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Dear Parents and Friends of Valley Catholic School,

Welcome to the Gala!

We are so very pleased that you are here with us at NW Events to celebrate Valley Catholic School.

The Gala is an event that brings all of us together. Whether we are Sisters, parents, sponsors, volunteers or staff, we all recognize the need to ensure the future of our students and the excellent programs provided for them. This evening would not be possible without your commitment to Valley Catholic School, as well as the many, many individuals who have devoted countless hours to preparing for this event. I would like to extend a personal thank you to all who have worked so hard on the Gala, particularly the Foundation staff and co-chairs Todd and Loni Adams, and Steve and Margarita Gunther. I am deeply grateful for their dedication to our school and their willingness to share their talents. Thank you!

On behalf of our principals, our faculty and staff, and the entire Valley Catholic School family, a heartfelt "thank you" for being here with us this evening. I encourage you to raise your wine glass – and your bidder number – to toast Valley Catholic.

God bless,

John Matcovich, President, Valley Catholic School Sara Bruins, Principal, High School Jennifer Gfroerer '87, Principal, Middle School Yvonne Ayesiga, Principal, Elementary School Amber Ploussard, Principal, Early Learning School Beckie Hocker, Director, Valley Catholic Music School



EVENING PROGRAM

SILENT AUCTION

Side Auditorium

5:00 p.m	Sponsor VIP Reception
5:30 p.m	Check-in Begins
	Silent Auction, Hors d'oeuvres and Wine
6:45 p.m	Silent Auction Closes

DINNER AND LIVE AUCTION

Main Auditorium

7:00 p.m		Call to Dinner
7:10 p.m		Dinner and Welcome
8:00 p.m	Light-a-Fire Speci	al Appeal and Live Auction

The Online Auction remains open until 5:00 p.m. November 12, and features a variety of one-of-a-kind experiences, getaway trips, wine packages and more. **VCSGALA2023.GGO.BID**

TONIGHT'S MENU

DELICIOUS SELECTIONS PREPARED BY NW CATERING SERVICES

Chicken Fricassee

Braised chicken with cream sauce and carrot, roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Risotto

With roasted forest mushrooms and fontina cheese, seasonal roasted vegetables (GF, Vegetarian)

Spice-crusted Sirloin

Sirloin steak with creamy caper sauce, roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables (GF)

Complimentary wine & hors d'oeuvres served during the silent auction.

Dinner includes wine, salad, dessert and coffee.

AMY TROY

YOUR EMCEE

Amy Troy made her childhood "dream career" come true and was a TV News Anchor/Reporter for 26 years. She's now "living the dream" as a full-time mom of two girls, and President of National Charity League, Lake Oswego Chapter. She is also an avid golfer, who would play every day if she could.

Amy grew up on a farm in the southern Oregon. She's also a "Duck" who studied Journalism at the University of Oregon. Amy began her career in television news here in Oregon before taking jobs in other western states. She returned to anchor positions at KGW and KPTV-Fox 12 in 2005, to be closer to her family.

Amy has received numerous awards in her career, including a prestigious Regional Edward R. Murrow Award and several Emmy nominations for news and cultural issues reporting.

In true Oregonian fashion, Amy loves the outdoors. Not only is she a life-long equestrian, Amy enjoys skiing, hiking, and running.



PATRICK SIVER

YOUR AUCTIONFER

For more than thirty years, Patrick has produced golf tournaments and special events benefiting non-profit organizations throughout the United States. His success and rewarding experiences motivated him to add professional fundraising auctioneer services to his repertoire when he created gEvents, LLC in 2011. Patrick graduated from the renowned World Wide College of Auctioneering based in Mason City, Iowa. Founded in 1933, World Wide College of Auctioneering has trained over 40,000 auctioneers. Patrick acquired the coveted Benefit Auction Specialist (BAS) designation in 2014 from the National Auctioneers Association joining less than five percent of all auctioneers who hold

the BAS designation. In addition, Patrick returned to the national association to complete the training two additional times as the curriculum has been updated to keep up with the changing environment. Patrick is a proud member of the National Auctioneer Association and the Oregon Auctioneers Association.



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all students with the opportunity to attend our schools and become part of this wonderful community.

We are blessed to be part of the Sister's rich educational legacy and this thriving community.

Please join us in supporting our dedicated teachers, administrators, coaches, volunteers and families in guiding and developing our children to be "lifelong learners and compassionate leaders."

We look forward to celebrating with you!

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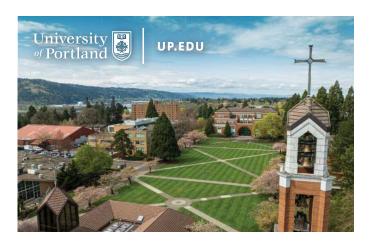
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"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

-Chinese philosopher Xun Kuang (circa 312-230 BC)

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GOLDEN TICKET

Imagine having the opportunity to select one item from the live auction - and calling it yours!*

You will have that chance during dinner!

