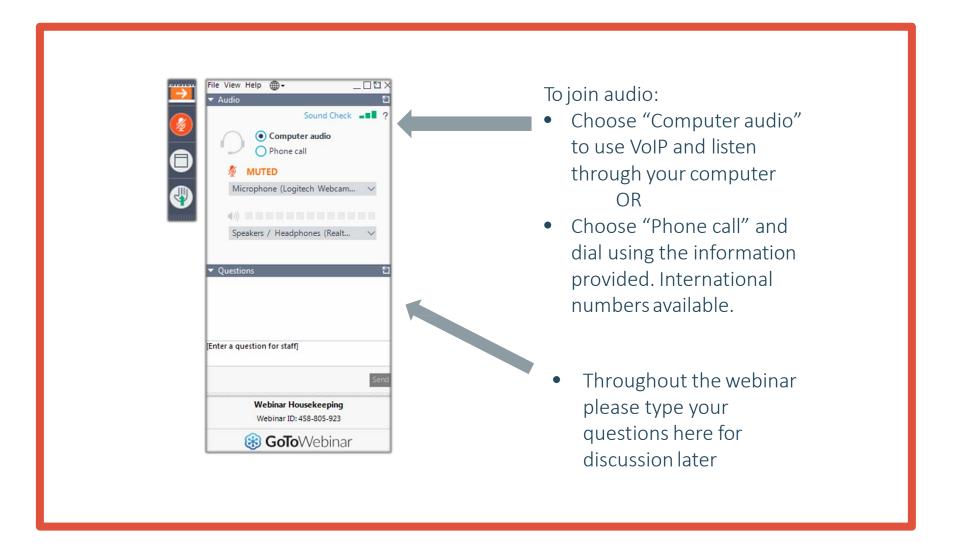


## **SCHOOLS & ACADEMY WEBINAR #2:**

2020-2021 Organizing Successful Events within the COVID Landscape

## **Webinar Logistics**



## **Points for Discussion**

- 1. Development Events and the COVID-19 Challenge
- 2. Key Questions
- 3. Steps to Transition and Plan
- 4. Successful Examples in the Diocese of Brooklyn
- 5. Questions
- 6. Follow-Up



# CCS's Experience with Independent Schools and Religious Organizations





















## **Today's Presenters...**



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**Development Events and COVID-19** 

- Traditional Event Goals
  - Build/Strengthen Community
  - Celebrating Donors
  - Educating the Public and Community
  - Raise Funds

 How does the COVID-19 pandemic challenge these goals?

- Dangers to avoid
  - "Should we cancel?"
  - "How do we prepare for a virtual event?"



## **Transitioning Your Event**



## **Assess: Evaluate Purpose and Impact**

Have funds been raised?

What resources are committed?

What staff are available?

Can/should the timeline be altered?

## **Communicate: Keeping Constituents Close**



**Execute: What is a Virtual Event?** 

 A virtual fundraising event is an event hosted online with a goal to raise funds.

 Instead of gathering together physically, guests attend the event using video and audio through a live-streaming platform such as <u>Zoom</u> and donate via online giving platforms.



## What Are the Positives of a Virtual Event?

Larger Reach

Simple Logistics

More Cost Effective

Automated Process to Give



What types of Virtual Events should we consider?

- Virtual Social Event (Card Parties)
- Virtual Auction
- Virtual Run or Walkathon
- Online Trivia Night



## Set the Date and Send the Invite



COME TO OUR VIRTUAL GALA!







THURSDAY AUGUST 20TH 6:30PM

#### Invite Your Full Community of Supporters

- Parents
- Alumni
- Community Members
- Past Supporters

#### **Advertise the Event**

- Facebook
- Email
- Twitter
- Website

## Set the Table with a Landing Page

Share the Need:
What are you raising money for?

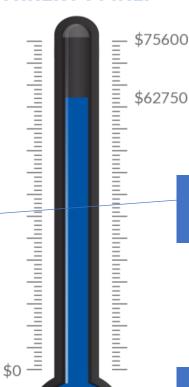
St. Francis School opened its doors in 1948 as a non-profit, private school dedicated to teaching students in the Christian faith.

