



ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2009 EMERALD BALL

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Welcome to the first issue of the Autumn Ball Newsletter, or as it's called this year, "Emerald Ball." The inspiration for this year's theme "*Because of the wonderful things He does*" comes straight from the song "*We're Off To See The Wizard*" from the 1939 movie "*Wizard of Oz*." Like Dorothy and her friends, our children, too, are setting off on a journey

to reach the "dreams that they dare to dream," eagerly welcoming friends to join them, and supporting and encouraging one another along the way. There will be challenges to overcome before they arrive at the end of their rainbow, but through the journey, and by conquering those challenges, they will come to know

His wonderful gifts of courage, love, and wisdom, and the true meaning of family. The "Emerald Ball" promises to be a wonderful event filled with fun and surprises so click your heels together three times and join us on November 7th as we journey "Over the Rainbow."

NEW THIS YEAR!

- A NEW venue with overnight accommodations
- An Event Website: www.emeraldball.org
- A Saturday date!
- Online sponsorship opportunities
- Early Bird Discounts and an Installment Payment Plan Option

"I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore"

Emerald Ball will be held at Esplanade Lakes in Downers Grove. This unique round ballroom is enclosed by floor to ceiling glass windows for a spectacular view of the lake on which it sits and the forest preserve which surrounds it.

with Esplanade Lakes and is offering special discounted pricing to Emerald Ball guests for the evening. The special Saturday night rate of \$99 includes a two-room suite and breakfast for two on Sunday morning.

Doubletree Hotel is affiliated

In addition, complimentary

round trip shuttle transportation is available between Doubletree Hotel and Esplanade Lakes.

Look for details on how to reserve a room in future Newsletters and on www.emeraldball.org!



Doubletree Guest Suites
2111 Butterfield Rd.
Downers Grove, Illinois
630-971-2000

"My, people come and go so quickly around here"

- Park your broom at St. Raphael and let *The Emerald City Express* carry you "Over the Rainbow" to Esplanade Lakes.
- The *Emerald City Express* will transport guests between St. Raphael and Esplanade Lakes via motor coach.

- Complimentary beverages and snacks will be provided on board so you won't want to miss out on the FUN!
- Details will be posted on www.emeraldball.org!

The Emerald City Express





Early Bird Deals and Payment Plans, Oh My!



This year, we're offering new 'early bird' **DISCOUNTS** and **INCENTIVES** for purchases made by Back-To-School-Night.

Plus, first the first time ever, we've implemented a **No-Fee Installment Payment Option** for dinner tickets, grand raffle, sponsorship and underwriting. Pay over five months instead of all at once!

Return the Automatic Debit Authorization form no later than **August 12** to take advantage of this payment plan.

Look for the **Pricing, Package, Payment and Incentive Form** to learn more about all of the options available.

This form, and all others, will be available *exclusively* at www.emeraldball.org!

You can also visit us at the Back-To-School Registration Fair on August 11th and 12th.

Remember....the early bird gets the good stuff!!



A heart is not judged by how much you love; but by how much you are loved by others."
The Wizard

"Well bust my buttons"....an "OZ-LINE" Auction

We are excited to announce that, in addition to a traditional silent auction, this year we are also hosting an ONLINE AUCTION! The "OZ-LINE AUCTION" will open approximately four weeks before Emerald Ball and will contain items that will be available *exclusively* online plus provide a *preview* of items that will *only* be available the night of Emerald Ball such as our

Classroom Projects and Live Auction items.

The best part of an online auction is that anyone can get in on the action, not just those attending Emerald Ball. We encourage you to spread the word to family, neighbors and friends. The more people who know about our online auction, the more money we can raise!

We are asking every St. Raphael family to examine their resources and connections in order to make a contribution to the auction. No donation is too small (or too large!).

Visit our event website at www.emeraldball.org for more information on auction donations.

"It really was no miracle. What happened was just this..." Sponsorships

Another exciting feature this year will be our ability to offer ONLINE SPONSORSHIP opportunities through the Emerald Ball and auction web pages. This new feature will help add value to our auction and give us the opportunity to earn additional revenue.

Our sponsors will also receive greater value through branding and visibility to

a much broader audience, for a much longer time (up to 12 months), compared to a traditional printed ad seen only by our school families for a short period of time.

Sponsors will also have the option of a click-through logo link to their website offering even greater value for their

sponsorship dollar. Barry Druhan is heading the Sponsorship Committee this year and has already done an amazing job of organizing this effort. Please refer to www.emeraldball.org for details and pricing.





"Jolly Good Fun"

In addition to what's new this year, we will continue to offer all of Autumn Ball's favorites such as the **Tuition Incentive Drawing, Theme Parties and Classroom Art Projects.** Information on these and other "oldies but goodies" will be posted on www.emeraldball.org.



"If I ever go looking for my heart's desire again, I won't look any further than my own back yard" –

Dorothy

Contact Us



E mail: emeraldball@st-raphaelcatholicschool.com
 Web: www.emeraldball.org
 Facebook: Be our "friend" - find "Emerald Ball" on Facebook
 Visit Us: Emerald Ball will be attending the Back to School Registration Fair on August 11th from 6-9pm and August 12th from 12-3pm.

Emerald Ball wouldn't be possible without the time and talent of many parent volunteers.

Thanks to those who are already involved and have shared their gifts with us!

There is still a need for others to help, so please let us know how you'd like to be involved!

"Oh, you're the best friends anyone ever had."

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