

What is Grand Beginnings aka GB?

GB is the largest annual fundraiser for NDA. The money helps to fill the gap between the actual cost to educate a child and the tuition charged. The cost to educate a child at NDA is \$10,199 and our tuition is \$5,150. This includes everything from curriculum enhancements to salaries and building upgrades. Therefore we need this event to bridge the \$5,049 gap to continue to educate our children at the highest standards as well as give them a faith based education.

How does the evening work and what can I expect?

Expect to feel the love of the NDA community! This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with other parents and staff members. **GB is on Saturday, November 17th, at the Marriott Southwest in Minnetonka.**

When you arrive you will see the friendly staff ready to check you in. There you will receive your table assignment, have the opportunity to buy additional heads and tails games and have any additional questions answered. **From** that point, you are invited into the beautifully decorated ballroom to peruse through the incredible silent auction items. Keep in mind Christmas is just around the corner and this is a great place to buy Christmas gifts! **Continue** to one of the multiple bars and grab your libation of choice and then hit up the newly added photo booth and post to your favorite social media platform. **Don't forget our #NDAFaithful!**

Enjoy live music while bidding on silent auction items such as toys for the kids, spa experiences, recreational activities, gift cards, and home decor. **Additional** opportunities would include buy-ins or Grand Gatherings. All bidding is done on the OneCause website. You'll be sent the link beforehand, so check out the great items available! **After** the silent auction closes, dinner will be served around 8:00pm. If you and your table are starving, consider bidding on our first table to be served to start your night out with a bang. There will also be additional incredible dessert options to bid on as well. Wrapping up the night will be the live auction with items including Hooky with Principal Vance, US Open tickets at Pebble Beach, and a Fire and Fry party.

Can I buy tickets at the door?

Unfortunately no, this is an RSVP party only.

Can I bring my children?

GB is an adult night only. This is a great way to connect with all the parents and teachers in the school. It's a fantastic date night out!

Is seating assigned?

Yes seating is assigned. We make every effort to have friends sit together. If you are unsure who you would like to sit with, feel free to request your Good Shepherd or other parents in your grade. You can make seat request by adding whom you would like to sit with in the comments section in BidPal at checkout.

Can I bring guests that do not attend NDA, IHM, or St. Gabriel's?

Yes! Please bring whomever you would like to attend and who would be willing to support the school.

What is the requested attire?

GB is the perfect event for women to wear a LBD (little black dress) and men typically wear suits. However, please don't let this deter you from joining in on the festivities, come in what you feel comfortable in.

How much do the tickets cost and what is included in that?

Full ticket prices are \$100. First time attendees and past parents attending GB are offered a reduced ticket costing \$75. NDA has decided to incentivize first time families and encourage old friends to participate!

We understand it is a financial commitment and we want to try our best to include everyone.

With the full ticket you will receive the opportunity to bid on both live and silent auction items, play heads and tails, enjoy a full sit-down dinner, create memories with friends and support our incredible school. We also have a mini-ticket option. The mini-ticket costs \$40 and allows the purchasers to attend the silent auction from 5:30-7:30pm with appetizers included.

Am I required to buy anything?

Absolutely not! We hope you find something you would like to bid on, and we strive to have all auctions items at varying levels to accommodate all financial levels, however, the most important thing is that we build community by meeting other supporters of NDA.

What are teacher treats?

Have you heard this phrase around school? Teacher treats are a very generous donation of time from the teachers where they will take the highest bidders' children to do an event special outside of school.

Activities have included cookie decorating, going to a movie, or attending a play.

What are Grand Gatherings or Buy-ins?

These are events that you purchase during the silent auction that give you and your family access to additional community building activities such as:

1. Santa Breakfast scheduled for Sunday, December 2
2. Women's Weekend (hosted in the fall)
3. Men's Weekend May 17-19
4. The Amazing Hondo Magic Party (adults only)

What is group bidding?

Group bidding is when you and your friends all get together ahead of GB to go through all the live auction items and decide as a group what you would like to bid on. Then you will assign one person to do the bidding and as a group decide how much you are willing to spend on that experience. At the end of the night the total selling price will be divided by your group. Great Group Bidding auction items would be:

1. Hooky with the principal for 4 children.
2. Ticket package - Great package to share the tickets between multiple families.
3. Orlando or Vegas - Great for a family trip, Guys/Gals trip, or even a couples trip.
4. First table served
5. Beautiful and delicious dessert

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Is there a raffle? What can I win?

There are two opportunities to win via raffle. The first is the cash raffle. That is a pre-event sale item. Students will bring home raffle tickets to sell for \$5/ticket or \$50/10 tickets. You do not have to be present to win the cash raffle. First prize is \$500, Second prize is \$250, and Third prize is \$250.

The second raffle, a live auction raffle, is held at the event. You buy a \$25 ticket (or as many as you'd like!) during checkout when you purchase your event ticket. This raffle ticket is an entry to win your choice of two live auction items. This year's live auction items up for grabs in the raffle are:

Twin Cities Nights Out Package:

Two (2) VIP tickets to the Basilica Block Party (your choice of Friday or Saturday night), which includes SkyBox access, complimentary food, beverage and parking.

Two (2) tickets to comedian Jim Gaffigan at the State Theater on Friday, March 8. Listen to Jim joke about his large Catholic family, and growing up in Wisconsin.

Two (2) tickets to see the play Charlie & the Chocolate Factory at the Orpheum Theater.

Wine Tasting Party

Host a wine tasting party for up to 20 people in the private tasting room at Total Wine in Minnetonka. You will choose between a Tour de France, California Dreaming, or Italian Taste Tour.

Gift card for food that pairs perfectly with your wine.

How can I contribute to an auction item or be apart of the GB team?

We are always looking for additional volunteers to help with both the live and silent auctions. No volunteer position is too small. Donations of all kinds are always welcome.

Please contact: jmeyer@nda-mn.org -- heather.peters@idq.com -- spk102475@yahoo.com

What is the Stop, Drop and Drive?

This is a convenient way to donate to GB! All you have to do is bring your donations through the drop off carpool line on Tuesday October 9, Thursday October 11 or Wednesday November 7. One of the silent auction team members will be there to take it for you. If you don't come to school on a regular basis, another easy option is donating to the silent auction through our [Amazon Wish List](#).