



## Everything You Need to Know

(Well, at least for the Celebration/Auction)

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### Q. WHAT'S HAPPENING THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT?

- 6:00   Cocktails  
      Hors D'Oeuvres  
      Silent Auction
- 7:30   Musical Performance  
      Live Auction
- 8:45   Dinner Buffet  
      Music, Dancing, Sparkles

### Q. WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Dress for fun! Men can wear dress pants, white, blue or black shirts with or without a dinner jacket. Women can consider wearing a fun sequin top with fun pants, or a “far out” dress. And don't forget great shoes to dance the night away under the stars. Just remember—dress comfortably to have fun! P.S. Basic black always works!

### Q. WHAT TIME SHOULD I GET THERE?

The event begins at 6:00 p.m. and you'll want to be there on time to take advantage of all the great Silent Auction items.

### Q. WHERE DO I PARK?

Music Center concert parking is located in the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro garage off Tuckerman Lane. To access the Music Center from the garage, walk across the glass-enclosed sky bridge located on the 4th level. There is no charge for parking.

### Q. IS THERE GOING TO BE ASSIGNED SEATING?

No. It's a party. Following the Live Auction in the concert hall, dinner will be served buffet-style.

### Q. SHOULD I COME BY MYSELF?

Sure. Because of the non-formal atmosphere, this a mingling event. If you don't know many McLean parents, this is a great way to meet them.

### Q. WHAT IF IT SNOWS?

Unless there is a state of emergency declared, we'll be hosting the event. Keep in mind that Strathmore uses the Grosvenor Metro lot for parking, so you may want to take the Metro that evening.

### Q. WHERE DO THE PROCEEDS FROM THE CELEBRATION GO?

All proceeds from the *Online*, *Silent* and *Live Auctions* will go towards faculty professional development and financial aid. Please bid early and bid often!

### Q. CAN I STILL DONATE ITEMS?

The catalogue has gone to print for the Silent Auction, but we can still accept gift certificates for the Online Auction.

### Q. WHAT IS THE BEST OF LIVE RAFFLE?

\$100 buys you a ticket for the chance of a lifetime. Only 100 tickets will be sold – just fill out the enclosed form. The drawing will take place just before the start of the Live Auction on February 6. The winner will receive whichever Live Auction item he/she has pre-selected on this form. Last year's lucky winners won a long weekend at The Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman – all for their \$100 raffle ticket! You do not need to be present to win.

### Q. DO I HAVE TO BUY ANYTHING AT THE EVENT?

You don't have to buy anything, but we think you'll be tempted! Please remember that this is a Celebration of the McLean School community and we know you'll have a great time, whether or not you come home with anything.

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## **Q. WILL WE RECEIVE THE CATALOGUE IN ADVANCE?**

Yes. Catalogues will be sent by first class mail to all McLean families the week before the Celebration. We ask that you bring your copy of the catalogue to the Celebration at the Music Center at Strathmore on Saturday, February 6.

## **Q. WHAT IS "RAISE THE PADDLE" AND WHERE DO THE FUNDS GO?**

During the Live Auction, there will a special appeal for contributions to expand McLean's position as "Leaders in Learning."

## **Q. WHEN IS THE ONLINE AUCTION?**

The Online Auction goes live on Friday, January 22 at 9:00 p.m. It closes on Tuesday, February 2 at 10 p.m.

## **Q. CAN SOMEONE SHOW ME HOW TO USE THE ONLINE AUCTION?**

There are instructions for online bidding included in this mailing. In addition, you may get assistance at the school by checking with Rosanne Urick in the Development Office at 240-395-0692.

## **Q. ARE THE ONLINE ITEMS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE CELEBRATION?**

No. The online items are separate from items at the Celebration.

## **Q. WHERE CAN I BID ON THE TEACHER ITEMS AND LOWER SCHOOL CLASS ART?**

Both of these will be in the Online Auction so that all McLean families can participate.

## **Q. I CAN'T COME THAT NIGHT. HOW ELSE CAN I HELP?**

You can volunteer to help set up, take part in the online bidding, or sponsor a teacher to attend the event.

## **Q. HOW CAN I VOLUNTEER?**

There are lots of ways to help! Get in touch with Lauren Rivkin, Associate Director of Development at [lrivkin@mcleanschool.org](mailto:lrivkin@mcleanschool.org) or (240) 395-0687.

## **Q. I HAVE EVEN MORE QUESTIONS. WHO CAN I ASK?**

Please get in touch with Celebration Co-Chairs Suzy Furman at [suzyfurman@comcast.net](mailto:suzyfurman@comcast.net) or Jane Conway at [conberman@comcast.net](mailto:conberman@comcast.net) and they'll find out the answer for you.