This year the 100 Golden Tickets will be up for bid during dinner. Get ready to raise your bidder number high because only the first 100 bidder numbers in the air will be included in the Golden Ticket drawing.

If your bidder number is selected you will have a few minutes to choose one item from tonight's live auction, so plan ahead.

* Shooting with the Sisters is excluded from the Golden Ticket.

Imagine, this could be you!

Tickets are \$100 each and you may purchase more than one.

Drawing will be conducted by SSMO Foundation and gEvents and will take place at NW Events during 7:00 p.m. dinner at the VCS Gala on Nov. 11, 2023.

"LIGHT-A-FIRE"

"EDUCATION IS NOT THE FILLING OF A PAIL, BUT THE LIGHTING OF A FIRE."
- W. B. YEATS

Every student, every family and every classroom at Valley Catholic is impacted by tuition assistance. Some students, who are vital components of our student body, who bring unique gifts to our classrooms, would not be a part of our community without tuition assistance.

Since the founding of our school, the Sisters have devoted themselves to meeting the needs of others. Tonight you can continue that legacy by making a generous donation to "Light-a-Fire."

Please consider:

- One out of every four VCS students receives tuition assistance.
- On average, tuition covers only 75% of the true cost of educating each student.
- Tuition assistance helps keep our classrooms full and vibrant.
- VCS meets approximately 70% of a student's demonstrated financial need.
- Your gift determines whether or not some students are able to attend Valley Catholic.
- Tuition assistance enables families who experience unexpected hardship to remain enrolled at VCS.

Be ready to raise your bid card during this extremely important part of tonight's event.

Matching Gifts: Many employers will match gifts that are made to "Light a Fire." Matching gifts are often 50% to 100% of your donation, significantly increasing the impact of your generosity. For more information, go to ssmofoundation.org.





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LIVE AND ON-AIR ON "GOOD DAY OREGON"

Let your child step into the captivating world of live television with "Good Day Oregon's On-Air Live Weather Report Experience. Your son or daughter will be featured on Portland's most watched morning newscast as they deliver the Weather Report on KPTV's "Good Day Oregon" morning show with Andy Carson. They will learn the "green screen" and receive a digital file of their on-air segment, and the family will receive a behind-the-scenes studio tour as well!

Restrictions: On-air segment with Andy is limited to one student. Behind-the-scenes tour is for the entire family. Dates subject to availability, expires November 11, 2024

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RIP CITY, BABY!

PORTLAND TRAILBLAZERS X 2

Calling all Blazer fans! Put on your red and black and cheer on our Portland Trail Blazers from these fantastic seats. In fact, you will have two opportunities to witness greatness, so hustle hard, play your part and get ready to bid!

Your package includes:

- Blazers vs. Detroit Pistons Thursday, February 8, 2024. Section 111, Row C, Seats 5-8 (Parking included)
- Blazers vs. Denver Nuggets (2023 NBA Champs) Friday, February 23, 2024. Section 108. Row KK, Seats 1-4 (Parking included)

Restrictions: Tickets are fully electronic and will be delivered via email soon after November 11, 2023.

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SHOOTING WITH THE SISTERS

TRAP SHOOTING FOR 12

Stand up for what you want in this progressive bid: Only 12 guests will be able to attend this event!

Not to be missed, this perennial favorite of trap shooting with Sr. Krista von Borstel, Sr. Michael Francine Duncan and Sr. Adele Marie Altenhofen at Camp Howard, "Oregon's Catholic Camp." Camp Howard is located near Corbett on 240 acres of beautiful, forested land. This popular party sells out every year, and is, literally, a blast! Enjoy a barbeque lunch, tour of Camp Howard and an afternoon of trap shooting in the Great Outdoors.

This package is available to 12 individual bidders. Date: Saturday, September 7, 2024 11:30 – 3:00 p.m., Adults 21+ over, please

Generously donated by Sr. Krista von Borstel, Sr. Michael Francine Duncan, Sr. Adele Marie Altenhofen and Camp Howard



HAYSTACK GETAWAY

CANNON BEACH, OR

Spend 7 nights in this large, ocean-front 4 bedroom, 4 bath home in Cannon Beach that accommodates up to 8 people. With the spectacular views and direct beach access, Haystack Getaway has it all! This home is fully furnished with gourmet kitchen, wine refrigerator, dining room, expansive living area, gas fireplace, laundry room, hot tub, fire pit and parking for three cars.

Restrictions: Based upon availability, booking early is recommended. No pets or smoking. Does not include cleaning fee. Valid for stay December 2023 – May 2024, September – December 2024. NOT available Summer 2024.

