



MERRIE MARKET

Party! Party! Party!

You're invited!

Hosted Parties by Visitation Families are a FUN way to contribute to the success of the Merrie Market Gala and Auction. These are— by far— one of our best-selling items. Merrie Market parties are also **a great opportunity for you to get to know other VIS Families.**

What are Hosted Parties?

These are “sign-up” events that parents, or a group of parents, agree to host for as many people as they find appropriate for the specific activity/party. Attendees can be adults, kids or a combination of the two. The hosts cover all expenses of the party, and 100% of the funds raised by the event benefit our school. Prices range from \$25 to \$150 per person depending on the event, with most adult parties falling in the \$50-\$75 range and most kid parties in the \$25—\$50 range.

Parties can be as simple as a Wine & Cheese party, Class Pool Party or as elaborate as a Progressive Dinner hosted by multiple families. It's up to you. Think Poker Night, Tequila Tasting, Oktoberfest, Mom's Night Out, Pool Party, or a river cruise.

The FUN IS UP TO YOU!

8 Steps to a great Merrie Market Party:

- ◆ **Recruit your friends as co-hosts** – it makes throwing the party much easier, and a lot more fun!
- ◆ Plan the type of party or event you'd like to have. We've got lots of ideas if you need inspiration.
- ◆ Determine an agreed upon budget with your co-hosts. Your donation value is determined by the potential income split between the number of hosts.
- ◆ Determine ticket pricing. Pricing will vary depending on the details of the party. It is a fundraiser but the pricing should reflect the value. Let the Merrie Market committee help.
- ◆ Finalize your party info: how many guests, where/when, price per person, etc.
- ◆ Party spots will be available for SIGN-UPS during the Online Auction and any remaining available spots at the Silent Auction the night of the Gala. All proceeds will go to support Visitation!
- ◆ Be sure to follow up with an email/invite reminding registered guests that they signed up and share any important details. Merrie Market can be far from the actual party date and you don't want your guests to miss out.
- ◆ Consider potential scheduling conflicts. Please contact Charlotte Bovee (cbovee@vischool.org / 651.683.1725) for potential scheduling conflicts impacting the Visitation / Saint Thomas Academy communities (Homecoming / Holiday Breaks / VISTA Productions etc.)
- ◆ Confirm your plans with the Merrie Market office as soon as possible to SAVE the DATE and start promoting.

Other Considerations: VIS/STA School Calendars are not finalized until late December early January. June and July Weekends? Summer is often difficult to schedule.



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Name of Party: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Cost/Person: _____ Available Spots: _____

Parties should be finalized by February 8 for inclusion and promotion on the On-Line Auction.

Host (s): Please list names as they should appear in catalog.

Description of Party:
