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Hello Shark Friends!

As every day brings new challenges to so many, we hope this email finds you safe, healthy, and happy. Based on these unprecedented and ever-changing times, you are receiving this letter to update you on our most recent changes to our Shark Week Event. Historically, the *Burgundy and Gray Gala* has been one of our most attended events as well as our biggest fundraiser. The current social distancing guidelines impact how we are able to hold this year's Gala. For this year's event, we will now be doing everything virtually. There will not be an in-person gathering. Since the mailing of our original letter in July, we've had to revise the event's schedule. Please keep an eye out for continuing details on the [Burgundy & Gray page](#) of our St. Francis website.

We are revising our event to include an **"all-virtual auction event" held the week of October 5th through Sunday, October 11th**. In mid-September, invitations will be sent to you with a link to online auction details. Additionally, we have revised the attached sponsorship form to reflect our newly planned virtual event. We appreciate your understanding as we make these changes, and we hope you will consider continuing to partner with us in supporting our school and our families.

Our students and families remain at the heart of all we do, and we want to continue to provide a safe, loving and nurturing environment that challenges our students academically and prepares them to be outstanding citizens of the world. This year's event focuses on tuition assistance, as proceeds will help St. Francis continue to provide financial assistance for families in need, as well as support the additional costs associated with educating all of our students during this pandemic. Our foundational purpose is being able to provide a Salesian Catholic college-prep education to the youth in our extensive community.

Thank you so much for your generosity and for continuing to be a part of the St. Francis Family! What a great way to be Sharks Supporting Sharks!

For updated information and any questions you may have, please visit the [Burgundy & Gray page](#) of our website or reach out to Lisa O'Rourke at oroutl@comcast.net.

God Bless and Go Sharks!

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