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EXPLORE MUSIC CITY

NASHVILLE, TN

Music is the universal language, and there's no better place to experience music than Nashville, a city of storytellers and dreamers. Music streams day and night from every honky-tonk and every stage, including country music's most famous stage, the Grand Ole Opry. You'll discover the creative energy and the hidden gems, and learn what makes Nashville unique.

Your getaway for two includes:

- 4 days / 3 nights for two at your choice of Loews Vanderbilt Hotel, The Bankers Alley Hotel, or the DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown
- Grand Ole Opry House backstage tour
- Discover Nashville city tour, including admission to the Ryman Auditorium and the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum
- All room-related taxes

Restrictions: Travel package is non-refundable and subject to availability. Gift certificates/cards cannot be replaced. Tour runs on specific days of the week, at specific times. Blackout dates: June 9-11, Country Music Awards weekend and Oct. 13-17. 45-day advance reservations required. Travel valid for 18 months from date of issue.

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Your day includes:

- Greet everyone at the front doors in the morning with Dr. Ayesiga
- Make the morning announcements
- Receive an official badge with photo id and lanyard
- Choose a lunch item to include on the school lunch menu for the following month
- Enjoy a brown bag lunch with their classmates and Dr. Ayesiga
- Announce an extra recess for your class
- Reap the reward of Dr. Ayesiga doing your homework in one of your classes
- Receive souvenir photos from your special day

Restrictions: Must be redeemed by May 2024.

Generously donated by Valley Catholic School and Dr. Ayesiga



THE CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS

NEW YORK CITY

Feel the unmistakable rhythm of the city that never sleeps. From the bright lights of Broadway to the soaring elms of Central Park, the museums, galleries, shopping and beyond, New York City is an American icon, and no matter your tastes, NYC has something to offer everyone.

Your big city break for two includes:

- 4 days / 3 nights at your choice of The Westin New York Grand Central, Sofitel New York, Element Times Square or New York Marriott Marquis
- Room related taxes
- Broadway Gold entertainment package for theater, concert and sporting event tickets for 2
- Concierge reservation services

Restrictions: Travel package is non-refundable and subject to availability. Blackout dates: January 1, September 20-22, December 1-15, December 31. A minimum 45-day advance reservation required. Travel is valid for 18 months from date of issue.

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YOUR BASECAMP FOR ADVENTURE

SUNRIVER, OR

Bring the entire group to this amazing Sunriver vacation home for 12, to enjoy a fun-filled getaway with all of the home essentials. Sit on the beautiful deck, gaze out at the ninth hole of the Woodland Golf Course, play in the game room, and soak in the relaxing hot tub. This beautiful five-bedroom home is perfectly situated to offer a quiet atmosphere for your family to enjoy, while still being close to the action and adventure that central Oregon has to offer.

Includes:

- 4 nights in a 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home with accommodations for up to 12
- SHARC (recreation center) passes for 10
- Endless memories

Restrictions: Reservations based upon availability. No blackout dates. Please confirm dates as soon as possible. No pets, no smoking. Expires December 31, 2024

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The landmark Fairmont Chateau Whistler resort features ski-in/ski-out access, a luxurious spa, slope-side terraces and renowned dining for a complete holiday experience. Located adjacent to the Blackcomb Daylodge, and nestled right at the base of Blackcomb Mountain's slopes. When you're not carving up the slopes, relax in the pools, hot tubs and sauna.

Your getaway for two includes:

- 5 days /4 nights accommodations at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler
- Daily breakfast
- Taxes and resort fees
- Booking and concierge service

Restrictions: Reservations subject to availability. No blackout dates. Room upgrades and other options are available at booking and based upon availability. Package must be used in one stay. No refunds for unused nights. Purchaser has 24 months to travel. All sales final.

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Take the family on a trip to remember for a 7-night stay at this beautiful home on the Kona Coast. This Holua-Kai vacation rental is located in a gated community and surrounded by the Kona Country Club Ocean Course and the Kona coast. The cozy 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath vacation home sleeps up to 8 people comfortably. The master suite and the second bedroom have king-size beds, the third bedroom is furnished with two twins, and a pull-out sofa bed in the living room. The home has a fully stocked gourmet kitchen, central air conditioning, ceiling fans throughout, and a covered lanai. The pool is right across the street. Enjoy the sunset from the lookout where you can appreciate ocean views and dramatic Kona sunsets.

Restrictions: Home is available between March 2024 – October 18, 2024 and October 28 – December 16, 2024.

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- Your signature on the registration form constitutes a legal contract to buy any item for which you are successful in bidding.

