



33rd Annual Gala Auction
Saturday, March 25th, 2023

Dear Friend of Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy:

Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy is coming together to host the annual Gala and Auction, in person as well as online. We hope that you will consider participating by donating or sponsoring our Annual Gala Auction. The event will be held at McGavick Conference Center in Lakewood on March 25, 2023 and our theme this year is *A Night of Pure Imagination*.

Formerly known as Visitation Catholic STEM Academy, the school community at Pope St. John XXIII is excited to celebrate the people who make it the wonderful, faith filled school it continues to be 96 years after it first opened its doors. In partnership with families and the parish, we inspire a diverse community of learners to follow Christ, pursue understanding, and transform the world, in a STEM-integrated, project-based environment.

The Gala and Auction is one of the school's largest fundraising events. Our past success has allowed us to keep tuition cost low while providing assistance to many of our families who attend our school. Last year we were able to raise over \$96,000 towards our students. This year, we are asking for your support and generosity as we strive to support our generous tuition assistance program for families in need by reaching a goal of \$100,000.

The families of Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy are busy preparing for the event and hope you will consider supporting us by donating an auction item, purchasing a business sponsorship or making a monetary donation. Do you have items that you are able to donate? Might you have a personal contact who would consider a donation? We welcome all items including gift certificates for restaurants and area stores, sports memorabilia, children's theme parties, landscaping and financial services, tickets to shows or sporting events, and weekend getaways to the beach or a ski destination.

To make a donation simply complete and return the attached form. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Tara Sitienei, our Auction Chair, via email at auctioncommittee@psjstem.org. Your sponsorship or donation is **tax-deductible**. Our tax-id number is listed on the forms for your own records. Please return all items to Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy, Attn Auction Chair, 3306 S 58th Street, Tacoma, WA 98409.
All donations must be made by March 1, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Fundraising and advancement are important to the future of Pope St. John XIII STEM Academy and all monies raised directly benefit your children, ensuring continued access to a high-quality academic experience built on Catholic faith and tradition.

Sincerely,
Tara Sitienei Auction Chair 2023