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Dear Families and Colleagues,

With all great endeavors the efforts of many people are essential to its' success. This year's Saint John Gala was most certainly no exception. As our largest fundraiser of the year, it requires the most volunteers, hours and planning. Planning began last fall and went on all the way up to the event itself this past Saturday. I want to thank all who took part, either as a volunteer or as an attendee. In particular, I would like to express my gratitude to...

To **Sarah Keough**, our HASA Coordinator, who spent countless hours making sure that the evening went off as planned, such as: booking and liaising with the function hall, coordinating all the volunteers, troubleshooting the problems along the way and overseeing all the details on the day/night itself – thank you for all you did, Sarah!

To **Jen Franzosa**, this year's HASA President, who, along with Sarah, worked so hard to make this Gala one to remember. You can start to relax now, Jen. Thank you!

To the Gala Steering Committee, made up of **Nicole Capozzoli, Jen Crowley, Karin DiFiore, Jen Franzosa, Sarah Keough, Karen McGuire, Jen Millington and Christine Turano** – thank you for doing such a fine job making sure that everyone and everything was in place and ready to go.

To Solicitation Chair, **Gretchen Barron** and the Solicitation Team including: **Sophia Hyppolite, Joe DiChristofaro, Lauren O'Keefe, Chris Harper, Beth Peck** and **Manju Reddy** for arranging all the sponsors and the coordinating the gifts they so graciously donated – thank you!

To **Chris Keough**, who once again served as our outstanding and very entertaining Auctioneer and also for helping to get the best possible bids for our school – thank you!

To **John Wells**, DJ extraordinaire, for keeping us entertained, dancing and informed throughout the night – thank you!

To **Carla Fox**, our Class Gift Coordinator for arranging for the beautifully personalized items highlighting our students – thank you!

To **Ari Ritz** and **Deb Schneiders**, who did such an amazingly creative job in crafting all our gift baskets – thank you!



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To our Getaway Weekend Coordinator, **Karin DeFiore**, for overseeing this wonderful prize package – thank you! The Steering Committee would like to apologize for the omission in the Gala Booklet of **Tom Gunning's** very generous donation of this year's Weekend Getaway at the Westin Providence Hotel – thank you, Tom!

To our Beer Pong overseers: **Tom and Karen McGuire** – thank you for keeping us all on the mark!

To **Sarah Keough** and last year's HASA President, **Christine Turano**, for our customized invitations and reservations – thank you!

To **Gin McErlane** for overseeing the design and production of our bidder sticks and to the parents who put them together – thank you!

To the **Harper Family** for donating the gorgeous centerpieces that added so much to all our tables – thank you!

To **Sarah Keough** and **Gina Coe** for the design and production of this year's program and for the design & layout of our advertising – thank you!

To **Kim Seaver**, our Banker, for keeping track of all our financial transactions – thank you!

To **Jen Crowley** for organizing this year's spectacular Wall of Wine – thank you!

To **Jen Millington**, for doing such a great job of overseeing our 50/50 Raffle – thank you!

To everyone, especially our **families and staff**, who donated and created our myriad of prizes (*Loved the Lottery Tree, Robin H!*) that were bid on and sold for the benefit of our students during the Gala – **thank you!**

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank all the **parents, school staff, family, alumni and friends of Saint John the Evangelist School** who came out last Saturday to support our school, our students, our teachers and our mission to “*Follow Jesus and Strive for Excellence*,” thank you **so very much**.

Warmest regards and God bless,

Sean Richardson

Principal