Kindness, respect, Christian values, and academic excellence continue to be the cornerstones of a St. Francis School education 72 years later. We are proud of our rich history in Ellsworth and the network of more than 1,500 alumni who have gone on to live vibrant, successful lives.

Proceeds raised at the Gala will be used to fund vital St. Francis School programs. The cost to educate each student is \$8,556 and the average family pays \$2,100 in tuition per child. The difference is funded through generous donations from the St. Francis parish and supporters like YOU! This year our goal is to raise \$75,600 to replace aging technology with 14 new laptops for staff (\$11,200), 30 new Chromebooks for students (\$8,400), 20 new desktop computers for the media lab (\$24,000), and five new projectors for classrooms (\$3,000). In addition, STEM activities are needed for all grades (\$4,000) and new social studies textbooks will be purchased for all grades (\$25,000).

We invite you to join us for "Glory Days: St. Francis Through the

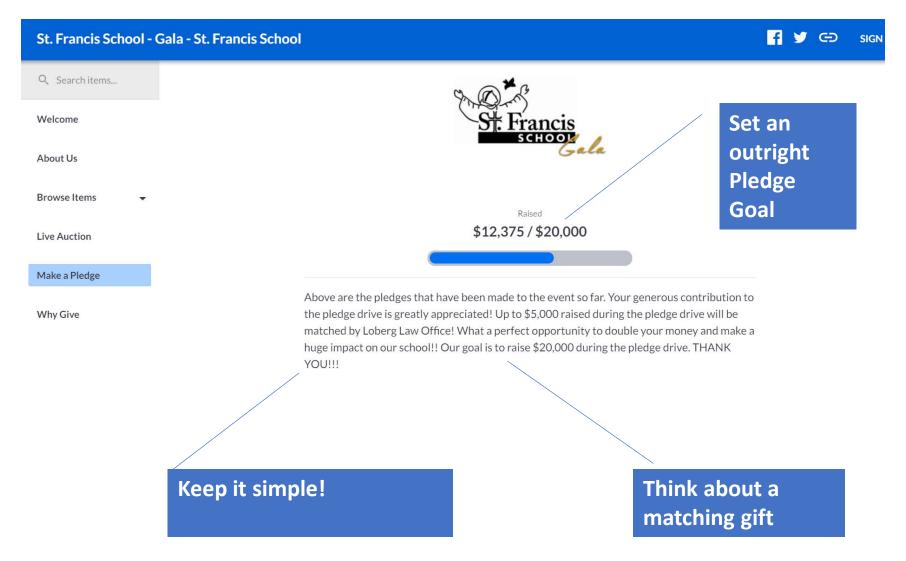
#### **CURRENT TOTAL!**



Show where the money is going

Set a Goal and Monitor & Share Progress

## **Set Up Giving Opportunities**



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I'm New Here

Path of Discipleship

Please Join Our First Virtual Gala

Home

BID ON ITEMS IN THE SILENT AUCTION.
PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS OR A GOLDEN

RAFFLE TICKET.

MAKE A DONATION.

Register at

http://bidhtcsgala.com/

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— CATHOLIC SCHOOL

and Social Order

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**Events** 

Our Church v

EnCourage Ministry at St. Francis

St. Francis Livestream Mass & Resources

Statement regarding COVID-19 (Updated: 9/30/20 at 10:00am)

