## Gala Gift Gathering Parties

## What is a Gift Gathering Party?

A Gift Gathering Party works much like a Birthday Party does. The party hosts invite friends and family into their home or other space and provide food and drink. Party invitations are printed by the school and include information regarding Gift Gathering Parties in general. Hosts complete these invitations with their event-specific information and mail them to their guests.

Gift Gathering Parties take many forms. Sometimes they are hosted by one family in their home or co-hosted by several families. Sometimes they are on Friday and Saturday nights. Other times they are Sunday brunches or early afternoon gatherings.

Guests are asked to bring a gift, which will be auctioned as part of the Gala. Suggested gifts to bring to a Gift Gathering Party include collectibles, artwork, crystal, jewelry, antiques, gift certificates, sports memorabilia and small appliances. If you are unsure of what to bring, guests should call their party host/hostess and ask for suggestions, which may include a cash gift that will be brought together with others to purchase one large gift from the party for the verbal auction. (Verbal Auction items are usually worth in excess of \$1,000 each and often include vacation opportunities, high-end jewelry and sports memorabilia.)

Proceeds from Curley Gala XXV will assist young men in obtaining a quality Catholic education in the Franciscan tradition. The entire Archbishop Curley High School Family looks forward to your participation in a Gala Gift Gathering Party. It is through these parties that we collect the various items that will become part of the silent and verbal auctions held at the Gala.

## The Curley Gala...

The Curley Gala is Archbishop Curley High School's largest fundraising event of the year. During the Gala, we auction off nearly 600 silent and verbal auction items. Some of these gifts are donated by local businesses. Most, however, are donated by individuals, many of whom attend a Gift Gathering Party.

> For more information or if you are interested in hosting a Gift Gathering Party please contact Mr. Jeremy Joseph at 410.485.5000 ext. 211 or email jjoseph@archbishopcurley.org

