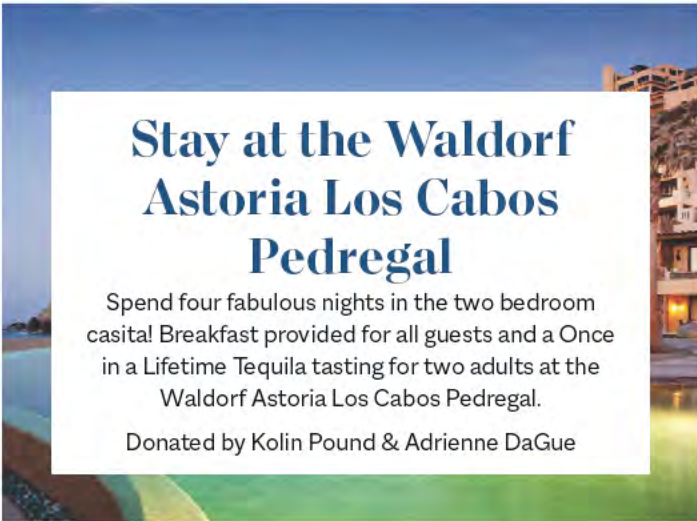
Jennifer Bosch and Whitney Walsh's skincare guru is the ultimate in skin care services. Chrysalis will provide Clear & Brilliant laser treatment, Pro FX Peel, Hydrafacial and Cryolift treatment plus a collection of ZO skincare products. It's a new YOU!



Benny Chows, Baby

Eight guests will enjoy a five-course wine and sake pairing gourmet dinner at one of Houston's hottest new restaurants, Benny Chows.

MORE AUCTION ITEMS



Stay at the Waldorf Astoria Los Cabos Pedregal

Spend four fabulous nights in the two bedroom casita! Breakfast provided for all guests and a Once in a Lifetime Tequila tasting for two adults at the Waldorf Astoria Los Cabos Pedregal.

Donated by Kolin Pound & Adrienne DaGue



Breckenridge Beckons

Enjoy a full week at this beautiful four bedroom, four bath Breckenridge home. Sleeps 10. Five minute walk to downtown Breckenridge and excellent restaurants. Great home for families with young children. House is stocked with sleds, snow shoes, nordic center, and more.



Watch My Gucci

This 32mm Gucci watch from their G-Timeless collection has a lacquered blue dial dotted with one of the house's signature motifs: bees. Make it a luxurious part of your everyday looks.

Donated by MyTheresa



Get Away at the Ritz- Carlton St. Thomas

Hop on over to the Virgin Islands where you'll have two amazing nights at the exclusive Ritz-Carlton St. Thomas and all it has to offer!



Summer Fun at Club Westside

Two weeks of summer camp at Club Westside on 16.5 acres including a basketball court, indoor soccer, volleyball, swimming pools, gaga ball pits, bowling alley, miniature golf, indoor playground, lazy river, and three exhilarating water slides.



Rockin' Star Ranch

Spend two weekday nights out in the country at this working ranch. Stay in any of Rockin' Star's western-themed Star cabins for up to 4 guests. Add in a horseback riding lesson for 2 guests and you'll be ready to explore almost 150 acres of ponds, forest, pastures, and vistas!

a small glimpse of the amazing auction offerings!

ART IN THE MAKING

A highlight of the Biennial Gala is creation, display, and auction of student art projects.

Each classroom or grade level creates artwork based on a theme or concept that connects to the curriculum. Students work with their teachers and gala art coordinators to produce these unique pieces, which have included paintings, sculptures, quilts, and more.

The Gala live auction is not to be missed—parents and attendees bid on the artwork, which has been quite spirited in the past! The winning bidder takes home a one-of-a-kind keepsake of their child's time at Post Oak while also supporting the school's programs. It's

a wonderful way to bring our families together, create lasting memories, and continue investing in our children's future.

Look for more photos next issue!



