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ANNIVERSARY

*Gala*  
& AUCTION

**February 22, 2025**

*Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA*



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## Evening Program

6:00 pm	Registration <i>Atrium</i> Open Bar, Hors D'Oeuvres and Silent Auction <i>Founder's Room</i>
7:30 pm	Dinner, Program and Live Auction <i>Grande Ballroom</i>
8:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Closes
9:15 p.m.	DJ and Dancing <i>Grande Ballroom</i> Auction Check-Out <i>Atrium</i>



# WELCOME FROM THE *Board of Directors*

*Dear Friends,*

It is my pleasure to welcome you, on behalf of the Board of Directors, to this beautiful evening. I would like share a special note of gratitude to Samantha Ofori and Kolby DeHart and the army of volunteers for their tremendous efforts in making this night happen!

A Secret Garden celebrates the healing power of nature, the importance of friendship, and the transformative power of love. I cannot imagine a more perfect setting to celebrate 60 years of joy, magic, friendship, and growth at the Country Day School.

Thank you for being here to celebrate this momentous anniversary, and thank you for your continued support of Country Day. As we look to the future, we recognize that our bedrock is the strength of our community. We are grateful for each and every one of our treasured teachers and our beloved families for making our community stronger and more committed to our shared mission each and every day.

I invite you all to raise a glass and a paddle to many more magical years on the porch!

Many Thanks,

Katie Norton  
Chair of the Board of Directors



# WELCOME FROM THE *Head of School*

*Dear Parents and Friends,*



As we gather tonight to celebrate Country Day School's 60th anniversary we are filled with gratitude and excitement. This event not only celebrates our beloved institution but also the vision of its founder, Dorothy McCormick, who sought to provide educational excellence for generations to come.

Funds raised from the auction help us to sustain and enhance our schools' programs. Your unwavering support helps us offer student scholarships, provide free parent education workshops, enrich classrooms with valuable resources, and preserve our historical buildings and grounds.

We want to extend our deepest appreciation to the dedicated parents who have sponsored the auction, donated items, and volunteered their time and talents to make this evening possible. Our hardworking auction chairs, Samantha Ofori and Kolby DeHart, have assembled an incredible team, and together they have brought our celebration to life.

Although our students may not be here with us tonight, they are the true beneficiaries of your generosity and commitment to their education. Your support ensures that Country Day School continues to provide the highest quality preschool experience for each and every child who walks through our many gates.

Thank you for joining us this evening, and for your continued belief in the mission and vision of Country Day School. Let's celebrate with a magical and memorable night, as we look forward to many more years of success and growth together.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Dr. Elizabeth Elizardi  
Interim Head of School

# WELCOME FROM THE *Auction Chairs*

*Dear Friends,*

Welcome to The Secret Garden, The Country Day School's 60th Year Anniversary Auction & Gala! With this year marking a mega milestone, we are pleased to bring back a campus tradition for the first time in five years.

The funds that we raise at this year's raise the paddle portion of the evening will go towards redesigning the front field playground. As you probably saw earlier this year during one of the Family Fun Nights, our front field could use a refresh. With the support of this community, we will design some new equipment to keep our children safe as we continue to promote exploration and discovery in a secure environment.

This auction would not be possible without the help and hard work of many volunteers. To all members of the Gala and Auction Committee, but especially our Procurement and Décor/Event Planning Chairs\*. We also greatly appreciate the support of our parent community who have given generously through donations, solicitations and fundraising efforts. Last, but certainly not least, we want to thank the dedicated teachers and staff who take such great care of our children and have generously donated their time and talents to make this auction a great success.

We greatly appreciate your participation in the auction and ask that you join us and give generously to support Country Day to make our school even more magical than it is already!

Sincerely,

Samantha Ofori and Kolby DeHart  
2025 Auction Co-Chairs



*Auction Committee*

\*Abby Allen, Angela Brown, Irina Bassiur, Ali Cheloei, Florencia Damavandy, Dima Najjar, Will Prendergast and Crystal Sheehan



# Live Auction

## Golf for 3 at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club

*Item Number: 101*

Robert Trent Jones, Sr. has been called the “father of modern golf course architecture”. He designed his own golf course architecture program at Cornell University before any such program existed and was the first to use many modern design and construction techniques. Through a long career he built and remodeled over 450 courses in the US and throughout the world. Jones considered Robert Trent



Jones Golf Club his masterpiece and envisioned a championship course that would provide a retreat in the Washington DC area dedicated to golf. This lucky winner and two guests will join our generous donor, Brandon Fay, for a round of golf at this extraordinary and historic golf club.

