



# Auction FAQs

## What is the auction and why does Saint Jude host this event?

This event helps us make significant enhancements to our school and programs while having a great time. This year's focus will be various track and field improvements including the addition of a 6-foot wide walking track around the soccer fields. It also promises new friendships, lots of laughter, and wonderful memories! We host an entertaining live auction, silent auction, exciting games with fabulous prizes, raffles and much, much more!

## How often does Saint Jude host this event?

On Saturday, February 3, 2024, Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School will host a Mardi Gras Ball, which will include our Biennial Auction at the Crowne Plaza at Ravinia to raise funds for our saints and scholars. Biennial means this event only occurs every two years.

## What is Mardi Gras?

A celebration that dates back centuries and coincides with the Catholic liturgical Calendar. Carnival season occurs from Epiphany (or Twelfth Night of Christmas) until the night before Ash Wednesday. The last day, is Mardi Gras, the biggest feast and celebration before we enter the Lenten season.

## What to expect the night of the auction

The evening promises to be a night to remember and includes: An energetic musical experience from **JAZZ by Three** | Braves Country's most electrifying, exciting drumline **The Heavy Hitters** | Music by **Revel Radio** at the after-party | **New Orleans-inspired** food and desserts at the **seated dinner** | Beer, wine, and signature cocktails at the **open bar** | Silent and live auction, with raffles and games hosted by your **Good News auctioneer** | **VIP** experience in our **Jaguar Jazz Bar** | While capturing all the moments in our **360 video + photo booths** with festive props.

## How do I purchase a ticket package?

Ticket packages will be available on October 1<sup>st</sup>! You may purchase these packages on SchoolSpeak at this [link](#) with your FACTs account or by credit card on our website.

## What is the Big Easy package?

This package is for our SJA families who have a business they want to do a Gold Community Partner level for and also attend the event at the VIP Patron Package level.

## How do the hotel rooms work when purchasing a patron package?

When you purchase a patron package that includes a suite or hotel room, your name is automatically added to the hotel rooming list. You will receive additional room confirmation information closer to the event. For King vs. 2 Queens hotel rooms, these will be designated based on check-in availability on the day of the event.



## What if I can't attend the event but still want to support?

We will miss you and we appreciate your support of our school! All monetary donations are tax deductible and may be made [here](#). Based on the # of ticket sales, we'll also have an opportunity to participate in the silent auction from home but that won't be announced until a couple weeks before the event.

## How do I become a corporate sponsor?

We would love to partner with your business, please follow the [link](#) to explore the Community Partner sponsor packages.

## How do I donate an auction item?

**Thank you** for your generosity! Please follow the [link](#) to donate an item.

### **Will this event sell out?**

Yes! The venue has a limited capacity, so we encourage you to [purchase your tickets](#) early. Take advantage of the early bird special and purchase your tickets before October 31 to receive a 5% discount. Tickets go on sale starting Oct 1.

### **Can I bring my kids?**

While Saint Jude has many fun events for the students, this is a 21 and older adult only event that will benefit our students at Saint Jude for years to come!

### **Who can attend?**

Parents, alumni, staff, parishioners, grandparents, preschool parents, friends, aunts & uncles, etc.

### **What will there be to eat at the Mardi Gras Ball?**

This year's auction includes a seated dinner. You will have the opportunity to select your entree option with auction ticket purchase.

### **What do I wear to the Mardi Gras Ball?**

**MEN:** While "strictly formal" is usually expected for these occasions where men wear a white tie, tails, and gloves, we will not turn you away at the door like they do in New Orleans and Mobile. Men may wear suits or tuxedos.

**WOMEN:** Again, "formal and strictly formal" usually means you need to wear a long dress which should skim the floor. You may even be turned away if you decide to show up in your cocktail dress. We won't do that for our event! For our Mardi Gras Ball, you should consider wearing something that is colorful and festive! Think about incorporating beads, sequins, sparkles, feathers, etc. ***Please note: BEST DRESSED will be awarded KING & QUEEN of the Mardi Gras Ball!***

### **Will the silent auction items be at the event?**

No, they will be at the preview party and all bidding will be done virtually at the event. Pick-up will be provided at the school during the week after the event.

### **What is the kids raffle and when is it?**

The kids' raffle is a fun way for the students at SJA to join in on the fun! The week of January 21-26, students will have the opportunity to enter drawings to win many different items. Ticket price is \$2. Winners will be announced Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Items are donated and all proceeds help meet our goal!

### **What are teacher treasures?**

All the teachers and staff at SJA will donate an item or experience that gives kids extra time to spend with them outside of school! Donated items range from cookies and a bedtime story with Mrs. Childs to an art class with your favorite Kindergarten teachers.

### **What is the Super Raffle?**

The 2024 Super Raffle tickets will begin selling on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024. Super Raffle tickets will sell for \$150 each. The Super raffle is for your choice of one of the live auction items (exclusions apply - more info to come) and the drawing will be right before the Live Auction begins. SchoolSpeak links will be available through Thursday, Feb. 1 @ 5pm. Otherwise, night-of raffle ticket purchases will be done with a QR code provided at the event until 7pm.

### **What is the Tuition Raffle?**

The 2024 Tuition Raffle tickets will begin selling on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024. Tuition Raffle tickets will sell for \$75 each or \$200 for 3 tickets. The 2024 Tuition Raffle is for one year of free tuition (2024-2025 school year) for one student or 50% if minimum is not met. The drawing will be sometime during the Live Auction. SchoolSpeak links will be available through Thursday, Feb. 1 @ 5pm. Otherwise, night-of raffle ticket purchases will be done with a QR code provided at the event until 7pm.

### **How do I volunteer?**

We are grateful you want to share your talents. It takes many hands to make an event this large a success. Please email us at [auction@saintjude.net](mailto:auction@saintjude.net)

### **What if I have more questions?**

We are here to help! Email us at [auction@saintjude.net](mailto:auction@saintjude.net) or visit our [webpage](#).

