

FAQs



**BIG
STARRY
NIGHT**

It's been a minute since we've been able to gather in person, so we're incredibly excited for this year's event—especially since we've added so many new families to our school community! Big Night is a great chance to connect with parents, neighbors, teachers, and staff members to celebrate our awesome school. Have questions? Read on to learn more, visit the Big Night website at www.waterstoday.org/bignight22, or email waterstodayevents@gmail.com.

Whether this will be your first Big Night or your 10th, we really hope you'll join us for a fun, adults-only night under the stars featuring live music, an astrologer, dinner, drinks, and dancing!

WHAT IS BIG NIGHT?

Big Night is WatersToday's annual spring fundraiser where parents, neighbors, teachers, and staff get together as a whole community to support Waters Elementary. Even better, proceeds from ticket sales, the silent auction, raffles, and sponsorships support important programs at the school. This year, we're especially excited for our incredible new venue, brand-new food and beverage options, and so much more!

WAIT—WHAT IS WATERSTODAY?

We're so glad you asked! WatersToday is a parent-led group that raises money and coordinates volunteers to support programs that benefit Waters students (in cooperating with the Waters administration, of course). WatersToday supports the ecology program, fine arts programming, technology, lunch and recess coverage, and other initiatives at school.

WHEN IS BIG NIGHT? AND WHERE?

Big Night is on Friday, May 20 from 7-11pm at Artifact Events (4325 N. Ravenswood). Parking is limited near the venue, so we strongly suggest walking, taking public transit, Lyft, or Uber, or carpooling with your neighbors. If you plan on imbibing, please don't drive!

DO I NEED A TICKET?

The all-important question! Yes: Tickets are available for \$125/person starting April 18th at <https://one.bidpal.net/bigstarrynight/welcome>. Remember, this year's ticket price includes dinner—catered by Boka Restaurant Group—and all your drinks! (In past years, drink tickets needed to be purchased separately—total buzzkill!)

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TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE AUCTION—HOW DOES IT WORK?

Great question! Beginning Monday, May 9th, the Big Night auction goes live. The link will be on our Big Night website, www.waterstoday.org/bignight22. From there, you can log on to browse and bid on your favorite items, including event tickets, summer camps, restaurant gift certificates, spa services and more! Perennial favorites including Parent and Teacher Parties and Classroom Art will be added May 16th, so be sure to check back in frequently! And don't forget, bidding on all items will close on the night of the event.

WHAT ARE TEACHER PARTIES?

Teacher parties are, quite literally, parties (and sometimes experiences) hosted by teachers! From a pool party at a teacher's home to a special day out downtown, teacher parties offer lots of fun ways to support Waters and surprise your kiddos (seriously, there's nothing cooler to a kid than hanging out with a beloved teacher outside of school). Tickets for these parties will be available to purchase on the Big Night website, www.waterstoday.org/bignight22, beginning May 16th.

AND PARENT PARTIES?

On the flipside, Parent Parties are parties hosted by parents. They are SO. MUCH. FUN. They're a great opportunity to get to know fellow Waters parents, and there are always lots of cool options to choose from (think beer tastings, game nights, progressive dinners, and more). There are even some parties just for kids! Just like Teacher Parties, tickets will go on sale on our website, www.waterstoday.org/bignight22, on May 16th.

OK—SO WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT THE EVENT?

We'll begin the night with some live music, then hit the dance floor after dinner when the DJ gets things going. There will be plenty of time for mixing and mingling, and you'll want to make sure to carve out some time to visit the astrologer and squeeze your friends into the photo booth. You won't want to miss out on the raffles—prizes include Principal for the Day with Mr. R and two tickets to the Pitchfork Music Festival. And don't forget to check out the amazing installation of classroom art: Each classroom has created an artist-inspired plant stand that will be displayed and auctioned off at the event. These will go fast, so get those bids ready!

WILL DINNER BE SERVED?

You bet. This year we called in the pros at Boka Restaurant Group to dish up mouth-watering appetizers, dinner stations, and late night snacks. The best part: beverages, including wine, beer, soft drinks, and cocktails, are all included in your ticket!

DO I HAVE TO ATTEND TO DONATE?

Absolutely not, though we'd really love to see you there! The silent auction is available online to anyone anywhere, whether you attend the event or not (we're talking to you, grandparents in Tulsa). You'll also have the opportunity to donate directly to teacher wish lists or make a general donation to WatersToday through the online auction site, which you can access through our Big Night website, www.waterstoday.org/bignight22, on May 9.