

St. James School  
*Blue*  *White Gala*

“Easel Parties” have become an exciting addition to our annual gala. Our goal is two fold: generate money and provide opportunities throughout the year for our school and parish families to get together for fun and fellowship, all while supporting our school.

This is how it works:

- Someone, or a few families together donate a Party/Special Event for a minimum of 8 people with a SET DATE. The host families chose the theme and venue. The host families organize, run & pay for the event.
- Determine the per person price to attend the event and the number of tickets to be sold. Please keep in mind that our goal is to raise a minimum of \$500 per party. (For example, sell 50 tickets to your event for \$20 each for \$1000 profit.) The host families determine the size and cost of the party. The first opportunity to buy a ticket will be at the Blue and White Gala on November 12, 2016.
- We will help you to create an exciting Poster/Write-up about the Event.
- We will have a sign- up sheet with the PRICE per person limited to the number of spaces available. Sign- ups for the party will take place at the gala, and tickets will be sold that night. Any remaining tickets for each party may be sold after the gala.

Ideally we would like to have five to eight different parties offered throughout the year, some including children and some adults only.

We are thrilled to have the return of the Caribbean Party, Skating Party , Bowling Party and Wine and Nine parties this year. We would love to have some new hosts and new ideas as well. All parties need to be determined by Wednesday, October 19 so we have time to prepare the easels and tickets for the gala. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, or to start planning your party! Thanks for your support,

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## **PARTY IDEAS**

**TEXAS HOLD EM POKER TOURNAMENT** – Twenty – eight lucky poker fans will join together at (home) to determine who is the greatest of them all! In addition to high quality poker, there will be drinks and hors d'oeuvres. If you know when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em, try your luck and have a blast! Prizes will be awarded.

**OSCARS PARTY** – You will be the winner as you attend this year's Oscar Night Party dressed as your favorite Movie character. This party will be fit for the stars as you enjoy fabulous beverages and delicious hors d'oeuvres. (This could be family friendly or adults only.)

**POOL PARTY** – (pick summer date) Twenty families get to splash, swim, sip and slurp! We're having a party at the (Name) pool rain or shine. Lots of great snacks and drinks; come and dive in. Parents welcome to swim too!

**FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT** – So you think you know Sewickley? Put yourself, your kids and your friends to the test and enjoy rediscovering Sewickley. The hunt begins in the St. James parking lot. Get ready to follow clues that will take you all over town. Your hunt includes an ice cream break and some drinks along the way. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers.

### **MOTHER/DAUGHTER COOKIE PARTY-**

You and your daughter(s) are invited to get a jump start on your Christmas baking. You will enjoy lunch and drinks and get to decorate 2 dozen cookies to take home. This is a special opportunity for Mom and daughter to spend an afternoon together.

### **FAMILY BIKE RIDE –**

Don your bike helmets for a 20 mile supported family fun ride on (trail) Participants will enjoy beautiful scenery along xxx. Stop for a lunch break and enjoy scrumptious box lunches from (restaurant)