



## FAQ: Mardi Gras in May 2021

**What is Mardi Gras** - The annual J.E. Cosgriff Memorial Catholic School Mardi Gras fundraiser is traditionally the largest event of the school year. Proceeds from this event support the outstanding liberal arts education provided for students in our toddler through eighth grade programs. In addition to the core curriculum, J.E. Cosgriff School offers instruction in Latin, Spanish, Computer Science, Fundamental Art Instruction and Appreciation, Music, Choir, Violin and Physical Education. Tuition does not cover the entire cost of educating our students.

**What will "Mardi Gras in May" look like** - Like many things this year, Mardi Gras will look different. But we are excited for the fun changes we have in store for you. Mardi Gras in May will begin with an online silent auction, will include a live streamed Virtual Event and many of our favorite Mardi Gras traditions, like the opportunity drawing and class baskets. New this year is Mardi Gras to Go.

**How do I purchase an event sponsorship** - Sponsorships may be purchased online on our event website or contact Kassi Mancini at [kmancini@cosgriff.org](mailto:kmancini@cosgriff.org)

**How do I donate** - There are many ways to support Mardi Gras.

Become an Event Sponsor and help underwrite some of the costs to execute the festivities. Donate vacation homes, experiences, art, jewelry, or put together a gift basket for our Silent Auction.

Are you crafty or handy? Donate any handmade items like jewelry, pottery, clothing, art or furniture to our "Cosgriff Made" section in the silent auction

Make a cash donation

Donations can be made online or you can contact Kassi Mancini at [kmancini@cosgriff.org](mailto:kmancini@cosgriff.org)

**How do I Volunteer** - There are many great ways to get involved and volunteer for Mardi Gras.

Volunteers are needed prior to the event as well as the week after for silent auction distribution. Contact Kassi Mancini if you are interested.

**What is Mobile Bidding** - All Silent Auction bidding will be done online the week of Mardi Gras. The silent auction items will be housed at Cosgriff. Everyone can bid on silent auction items! The silent auction will open Monday, April 26th and closes Sunday, May 2nd at 5:00 pm. Auction items can be picked up at Cosgriff by appointment.



**What is an Event Website Ad** - Ads purchased by local businesses will be posted on the event website, on the J.E. Cosgriff website, on the schools social media platforms and in our annual summer newsletter.

Another great option is to place a family ad and celebrate a special graduate, moment, photo or accomplishment. Price: \$250.

**What is "Raise the Paddle"** - Raise the Paddle is a Mardi Gras tradition where donations are made in increments towards a set upon goal. The funds raised go towards a specific need for our school. This year Raise the Paddle will take place "live" during our Virtual Event on May 1st. Past Raise the Paddle funds have supported programs such as the MindUp initiative, Chromebooks and playground equipment.

If you are interested in matching the funds raised during Raise the Paddle, please contact Kassi Mancini.

**What are Opportunity Tickets** - Opportunity tickets are sold by the students of our school. They are \$1.00 and give the buyer an opportunity to be entered into a drawing the night of Mardi Gras. We will draw for a chance to win \$500.00 cash at the live event. Our school goal is 10,000 tickets sold prior to Mardi Gras.

If you are interested in matching the funds raised through Opportunity Ticket Sales, please contact Kassi Mancini.

**What are Classroom Baskets** - Classroom baskets are put together by classroom representatives and with funds or items donated by class parents. They vary in theme and are placed in our Silent Auction.

**What is Mardi Gras to Go** - We know this has been a hard year for our families, friends and community partners. In the past we have asked for donations and added them to our auctions and our village has always been more than generous. This year we wanted to think outside the box and come up with a way to help our neighbors and the school. We are asking our service-based donors, including restaurants, salons, etc to participate in "Mardi Gras to Go". The donor will choose a month, week, or day that they would like to participate; when someone uses their services during that time and uses the code "Mardi Gras to Go", the donor will then donate a percentage to the school.

Thank you for your interest and generous support.

Sincerely,

The Mardi Gras Committee

Please contact Kassi Mancini with any questions or donations.

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