*Restrictions: Expires 6/30/2026. Coordinate with donor to determine mutually agreed upon date.*

Donated By: Brandon and Stephanie Fay. Value: \$2,000



# Live Auction

## Monumental Sports and Entertainment - Ultimate Caps Fan and Event Tickets

Item Number: 102



Monumental Sports and Entertainment presents a one-of-a-kind package for Caps fans and concert-goers alike! The winner of this package will receive SIX tickets to a mutually agreed upon 24-25 regular season Capitals game, a personal visit from Slapshot during the game, an autographed player item, and a Zamboni ride to smooth out the ice. But wait, there's more! This package also includes two lower-level tickets to a concert, game, or other event at Capital One Arena. You don't want to miss this amazing opportunity!



*Restrictions: Capitals game tickets valid for a 2024-2025 regular season game. Game must be mutually agreed upon. Some exclusions apply. Autographed player item is subject to inventory availability. Two event tickets to a mutually agreed upon concert, event, or game. Some exclusions apply. Expires 6/30/25.*

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# Live Auction

## Indulge in Elegance: Four Seasons Stay & Del Mar Dining Experience

Item Number: 103

Indulge in a Friday night stay in a premier suite at the iconic Four Seasons Hotel Washington, DC, nestled in the heart of Georgetown and steps from the city's most historic landmarks. Leave your car and let Lyft take you to dinner at Del Mar, where you will feast on a four-course Chef's tasting menu with selected beverage pairings. The menu offers a range of traditional and seasonal Tapas, Catalan-Style Charcoal Grilled Entrees, as well as the must-have Signature Paella. The next morning, enjoy breakfast for two at the acclaimed Seasons Restaurant or in the comfort of your suite, surrounded by modern elegance and impeccable service. This is your chance to experience timeless luxury and personalized hospitality at two of DC's most distinguished destinations!

*Restrictions: Accommodations are based on availability and reservations are required. Redeemable for a weekend-night stay only at Four Seasons Hotel Washington, DC and must present the original gift certificate. Includes tax and gratuity and is not redeemable nor refundable for cash. Expires 2/21/2026. Del Mar gift certificate excludes gratuity, which is the responsibility of the guest to pay. The certificate may not be redeemed Saturday evenings or a holiday. We kindly ask for a 72-hour notice to redeem this certificate. The Lyft gift card (\$200) can be used as cash for any rides on the Lyft platform and never expires.*

Donated By: Joe and Lindley Richardson, Four Seasons DC, Rory and Cynthia Cameron, Michael and Anna Jeanblanc, and Del Mar Fabio Trabocchi Restaurants.  
Value: \$2,600



# Live Auction

## Catered Dinner for 8 by Susan Gage

*Item Number: 104*

Let the team at Susan Gage caterers take the reins on your next gathering. The winner will work with the team to create a custom menu for 8 guests, including service, equipment, linens, wine, and beer. As full-service caterers, we are equipped with the tools necessary to meticulously plan, design, and manage your event experience. From personalized menus and freshly laundered linens to in-house equipment and specialty rentals, we specialize in attention to detail with a personal touch, to create a timeless SG production. Our professional service and unmatched expertise allow you the time to enjoy hosting your event, preferably with one of our signature cocktails in hand.



*Restrictions: Up to 8 people. Mutually agreeable date in the DMV area.*

*Expires on 2/24/2026*

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# Live Auction

## Country Day School Walkway of Fame

*Item Number: 105*

What a way to remember your child's days at The Country Day School. A stone mason will chisel the name of your child or family name into a stepping stone on the walkway of the CDS grounds. Your family will become a lasting part of CDS for years to come.

*Restrictions: Expires 6/6/25*

Donated By: The Country Day School

Value: Priceless



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## Head of School for the Day

*Item Number: 106*

This is a great opportunity for your preschooler to be Head of School for the day. Your child will have the opportunity to make the morning rounds alongside Dr. E, run a meeting, answer the phone with Ms. Becky, and more! Every Head of School needs an official name badge, and we have you covered! As an added treat, the winner can invite a friend to enjoy lunch with Dr. E.

