

# GALA GROOVE

YOUR GUIDE TO ALL THINGS POST OAK GALA • DECEMBER 15, 2023

Every two years, The Post Oak School invites the whole community: parents, grandparents, alums, and friends to an enchanting evening of sipping cocktails, exclusive art viewing, live and silent

auction shopping, a delectable dinner, kick-off-your-shoes dancing, and great fun! This grand event raises funds to supplement financial aid, technology, activities, and other needed expenses at Post Oak School.

## *The auction item preview carries on...*



### **Magnificent Maine**

Four nights at our cabin in Bridgton, Maine, located at the top of a private road on Pleasant Mountain. Ski-in/ski-out or simply enjoy the unparalleled views of Moose Pond from your private deck. Ten minutes from the charming downtown of Bridgton, 40 minutes from North Conway, and under an hour from Portland and Sunday River Resort. Skiing, hiking, swimming await!

Donated by Sean and Megan Skeuse



### **Galveston Big 3 Fishing**

What a catch! The lucky bidder wins a half-day fishing trip for one to three people.

Donated by Galveston Big 3 Fishing/Ernest Pillow

# MORE AUCTION ITEMS



**Head of School for the Day**

Let your child enjoy the power as they become head of school for one fun-filled day! Head Maura Joyce will show them the ropes and let them lead the way.



**A Year in the Life at The Post Oak School**

The Development Office will chronicle your child(ren)'s next Post Oak school year in a 50-page photo book. A treasured one-of-a-kind keepsake!



**Middle School Lock-in**

It's a lock-in! Join Ms. Abel and Ms. Taylor for a fun night of pizza, movies, games, and fun at Post Oak's Middle School. (for students in grades 7 & 8)



**Taste of the Philippines**

Join the De Vera and Ibarra families as they treat you to a Taste of the Philippines with delicious traditional Filipino foods! Enjoy eating Kamayan style with a beautifully presented family style meal and Levely's signature cocktail!



**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.



**Chef Matos Surprise!**

Bobby Matos, Culinary Director for Ford Fry Concepts of Houston, has conjured up the most creative and entertaining auction experiences for past Post Oak Galas. From a seven-chef in-home dinner to a Gulf Coast Oyster extravaganza; his auction offerings have been the hit of the party!

# Five Reasons to Go to Gala

On the fence about going? Not for long! Here's why **you** need to be there...



**1** Your generosity supports the operating budget in a **big way!** Past Galas have provided enhancements like AV equipment in the High School, projection equipment in all Elementary classrooms, and playground equipment in Primary. It all gets directed to tangible, usable things that benefit your children **right now.**

**2** It is the **best community bonding** at Post Oak. Even former and alum Post Oak parents attend! Come make new friends!

**3** The **fine art is incredible**—you have to see it in person. Behold the beauty of what your child has helped create with their classmates.

**4** **It's just fun**—get down and get funky! Enjoy the three Ds all under one roof (drinks, dinner, and dancing). Catch that Saturday Night Fever!

**5** It only happens every other year. **Become an underwriter at [postoakschool.org/gala](https://postoakschool.org/gala)** to join the Underwriting party in February and to score a great seat! Individual tickets go on sale in January.



## Treat Yourself

Post Oak parent Dr. Rena Jogi of Village Dermatology is offering a Vampire Facial (microneedling with platelet rich plasma) to this winning bidder. Who has the best skin? You do!



## Deutsch Fine Jewelry

Mikimoto black South Sea pearl 18WG .21CT diamond lariat necklace 18-inch with jumping at 16 inches. Retail: \$3,600.



## Four Seasons, Orlando

Orlando and the Four Seasons—a perfect pair! Enjoy two nights in a park-view room featuring nightly fireworks from the balcony and dinner for two in Cap Cana restaurant.



