

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the gala?

The gala is ABVM's largest fundraiser for the school. It is a 5 hour event consisting of a silent auction, cocktail hour, formal seated dinner, live auction and dancing.

Where can I buy gala admission tickets?

Tickets can be purchased on-line at gala.abvm-school.org

Why are ticket prices higher this year?

After Covid-19, costs of catering and service went up extensively so we need to cover those costs to host the event. We also have a premium venue to celebrate our 70th banner year and our asking our families and alumni to stretch a little... you will be blown away at what we have in store for you! Also, VIP tickets include unlimited bar this year which is a great value.

Does buying gala admission tickets count toward fundraising credit?

General or VIP admission tickets do not count towards fundraising credit as they are covering the cost of the event. Some sponsorship packages include tickets. Sponsorships count 100% toward fundraising credit. Please click on "Sponsorship" button on the gala website for more information.

What are the Covid-19 Protocols?

Castle Green requires that each guest provide either proof of vaccination or a negative test result within 72 hours of the event. Vaccination proof can be sent to school ahead of the event for a faster check-in.

What do I wear?

The ABVM Spooktacular Ball is a semi-formal event and because this is the weekend before Halloween we highly encourage everyone to dress the theme. While this isn't a costume party, imagine what you would wear to a haunted hotel in the 1800's. Perhaps vintage looking attire in black or purple, lace, top hats, ghostly makeup? It's up to you! Be creative! But we will put some ideas on the gala website.



How many people can sit in one table?

All tables can accommodate 10 guests.

How can I ensure I am sitting with my friends/family?

One person in your group can purchase all your tickets at once and enter the names of each person in your party at checkout. Or, if purchasing separately, please use the "Special Request" box to provide the names of others in your party. We try to seat by grade where possible.

Will there be childcare available?

We do not offer childcare services. Please secure your own as this is an adult-only event.

Where can I park?

There is no onsite parking. There is a parking garage across the street (School House) which costs \$6 per vehicle max. It is probably easiest to Uber or Lyft for a direct drop off at the Raymond entrance if you can.

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Is there an app to download for mobile bidding?

No. An email with a link to the mobile bidding site will be sent out closer to the Silent Auction's opening time.

Can parents volunteer for the event without participating in any activities, dinner & dancing and without purchasing a ticket?

Everyone involved in working at the event, including Gala Chairs and the entire Gala Committee are required to purchase a ticket. We are fundraising for the school after all and we have to cover the cost of the event. The ticket will always be the discounted early-bird price for all gala committee attending the event.

Because we require everyone at the event to purchase a ticket, volunteers should be able to eat, bid, mingle, dance and enjoy themselves as well. We offer 3 service hours per 1 hour of "work" to give more incentive to attend and volunteer. This applies to opportunities DURING the event.

Can parents earn fundraising credit for contributing to the class gift?

Your contribution is essential to creating an amazing class gift, but each parent who contributes will not earn fundraising credit. Each family can earn fundraising credit by donating their own item(s) to the gala. Please refer to the Fundraising Guidelines posted on the gala website www.abvm-school.org/gala.

Do the parents that put together the class gift earn service hours?

Yes!

Do we earn fundraising credit for wine or alcohol donations to the instant bar?

Yes!

Can family members volunteer for me or with me?

Yes! You can extend the volunteer opportunity to your family members and earn service hours credit for you! If an aunt, uncle or grandparent is available and wants to help out, they can definitely sub in for you, or volunteer with you, and help benefit the school and our children. But please note that they are also required to be Virtus trained and fingerprinted if activities are at the school.

If I have more specific questions not covered here, who do I ask?

Please send your questions via email to gala@abvmpasadena.org

