

The Lion's Mane Event FAQs

1) What's the Mane Event?

Great question! The Lion's Mane Event is our schools' signature fundraising event of the year. Most years it is a dinner and auction to raise serious money for the mission of Notre Dame Elementary and Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin Schools.

2) What's different in 2021?

Of course the pandemic has shifted events to largely virtual celebrations. The 2021 Lion's Mane Event will be a virtual, livestreamed event on Saturday, March 27th at 4:30pm. There will be select, high-value auction items available for online bidding during the event, similar to what you'd expect at a Live Auction. Individuals who wish to fully engage in the event can purchase a "Party Pack" which includes a deluxe charcuterie board, wine for the virtual wine tasting, bread and olive oil, plus a few surprises, all in a reusable Notre Dame Schools tote bag. A few Party Packs will have a mystery prize hidden inside including a \$500 Southwest Airlines gift card, a case of hand-selected Italian wine, a mega NDES/NDCL spirit pack valued at over \$400, and more.

The livestream will be FREE for anyone to watch and bid. You must register yourself as a bidder if you would like to participate in the auction and Holy Family Fund. It is FREE and takes about 90 seconds.

4) What's the same in 2021?

Our sponsors continue to demonstrate their generosity, particularly our Title Sponsor, Pat O'Brien Chevrolet and our Presenting Sponsor, Plastics Machinery Group/Loveman Steel. We are grateful that many businesses are continuing to step up in support of Notre Dame Schools with their Platinum (\$1,200) and Diamond (\$3,000) sponsorships. The Holy Family Fund remains! This "raise your paddle" opportunity to make an outright donation helps families experiencing unusual hardships in meeting their financial obligations to Notre Dame Schools. Most importantly, the love and care that individuals demonstrate in raising funds for Notre Dame Elementary School and NDCL is the center of this event. We are blessed to have a wonderful and loving community that shows its belief and financial support through a successful Giving Day in November and an incredible gala like the Mane Event.

5) I'm interested. What can I do?

Great! Here's what you can do and specific deadlines:

Become a Corporate Sponsor by March 1st

Donate to the event as a Blue Sponsor or Gold Sponsor (Party Pack) online by March 10th.

Register yourself as a bidder for the auction and Holy Family Fund online by March 27th.

6) I see a lot of opportunities for sponsorships. How does that help?

Corporate sponsorships make up a huge portion of the Lion's Mane Event proceeds—nearly 40%! This demonstrates their belief in the mission of our schools and promotes their business to the Notre Dame Schools community.

7) This sounds wonderful.

Our school community is generous and caring for the students on our campus. The success of this event is a small slice of the big picture of a thriving, exceptional Catholic education that our schools are privileged to serve.

8) How can I get additional information?

Contact Keven Krajnak, Director of Development, at (440) 279-1068.