DIVE IN

Volunteers Needed

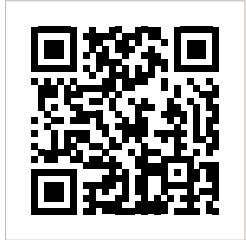
Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the event! Please sign up and lend a hand wherever you can. Visit

www.postoakschool.org/gala

or email christinacantu@postoakschool.org. Thank you to all parent volunteers who have been working hard on Gala (some since last spring)! There's still a lot left to do—please join in!

And don't forget to ask your teacher or division director about helping with Gala Art Projects!

IN THE KNOW



Visit the Gala webpage

The Post Oak School's biennial gala is a source of revenue for basic school needs not covered by tuition. Your support directly impacts each level and all students while strengthening the long-term stability of the school.

Read all about the gala on our website:

www.postoakschool.org/gala

ADVERTISE!

Advertise your business to the community

Purchase an ad in the Gala program! The program is a lifelong keepsake featuring your child's class' Gala art project!

\$500 Full page black/white ad

\$750 Full page Color ad

\$1,500 Full page—inside cover (front or back)

\$2,000 Full page—outside back cover

For more information or to see past programs, email christinacantu@postoakschool.org.

ZAZA ALL NIGHT

with Gala Night Hotel Reservations

Reserve a room in Post Oak's room block (\$229/night!) at Hotel ZaZa Museum District to make it a full night of dinner, dancing, silent and live auction, and celebrating with old and new Post Oak friends!

Call 713-526-1991 and mention you're with Post Oak School.



UNDER- WRITING!

Get your group together and purchase a table with stage-side seating and major perks—and show your support for Post Oak. Underwriting is a major source of Gala support. Talk to friends and fellow class parents to make a table grouping, which can be split/paid between the couples. **Sign up before November 17 to be listed on the invitation.**

Our Underwriting chairs are happy to answer questions!

- Rachel Purcell, [REDACTED]
- Meredith Smith, [REDACTED]
- Gabriel Loperena, [REDACTED]

Table levels (10 seats)

Disco Inferno: \$25,000

Funky Town: \$15,000

Do the Hustle: \$10,000

We Are Family: \$7,000

Individual Underwriting (2 seats)

Boogie Nights: \$1,500

Ring My Bell: \$700

Individual Tickets

Individual tickets (\$250 each) will be available for purchase in January. We have consistently sold out, so consider getting a table now with a few friends!

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

The Gala Auction Committee needs your ideas, input, and donation items! We're looking for:

- Vacation homes
- Hosted dinners or cocktail parties (sociables)
- Children's parties or events
- Theater or sports tickets
- Gift certificates for dining and travel
- Wine, wine, and wine!

Do you frequent a favorite restaurant, gift shop, or service center?

Ask those businesses to support Post Oak with a donation to our silent auction!

For questions or forms, email one of our Auction chairs:

- Lauren Barrash, [REDACTED]
- Carlin Putman, [REDACTED]
- Elise Bentch, [REDACTED]

SPONSOR

Corporate Sponsorships Available!

Want to get your company's name in front of our community, consider being a corporate sponsor at the Gala with excellent perks and promotion! Flexible options to make it the right sponsorship for you! For more information, contact christinacantu@postoakschool.org.

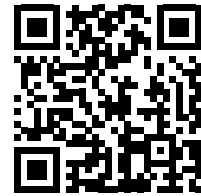
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Consider hosting a sociable!

What is a sociable? You host a party for kids, adults, or families and we sell tickets at gala for people to attend your party.

We are looking for:

- Someone to host a Silent Disco Party for kids
- Game Night Sociable for the whole family
- A dinner night (Italian, Indian, Mexican, or whatever meal you love to make!)
- A Backyard BBQ if you have Grill Master moves
- Consider a progressive dinner if you have other Post Oak parents living near your house!



Questions about Gala?

Reach out to our Gala chairs

Jennifer Bosch, [REDACTED], and
Laura De Vera, [REDACTED].

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