



Celebrate is the premier fundraising event for Xavier Catholic Schools. Funds raised at Celebrate support the entire System. Everyone is invited to attend (virtually this year), get involved, and support Celebrate. If you are not familiar, I would like to take this opportunity to explain it to you and to personally invite you to attend, donate, sponsor, and/or all of the above!

Last year, 510 people attended *Celebrate* and raised over \$540,000 to support teachers and staff in the wonderful work they do daily for our students. Money raised at *Celebrate* helps keep the quality Catholic education that our children receive as affordable as possible. Typically it is a traditional gala with a dinner, auction, raffles and games, etc. where parents and supporters to come together for a common cause while socializing. This year it will be a fun, interactive, virtual event with smaller watch parties.

General information about *Celebrate*:

- *Celebrate* will be held virtually on January 30, 2021. We encourage small watch parties to enhance the fun and social component.
- Anyone can log on and watch the virtual event for FREE! To enhance your experience, we encourage the purchase of our purposefully curated Swag Bags. Our Swag Bag committee is working hard to make these bags spectacular—you won't want to miss out! In addition, sponsors and any groups registering a Watch Party of 10 people will receive a bonus Host Package.
- Invitations with all of the details will be mailed soon.
- *Celebrate* has generous sponsors at a variety of levels; please contact me for sponsorship information.

Below are some of the fund-raising highlights of the event—it features something for everyone!

- Silent & Premium Auctions
- Raffles & Games
- Fund-Our-Future—a special time where all supporters are encouraged to make donations
- Cookies for a Cause—fulfill staff's specific requests

As a parent, I am unbelievably proud of our staff and grateful that students can be learning in their classrooms. As a staff, we realize that in order to continue the excellence of Xavier Catholic Schools, we need to raise essential funds. That ongoing need prompted the decision to hold our annual ***Celebrate*** gala on its original date of January 30, 2021, but in a unique and interactive, yet virtual format. I sincerely hope you'll join us in supporting our students, staff and Xavier Catholic Schools overall.

For questions, please contact me. I hope you will tune in and support Celebrate this year!

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*For more information, photos, etc., please see the Advancement section of the XCS website (www.xaviercatholicschools.org/giving/events) and watch for Facebook posts on the System Facebook page.