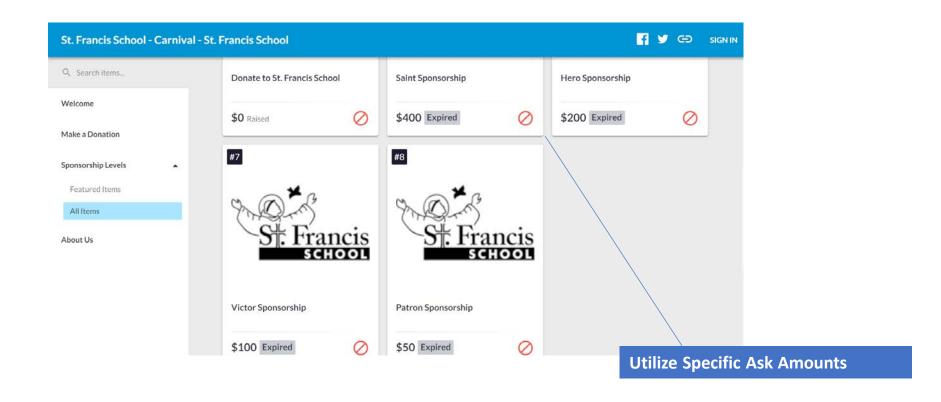
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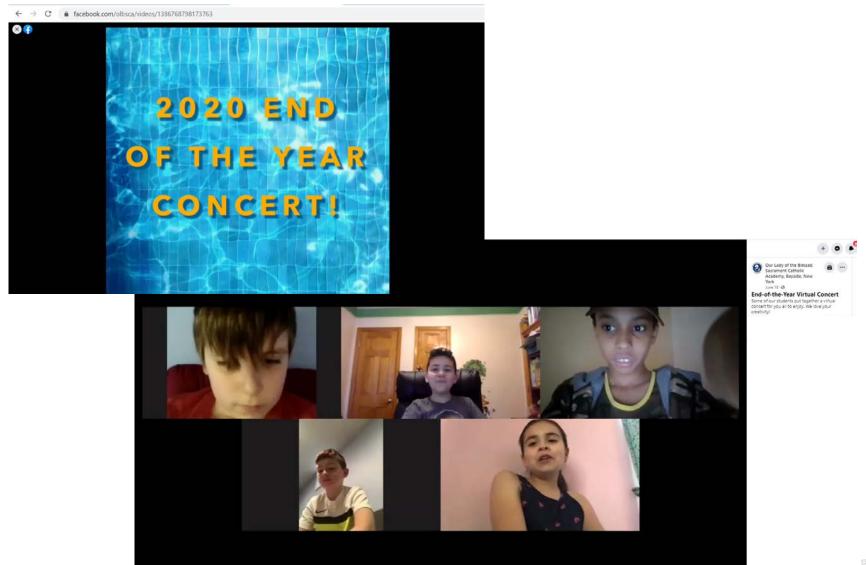
Hope Amid the Hardship

Go FULLY virtual – raffles, auctions, donations.

## **Virtual Event Sponsorships**



## **Incorporate Your Students into the Program**



# Incorporate Your Students & Alumni into the Program

#### Introducing alumni speaker, Emily Lemieux, Class of 2015!



Since graduating from St. Francis in 2015, Emily continued on to Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School where she excelled in the medical assisting program and graduated as Salutatorian of the Class of 2019. Currently, Emily is working towards her Bachelor's Degree in Neuroscience with a pre-medical track. She hopes to continue onto medical school and become a doctor to help those in need.

Watch the video below to hear more about how Emily's experience at St. Francis has shaped her success.



## **Express Your Thanks!**

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you all for your generosity and support during our Virtual Gala! Because of you, and your love for our school, we were able to raise \$60,125 during the 2020 St. Francis School Gala! This money will fund vital technology upgrades, new textbooks, and more! If you are still interested in supporting our fundraiser, you can donate to our pledge drive HERE.



Leverage basic video technology (smart phone)

## **Express Your Thanks!**



## **Virtual/Live Auction Steps**



#### 1. Set a Goal

Post this statement on your auction homepage and include it in your item donation and sponsorship requests and e-mails.

- **2. Secure items to be auctioned.** Select items from your immediate community and determine what items people might be interested in bidding on.
- **3. Set up your auction home page.** It takes about 30 minutes to set up your auction home page using the auction templates and online tutorials.
- **4. Promote your online auction.** The more potential bidders you attract, the more potential donations you'll receive to help you fund your mission.
- **5. Acknowledge your donors, bidders, and volunteers.** After the auction, don't miss this final opportunity to motivate your new community of donors, bidders, and volunteers to do it all again next year.

## Virtual/Live Auction Outreach Sample Letter

#### Dear Friend,

As a friend of Francis Parker School, we know you value education and the special relationships developed through our community. Every year, we expand and enhance our partnerships with members of the San Diego community and beyond by showcasing their products and services at our premiere Parents Association Gala.