*Restrictions: Date must be mutually agreed upon and arranged at least two weeks in advance. Expires 6/6/25.*

Donated By: The Country Day School

Value: Priceless



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# Live Auction

## Name the Lane at Country Day School

*Item Number: 107*

What a great way to make your child smile at drop off! Let your child's name be on the lane. A sign will be engraved and placed alongside the island at the top of the carpool lane and will remain on display for the next two years.

*Restrictions: Expires 3/1/27*

Donated By: The Country Day School

Value: Priceless



## Rainbow Carpool Pass

*Item Number: 108*

Enjoy extra carpool flexibility during drop off/pick up for the remainder of the school year AND next year! You may drop off or pick up your child in the carpool section immediately prior to or following your child's scheduled carpool when you display this colorful carpool sign in your car window.

*Restrictions: Winner must adhere to 10-minute before/after scheduled carpool time. If drop off or pick up falls outside that time, you must follow school policy for late arrivals/pickups. Expires 6/5/2026.*

Donated By: The Country Day School

Value: Priceless





# Live Auction

## Commanders Jayden Daniels Signed Football

*Item Number: 109*

NFL football signed by Washington Commanders rookie quarterback, Jayden Daniels.

*Restrictions: None*

Donated By: Adam and Jennifer Peters Value: \$500



## Peace and Tranquility in Beautiful Middleburg, VA

*Item Number: 110*

Escape to the Salamander Resort in Middleburg, VA, with a two-night stay in a Fireplace Estate King Guestroom, daily breakfast for two, two 60-minute spa treatments, and a horseback riding experience for two. Nestled within the heart of Virginia's horse and wine country, just one hour from Washington, D.C., on over 340 breathtaking acres, Salamander Middleburg is the first destination resort in the D.C. area to receive the Forbes Five-Star Award for its hotel and restaurant, and the only Forbes Five-Star spa in Virginia. Exuding supreme luxury with equal parts gracious hospitality and historic charm, Salamander Middleburg offers boundless and inspiring activities that will delight guests including treetop zip-lining, the renowned Salamander Spa, and outstanding wineries.

*Restrictions: Expiration 2/27/2026. Based on availability. Subject to blackout dates. Alcohol not included. Certificate may not be extended or exchanged for cash and must be used at one visit. Recipient is subject to taxes. Service fees and gratuity payable upon check out. The original certificate needs to be presented, copies will not be accepted. Lost, misplaced, expired or stolen certificates are not refundable or replaceable.*

Donated By: The Johnson Family and Salamander Middleburg. Value: \$3,000



# Live Auction

## Virginia Beach Getaway

*Item Number: 111*

Are you in need of a car ride getaway? The Virginia Beach Oceanfront is calling your name. The Cavalier Resort invites you to experience a seaside getaway where classic Virginia hospitality meets modern luxury, and a world of taste, style and adventures await. Your adventure starts with a two night stay at Marriott Virginia Beach Oceanfront in an oceanview room, part of the Cavalier Resort. A trip to Virginia Beach is never complete without visiting Rudee Inlet. Enjoy a day on the water with four tickets available to your choice of Dolphin Watching, the Rudee Rocket, or a Whale Watching excursion! Wrap up the day with a meal from Waterman's Surfside Grille, an iconic waterside restaurant.

*Restrictions: Cavalier Two night stay, Expires 3/31/26. Not available Memorial Day-Labor Day.*

Donated By: Jonathan and Kolby DeHart, The Cavalier Resort, Virginia Beach Fishing Center, & Waterman's Surfside Grille  
Value: \$2500



## Raise the Paddle: Adventure Awaits on Front Field

*Item Number: 112*

The expansive outdoor spaces at Country Day School are what make our school so unique and magical. During the live auction, you will be invited to raise your paddle by making a donation in support of our "Adventure Awaits on Front Field" initiative. Your 100% tax-deductible gift - at any level - will help fund a new playground structure on the largest and most visible playground at CDS – the Front Field.

Please give generously to support this important cause to make CDS more magical than it is already!

Donated By: YOU!

