



St. Edward Central Catholic High School
335 Locust Street, Elgin, IL 60123



Tidal Wave Frequently Asked Questions

What is Tidal Wave?

Tidal Wave is the school's largest fundraising event of the year. It began in 1990 hosted by the St. Edward Education Foundation. Currently the event is under the direction of the school administration. Each year volunteer chairmen are appointed who put together a committee of parent and alum volunteers to plan the event.

When and Where is Tidal Wave?

Tidal Wave will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Chicago Northwest Marriott Hotel, 4800 Hoffman Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL.

How do I donate to the Tidal Wave Event?

You can donate in any or all of these ways: by giving an item for the auction; purchasing an ad in the program; being a sponsor for the event; attending Tidal Wave; purchasing raffle tickets.

I am not sure what to donate to the auction. What kinds of items are needed?

The sky's the limit! Items auctioned at Tidal Wave range from amazing vacation getaways to relaxing spa packages to restaurant and retail gift cards, tickets to Chicago sporting events, hand crafted items, professional services, electronics, home and garden items. You can be creative. You can get together with others for a group gift. You may want to ask a restaurant or business you frequent, or a family member or friend for a gift to support St. Edward's auction. Monetary donations are always accepted and appreciated.

I am interested in being a sponsor for Tidal Wave. What do I do?

Anyone may become a sponsor for Tidal Wave. With sponsorships of \$100 or more you receive an ad in the program. You may feature a business, or your family or a congratulatory note to your favorite St. Edward team or department. Visit stedhs.org/tidal-wave for more information.

If I am interested in being a Sponsor. What do I do?

Please refer to the sponsorship opportunities on the website at www.stedhs.org/tidal-wave or contact Jan Schroeder 847-741-7535.



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Where do the proceeds from the auction go?

Funds raised from Tidal Wave help St. Edward High School meet our operational budget. These funds also assist us in minimizing tuition increases and charging less per student than the true cost of education, allowing St. Edward to remain accessible to a diverse group of students. Funds have also supported technology, science labs, the arts and other student programs.

A special part of the event is raising funds for the Guardian Angel fund that supports the school's financial aid program.

How much is a ticket and what does it include?

The ticket price is \$150 per person. We are pleased to share it has remained the same price as the last few Tidal Wave events. This includes a full evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, food stations, coffee & dessert station, entertainment, shared experiences, and online auction featuring unique experiences donated by our various generous supporters. There also may be a fun raffle or two.

How do I make reservations to attend Tidal Wave?

Tickets can be purchased online or by mail. Please visit stedhs.org/tidal-wave for more information.

The company I work for may have a matching fund gift program. May I donate this way?

Yes, many companies have matching gift programs and St. Edward High School would certainly appreciate your donation and company's match for Tidal Wave.

Is the Tidal Wave a formal event? What is appropriate attire?

Tidal Wave is semi formal or black tie optional for those that like to dress up for an evening out. Most people attending wear semi-formal or business attire: women: dresses, pant suits; men: business suit and tie. Some men wear a tuxedo.

How do I volunteer for Tidal Wave?

Contact the Tidal Wave office at 847.741.7535.