On Friday, March 5, 2021, Parker will host its 39th annual Gala, and due to COVID-19, the Gala will take place virtually. The Super Heroes themed family-friendly event will be a celebration of our community and we anticipate a tremendous number of viewers and participants. The annual event raises funds in support of the heart and soul of Parker, our students. Building on the success of our previous Galas, and with your partnership, we are confident that we can raise even more money this year, and surpass last years' scholarships that supported 316 students. We invite you to join us in this ambitious and purposeful effort.

#### Would you consider donating a service, product or experience to the Gala auction? Among the most popular items are:

- · Gift cards to restaurants, fitness studios, wellness clinics, or camps
- Vouchers for vacation rentals, both domestic and international (2 year expiration, if possible)
- Certificates for any and all types of professional services
- Tickets to sporting or music events (Post-COVID)

Your company, service, and product will be advertised on our exclusive mobile fundraising application; it will be made available to more than 970 families throughout the San Diego area. Please visit <a href="https://francisparker.ejoinme.org/donate">https://francisparker.ejoinme.org/donate</a> for more information and to donate.

We can assure you that donating an item to the 2021 Super Heroes Gala auction will elevate your visibility in the Parker community and support Parker students. Most importantly, your support for Parker will continue to ensure students have access to a Parker education.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Feel free to contact us with any questions at pa-galachair@francisparker.org.

Relevant examples of appropriate gifts

Use of a website as a platform for giving

## **Virtual Run/Walk Events**



## WALK-A-THON SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### Walk-a-Thon Underwriter: \$1,000

- Weekly advertisement on all ICCA social media platforms through March 2021
- Company Logo to appear on the front of event t-shirts and on goodie-bag
- Company Logo to appear on event banner prominently displayed on Academy premises though March 2021
- Recognition on all marketing materials, school website & social media platforms
- Business card & promotional materials included in event goodie-bag (quantity: 250)
- Four (4) tickets to ICCA's Spring Auction (pending on NYS COVID-19 guidelines)

#### T-Shirt Sponsor: \$500

- Company Logo to appear on event t-shirts
- Company Logo to appear on event banner prominently displayed on Academy premises though March 2021
- Recognition on all marketing materials, school website & social media platform
- Business card & promotional materials included in event goodie-bag (quantity: 250)
- Two (2) tickets to ICCA's Spring Auction (pending on NYS COVID-19 guidelines)

#### Goodie-Bag Sponsor: \$250

- Company Logo to appear on event goodie-bag
- Company Logo to appear on event banner prominently displayed on Academy premises though March 2021
- Recognition on all marketing materials, school website & social media platforms
- Business card & promotional materials included in event goodie-bag (quantity: 250)
- One (1) ticket to ICCA's Spring Auction (pending on NYS COVID-19 guidelines)

#### School Sponsor: \$150

- Company Logo to appear on event banner prominently displayed on Academy premises though March 2021
- Recognition on school website & social media platforms
- Business card included in event goodie-bag (quantity: 250)

#### Virtual Road Side Sponsor: \$50

- Recognition on school website & social media platforms

For guaranteed logo placement on event t-shirt and goodle-bag, please submit your sponsorship form and all promotional material to ICCA no later than Friday, October 30, 2020.

#### "Catch Me If You Can" Virtual Run-Bike-Run

Upload your times & photos 10/3 - 10/13

Scholarships are available, contact Liz at (347) 419-6856

Race registration is open, however we can no longer guarantee a race T-shirt.

COVID-19 has definitely put a lot of plans on hold, but rest assured that your MSF team has been hard at work to make sure one tradition WILL happen. That's right, <u>our annual MSF race event is NOT COVID-Cancelled!</u> Put on those running shoes and tune-up that bike because we're going VIRTUAL with a RUN-BIKE-RUN!

#### WHO:

The event is open to ALL ages – get your whole family out! Parents, younger siblings, grandparents.

All are welcome and encouraged to participate!

#### WHEN:

Complete your Run/Bike/Run anytime between 10/3/2020 – 10/12/2020 on your own or with your family and friends.

Track your own time and enter it at elitefeats.com!

