

“A Night for the Stars” Gala
Monday, September 29, 2025



Live Auction Items

Custom-Built Shed by Southwest Christian’s Residential Construction Class and Indoor Painting Gift Certificate

Take home a **one-of-a-kind, handcrafted shed** built by the talented students in our **Introduction to Residential Construction class!**

This high-quality shed is more than just storage—it’s a testament to hands-on learning, skilled craftsmanship, and the future of trades education.

Whether you need extra storage, a backyard workspace, or a charming garden shed, this is your chance to own a beautiful and functional structure—while supporting student learning in a real-world setting.

Valued at: \$5,500

Donated by: SWCHS Residential Construction Class & Knier Painting, Inc.

Lake Minnetonka Getaway - Overnight Stay at Hotel Excelsior

Enjoy a luxurious overnight escape at the elegant **Hotel Excelsior**, nestled in the heart of charming **Excelsior, Minnesota**, on the shores of **Lake Minnetonka** with dinner at **Coalition** and breakfast at **The Lobby**.

This boutique hotel offers a perfect blend of small-town charm and modern comfort. You’ll be just steps away from the lake, local shops, award-winning restaurants, and the scenic Excelsior Commons park.

Whether you’re planning a romantic getaway, a peaceful retreat, or a fun staycation, this experience promises relaxation, comfort, and lakeside beauty.

Treat yourself—or gift it to someone special—and support Southwest Christian High School while you unwind in style!

Valued at: \$550.00

Donated by: Jeff and Julie Verdoorn

Private In-Home Dinner Party for 10 Guests

Host an unforgettable evening without lifting a finger!

Enjoy a **private dinner party for 10 guests**, right in the comfort of your own home. This exclusive experience includes a beautifully prepared multi-course meal cooked over an outdoor fire, served to you and your guests by our own personal chef - Steve Schirber

Perfect for a special occasion, celebration, or just a memorable night with friends, this dinner will be fully hosted—allowing you to sit back, relax, and enjoy.

Package Includes:

- Private dinner for up to 10 guests
- Hosted in your home on a mutually agreed-upon date
- Multi-course meal prepared and served for you and your guests
- All food and service provided

Let your home be the backdrop for an evening of great food, laughter, and connection—without any of the hassle. A night your guests will be talking about long after the last bite!

Valued at: unforgettable Donated by: Steve Schirber

Student Art Showcase – One-of-a-Kind Creations

Bring home one of three truly special works of art created by our talented Southwest Christian High School students. These original, numbered pieces are handcrafted expressions of creativity, skill, and vision—showcasing the incredible talent being cultivated in our art program.

Whether you're an art lover, a supporter of the arts, or simply want to display something meaningful in your home or office, these pieces are more than just decoration—it's a celebration of student achievement and imagination.

Photography - by Benjamin Kersten

Two 11"x14" photographs framed to 16"x20"

Valued at: priceless Donated by: Benjamin Kersten

PAINTING OF FLOWERS - by Elise Miles

18"x24" painting on stretched canvas

Valued at: priceless Donated by: Elise Miles

Painting - by Vera Carlson

18x24 painting on stretched canvas

Valued at: priceless Donated by: Vera Carlson

Courtside and Cuisine: Minnesota Gopher Volleyball Experience

Cheer on the nationally ranked Minnesota Gophers with **four volleyball passes** to their exciting matchup against Illinois! The Gophers are having a standout season, making this the perfect time to catch the action live. This package also includes a **parking pass** for convenience and a **\$100 gift**

card to D'Amico & Partners, perfect for a pre- or post-game meal.

Valued at: \$1,300

Donated by: John & Jessica Santjer

Fired Up and Fabulous - Girls Night Out

Gather your favorite friends for a memorable Girls' Night Out! Start with creativity at Artem Haus Ceramic Studio, where you'll enjoy hands-on fun designing your own custom piece. Then, continue the evening with a delicious dinner at one of Excelsior's popular restaurants. This package is the perfect blend of laughter, creativity, and great food—everything you need for an unforgettable night together!

Valued at: \$600.00 Donated by: Artem Haus Ceramic Studio

Chef Curated Multicourse Culinary Fine Dining experience

Treat yourself and a guest to an unforgettable dining experience at **Southwest Christian High School**, hosted by our talented **Culinary Arts Chef, Steve Schirber** on **Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 5:00 PM**.

This exclusive **four-course dinner** will be thoughtfully prepared by Steve with the assistance of some of the students in the Culinary class, offering an exclusive, exquisite experience right here on campus. The evening will be accompanied by **live music performances** from our gifted **SW Musicians**, creating a warm and elegant atmosphere.

This is more than just a meal — it's a unique opportunity to support student learning and enjoy a night of excellence, creativity, and community.

This exclusive experience will be available to the top 15 bidders. We'll begin the bidding at **\$250**. Top bidders will include 2 guests.

Valued at: Priceless

Donated by: Steve Schirber