# *Auction Rules*

## **Live Auction Bidding Tips and Rules: General**

- Upon arrival to the Auction, please check in at the registration desk. You will be assigned a bid number and corresponding bid paddle. The bid number functions as a legally binding signature for your bids at the auction.
- All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds on Auction items are permitted. All items are sold “as-is”. Please read item descriptions and restrictions carefully before placing a bid.
- Unless otherwise specified, all Auction item certificates expire within one year of the auction. Redemption of the certificates are to be arranged at the mutual convenience of the donor and the buyer. We recommend contracting the donor within two weeks of the Auction.
- Auction items are not transferable from buyer to anyone else without the express permission of the donor.
- Payment for all Auction items are due at the close of the event.
- Buyers should take home items at the end of the event. Any remaining items may be picked up in the CDS Barn no later than March 28, 2025.
- Check with your tax advisor regarding deductibility of individual items. In general, you may only receive a tax deduction if the price you pay is greater than retail value.
- By his or her purchase, the buyer waives any claims for liability against Country Day School or the donor of the property or service. Neither the school nor the donor is responsible for any personal injuries or damage to property that may result from the use of property or services sold.

## **Live Auction**

- The Live Auction will begin during the dinner.
- Your bid paddle contains your personal bid number. A bid for a Live Auction Item is entered by raising your paddle and being recognized by the Auctioneer or his staff.
- Live Auction items are listed numerically in the catalog and the Auctioneer will follow this same order.
- An acknowledged bid is a binding offer to purchase the item.
- On the fall of the Auctioneer’s gavel or other notification by the Auctioneer, the highest bidder will be the purchaser of the item.
- In the event of a dispute, the Auctioneer will act as the final authority in determining the winning bid.

# Sign-on Parties

*Sign-On Parties provide a fun opportunity for friends to get together and experience a unique social activity only available to Country Day School families. This year there are three experiences where businesses and CDS Families have offered to host a themed event for which you may purchase a ticket. These events close after the last bidder has signed his or her bidder number on the last open slot for each party. Bid early to make sure you don't miss these great events!*

## **RTR Pilates – Private Pilates Party for 12**

*Item Number: 801*

Treat yourself to an exclusive, energizing Pilates session with a professional instructor, tailored to your group's fitness level and preferences. This private class offers a fun, intimate atmosphere, perfect for bonding, team-building, or just enjoying some relaxation and rejuvenation together. After the session, unwind and socialize with refreshing beverages and light refreshments served to keep the energy up. Whether you're new to Pilates or a seasoned pro, this special experience is designed to leave everyone feeling strong, centered, and refreshed!

**Date/Time of Event:** Saturday, May 17th at 4 pm / **Cost:** \$100 per person

**Maximum Number of Participants:** 12 / **Location:** RTR Pilates McLean

**Donated By:** The Gavula Family, RTR Pilates

## **Exclusive Private Mending Wall Wine Tasting Party**

*Item Number: 802*

Join us for an exclusive evening of exceptional wines, hors d'oeuvres, and great company! You will experience a private tasting of Mending Wall wines at the home of Derek and Abby Allen. Savor a selection of handcrafted wines from this highly regarded Napa Valley winery while relaxing in a warm and intimate setting. Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to purchase wines that are typically only available at the vineyard itself. Experience world-class wines with friends - reserve your spot today! \*Adults only\*

**Date/Time of Event:** Saturday, April 12, 2025 6-9pm / **Cost:** \$100 per person

**Maximum Number of Participants:** 14 / **Location:** The Home of the Allen Family

**Donated By:** Derek and Abby Allen

## **Mangia: Pasta Making Party!**

*Item Number: 803*

Get ready to immerse yourself in the art of pasta making with an exclusive hands-on experience with other CDS parents! This auction item offers a private, personalized pasta-making session led by Madd Pasta, hosted by CDS parents Anand Nair and Caroline Delaney. After making your pasta, sit down and enjoy a specially prepared Italian feast featuring the pasta you've made, paired with wine and great company. Whether you're a pasta enthusiast or a culinary newbie, this fun-filled, intimate event is perfect for any occasion.

**Date:** Saturday, April 12 at 6 pm

**Location:** The Home of Anand Nair and Caroline Delaney

**Maximum Number of Participants:** 12

**Cost per person:** \$125

**Donated By:** Anand Nair and Caroline Delaney



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