#### WHERE:

You can run /bike wherever you want: in your neighborhood, on the trails, or around a track!

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REGISTER			
Registration Options *	<ul> <li>.25 Mile Run /1 Mile Bike / .25 Mile Run (\$30.00)</li> <li>Guaranteed race shirt by 9/8</li> </ul>		
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## **READ-A-THON: OUR LADY OF HOPE**

## Welcome Parents & Readers

to the Our Lady of Hope Catholic Academy Read-A-Thon!



We kick off our reading event on

## Monday Sep 28th

and we really need your help.

## **READ-A-THON: OUR LADY OF HOPE**



## What might our "checklist" look like?

High-level planning:	M
☐ Establish virtual event format (e.g., Will you need live-streaming capabilities?)	
☐ Set goals and objectives (e.g., Are you hoping to gain new	
members? Do you have a fundraising target?)	
☐ Select date	
☐ Create a budget	
☐ Develop master plan and schedule	SO
Roles:	ca
☐ Recruit event committee, event manager or chair	
☐ Recruit staff/volunteers and assign roles	fo
Sponsorship:	
☐ Identify sponsorship levels and benefits	
☐ Create sponsorship package	
☐ Secure sponsors	
☐ Request logos for promotional materials	
Logistics:	
☐ Set up online registration and/or donation platform	
$\square$ Set up peer-to-peer fundraising platform, if applicable	
☐ Determine and arrange all technical needs	
☐ Determine what location(s) you'll be using to record your	
live streamed videos	

Marketing & Publicity:
☐ Create an event page on your website
☐ Send e-invitations via email
☐ Enable/create email event notifications
☐ Create a Facebook event page
☐ Schedule social media posts
☐ Create a promotional video and share it on
social media
☐ Register your event on a variety of online event
calendars
☐ Create some buzz on your blog or member
forums

## **Additional Resources**

https://www.giveforms.com/blog/20-simple-but-effective-virtual-fundraising-ideas-for-nonprofits

https://www.causevox.com/blog/virtual-fundraising-ideas/

https://www.soapboxengage.com/blog/1863-virtual-fundraising-ideas

https://bloomerang.co/blog/virtual-fundraising-ideas/

https://d.wildapricot.net/docs/files/virtual-event-checklist

## **Events to Consider**

#### Virtual Gala

- Allows your supporters to get dressed up at home, listen to your keynote speaker from the comfort of their own couch and share a meal over video conferencing software
- Gives an opportunity for supporters to contribute typically through an auction.

#### Run or Walkathon

- Ask supporters to pay a small admission fee to participate in a set race distance or approach it like a walk-a-thon and ask supporters to collect pledges per unit of distance run.
- Afterward, have a live-stream to celebrate your participants, give them the ability to connect with each other and hear from a key speaker at your academy.

## **Virtual Cooking Night**

 Virtual cooking nights allow chefs from local restaurants to share their talents, your supporters to enjoy a nice meal, and your organization to raise funds alongside a local business.

## **Events to Consider**

#### Virtual Live Auction

- Use an online auction site to allow supporters to view and bid on items.
- You can focus on gift cards or merchandise from local businesses and restaurants who have been impacted the most by COVID-19 to get your community involved.

## Virtual Game Night

- Invite your supporters to join you live for an evening of Pictionary, Trivia, Bingo and online board games
- Can be run regularly to keep funds coming in. Partner with local businesses to offer prizes and gift cards.

## Virtual Movie Night

 Encourage people to join you to watch a movie using a link, at a set price. This allows all your supporters to watch a movie at the same time with a chat window to share thoughts, jokes, and more.

#### Virtual Raffle

- Raffles are incentivized by prizes or as a 50/50 raffle where money received is split with the winner.
- Market your raffle drawing on social media, your website and through email. Ask supporters to purchase their raffle tickets online and hold the drawing live on social media.

## What Virtual Events have been successful?

- Virtual Tour
- Crowdfunding
- Virtual Concert
- Virtual Talent Show
- Virtual Happy Hour
- Virtual Book Club
- Virtual Wine Pull
- Virtual Arts and Craft
- Online Pledge Drives
- Virtual Birthday Challenge



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## QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION





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