## Family Bingo Night

It's Bingo Night at Post Oak! Bring the family to this sociable/ticketed event for a big night of bingo, bites, beverages, and prizes! Hosted by the Barrash, Liou, and Stephens Families

*a small glimpse of the amazing auction offerings!*

# ART PROJECTS CONTINUE

*Student art projects are underway. Get ready to bid on some amazing fine art!*

Every gala, we are in awe of the beautiful works of art from students created with the help of teachers, gala project coordinators, and parent volunteers. We are extremely grateful for all the love and hard work that goes into each piece.

While only one lucky bidder will take home their class' piece at the live auction, each work will be photographed and printed in the keepsake program.

Enjoy some snapshots of students at work on these masterpieces. ◆



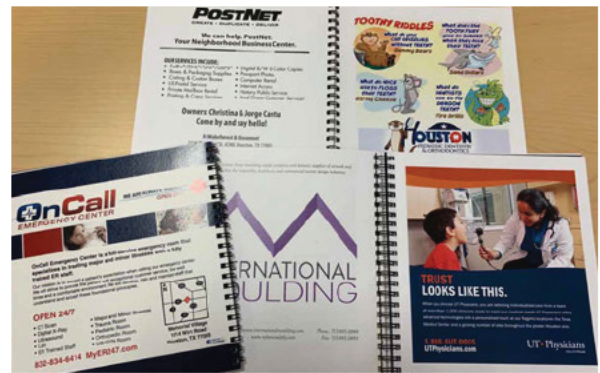


# ADVERTISE

## *to the community*

Take advantage of this limited opportunity to reach our Post Oak Community—purchase an ad in the Gala program! The program is a lifelong keepsake featuring your child's class' Gala art project!

For more information or to see past programs, email [christinacantu@postoakschool.org](mailto: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.

# 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](http://www.postoakschool.org/gala)

or email [christinacantu@postoakschool.org](mailto: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](http://www.postoakschool.org/gala)

# AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

## *Consider hosting a sociable!*

What is a sociable? You host a party for kids, adults, or families and we sell tickets during the silent auction 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!

# 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](mailto:christinacantu@postoakschool.org).



# 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. **Underwriters of \$1,400+ are invited to a fabulous Underwriting Cocktail Party on Feb. 6! Sign up now!**

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 or let us help you form a table!

# HOW IS GALA PLANNING GOING?

## *As Gala Chairs we get asked this all the time.*

To be honest, it has been a lot of work, and there is still more to come, but it has been one of the most fun and fulfilling volunteer opportunities I have experienced.

I get to plan an amazing party with one of my favorite people, Jennifer Bosch, while being guided by the best Development Team on the planet. I have gotten to meet people within our community that I may not have met if I didn't say "yes" to co-chairing gala. I have been surrounded by generous people who have shared everything from their time, their talents, and their treasures, all with one goal in common, to support the Post Oak School and our children's futures.

Almost every week I get the opportunity to meet with volunteers

within our community who have committed their time and resources to help us with underwriting and sourcing amazing auction items. I get to hear the beautiful vision of the decoration chairs, and I get to laugh so hard that my cheeks hurt while meeting with the Fun Committee. People send me pictures of some of the most amazing outfits that have already been picked out for the big night, and I hear their excitement building as they picture their look coming together. I have seen some of the most beautiful art projects from our children's classrooms being created, and I have the opportunity to witness the dedication of our teachers as they work with students on these beautiful works of art.

The gala has so many parts and each one is unique and exciting. Every time a new underwriting supporter comes in, we do a happy dance! I never

realized how exciting underwriting could be. Seeing tables come in and the groups of people sitting together always makes me think, "Wow, that will be a fun table!" For the underwriters who don't have a full table, but are looking to sit with others in the community, it is exciting to help form those tables and think about the relationships they are about to build! And every time we get a new auction item donated, we all place dibs on who will be trying to purchase it the night of gala!

So, while gala planning has kept us busy, it has been fulfilling in so many ways. As the big night gets closer and closer, the excitement gets bigger and bigger! I know that I speak for both Jennifer and myself when I say that we are ready to party hard on March 2, 2024, during PostOak@ Studio 54!

—Laura De Vera, Gala Co-chair

## Questions about Gala?

Reach out to our Gala chairs

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

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