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- Arrangements for dates for all trips and similar events are the sole responsibility of the purchaser. Unless specified, all certificates for trips expire on November 11, 2024, one year from the date of the Gala. Moreover, no refunds are permitted for canceled, lost or unused tickets and/or accommodations, or if the purchaser is unable to arrange a mutually agreeable date for the purchased trip or event.
- Values set forth are estimates only and are not warranted by the Valley Catholic Gala or the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon Foundation (Hereinafter "Gala Chair/Official") for tax purposes or for general value. All items are sold "As Is." The Gala Chair/Official assumes no responsibility for the correctness of item description.

- Due to local liquor control laws, restaurant certificates do not include alcoholic beverages, unless otherwise stated.
- Gift certificates not on display in baskets will be held at the check-out desk. They may be collected from retrieval when you check out.
- Payment for winning bids at the Silent or Live Auction must be made by cash, check (payable to Valley Catholic Gala), or credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover). Payment in full is mandatory no later than 10:30 p.m. the night of the auction. Items too large to be taken home the night of the auction may be picked up the following Tuesday between noon and 5 p.m. at the Gala Office at the rear of the SSMO Convent, unless other arrangements are made with the Gala Chair/Official.
- Unless otherwise specified, all items and services purchased at the Gala will expire on November 11, 2024.
- The Gala is run in accordance with the Oregon State law regarding auction sales. The specific statute applying to auctions can be found at Oregon Revised Statutes 72.3280.

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SILENT AUCTION

- All items in the Silent Auction have bid sheets on the table in front of them. Items are located on the tables around the room.
 Persons desiring to bid must do so by legibly writing their bid number, full name and amount of bid in the spaces provided.
- Bid raises must be in the minimum amounts specified on the bid sheet. If the minimum bid is not observed, the bid is void. The Gala Chair/Official will make the final determination of the successful bidder on any written auction item. If a subsequent bid is disqualified or otherwise stricken for any reason prior to the closing of bidding, the last, highest bid on the bid sheet will be deemed the successful bid.
- Under no circumstances may a bid sheet be removed except by the Gala Chair/Official.
- Announcements will be made prior to the closing. The closing bid certified by a Gala Chair/Official will constitute the winning bid. The Silent Auction will close at 6:45 p.m. At that time, all bidding is over and no more writing is allowed on bid sheets.

LIVE AUCTION

 Live Auction bidding will begin at approximately 8:00 p.m. and will continue until all items have been auctioned. Live Auction items are described in the Gala catalog.

- Under Oregon law regarding auctions, a sale at auction is complete when the auctioneer so announces by lowering the gavel, or in any other customary manner. Therefore, once the gavel falls, the purchase is complete and the auction item has been purchased by the bidder. All sales are final and there will be no exchange or refund on an item except where specified.
- To bid, the purchaser raises his/her bidder number high so it can be seen easily. It will be acknowledged by one of the spotters; then the purchaser may lower it until he/she wishes to bid again.
- Bidding order of Live Auction items is subject to change after the publication of Gala catalog.
- No duplicate items may be offered in the Live Auction, unless authorized by the donor, in person or prior to bidding.

GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE

- Valley Catholic Golden Ticket raffle is held in strict accordance with Oregon state law and guidelines provided by the Oregon Department of Justice. Ticket purchasers must be at least 18 years old.
- Golden Ticket Raffle: Guests may purchase a Golden Ticket; no more than 100 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. The winning ticket will be drawn on stage just prior to the Live Auction. The winner will choose from all Live Auction packages, with the

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exception of Shooting with the Sisters. The method of payment toward the chosen package will appear as "Golden Ticket" in the payment section of the winner's receipt. Once the winner has chosen the package and the Live Auction has begun, no changes will be allowed by the winner. Winner may forfeit the prize and donate the package back to the auction to be sold during the Live Auction. The Golden Ticket winner's signature will be required for recording purposes.

PROXY BIDDING (Live Auction packages only)

• Bids may be made in absentia via the proxy bid form provided by the Gala Office and available on the auction website. Proxy bids are applicable for Live Auction packages only. Proxy bid sheets must be received in the Gala office no later than Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 5 p.m. Proxy Bidders will be represented by a Gala official during the bidding process.

WARRANTY

• The Gala Chair/Official, Auctioneer, Seller or Donor may not give any warranty, express or implied, as to the quality of the description of the property listed for sale in the announcement concerning the sale. In addition, the Gala Chair/Official, Auctioneer, Seller or Donor is not liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in the announcement or for any faulty description thereof, in any advertisement, catalog or other medium employed for announcing the sale. Purchaser shall not be entitled to damages, recession or any other remedy on account of the quality of the property listed for sale in the announcement or the faulty description of the property.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We are grateful for the volunteers who made this Gala possible by dedicating their time, energy, creativity and expertise. We are fortunate to have people in our school community who are willing to play a role in the success of the Gala, an event that impacts the lives of everyone at Valley Catholic.

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