

# Grand Beginnings

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### *Notre Dame Academy's Virtual School Gala*

#### **What is Grand Beginnings, or Virtual Grand Beginnings?**

Traditionally, Grand Beginnings is a wonderful evening where our community gathers to celebrate Notre Dame Academy, and it is our largest annual fundraiser. In 2020, we are moving to a VIRTUAL format! The money raised still helps to fill the gap between the actual cost to educate our students and the cost of tuition. The cost to educate a child at NDA averages \$10,000, and our tuition this year is \$5,400. This includes everything from curriculum enhancements to salaries and building upgrades so that we can 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! The details of the Virtual Grand Beginnings event are still being finalized. You will need to register for the event to be able to bid on any auction items through the OneCause (formerly BidPal) web-based platform. The night of the event you will be able to log in to the event through your computer or smart TV, and watch as the evening unfolds. You will be prompted to bid on certain items, and will learn a lot about all the great things happening at NDA!

#### **Do I need to purchase a ticket for Virtual Grand Beginnings?**

This year only, there is no ticket fee for the event!

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#### **Can people participate that do not attend NDA, IHM, or St. Gabriel's?**

Yes! As more registration information is available, we will ask that you pass that along to whomever you would like to attend and who would be willing to support the school. With Virtual Grand Beginnings, this can now include out-of-town grandparents, aunts and uncles, and family friends!

#### **Can I watch with my friends?**

While we know you love the community aspect of this event, and you are certainly welcome to participate in any way that you wish, NDA will not be hosting physical watch-parties.

#### **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 provide a service or event to the highest bidders' children. Activities have included a shutterfly memory book, a movie & popcorn party after school and more.

#### **What are Buy-ins?**

These are events that you purchase entry to during the silent auction. This year's offerings will be smaller in nature and outdoors. Keep your eye on NDA's social media platforms to learn more about what's available.

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#### **Is there a raffle? What can I win?**

Yes! We will have a cash raffle as well as a prize raffle. These are pre-event sale items. 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. For the prize raffle a limited amount of tickets will be sold.

#### **How can I contribute to an auction item or be a part of the GB team?**

We are always looking for additional volunteers to help with all areas of the auction. No volunteer position is too small. Donations of all kinds are always welcome. Please contact: [office@nda-mn.org](mailto:office@nda-mn.org).

#### **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 and one of the silent auction team members will be there to take it for you. The three dates are Friday, October 23rd, Friday, October 30th, and Wednesday, November 11th. 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.

#### **Am I required to buy anything?**

Absolutely not! We hope you find something you would like to bid on, and we strive to have auction items at varying levels to accommodate all financial levels.

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