



St. Joseph School Auction 101

Why Do We Hold an Auction?

Historically, our auction raises approximately \$150,000 for our school. These funds have brought many great enhancements for the benefit of our children's education, including libraries, computer labs, and many safety improvements. Fundraising also keeps your tuition costs lower.

What is Procurement?

St. Joseph School is blessed with the support of many local and Puget Sound area businesses and families. Donations of items or services from these businesses and families are bid upon by auction attendees. The price that the winning bidder pays for an item goes to St. Joseph School and the item or service is enjoyed by the winning bidder. Auction tickets cover the majority of the cost of holding the event while funds raised from item bidding go directly to St. Joseph School. We depend upon our school families to help procure items for our auction. Businesses can donate up until September 23, 2008.

Why Should I Make Time For the Auction?

Our auction is not only a fundraising event but a community-building process. Volunteering may be the best way to get to know your fellow school parents. A sense of pride comes from being a part of this successful event. You are responsible for procuring items or making a cash donation in the amount of \$150. This requirement is listed in the Registration Agreement that each family signs upon registration. Each class also creates an auction project that will be bid on at the auction. The students are proud to create something together that helps their school.

We Attend Preschool at the MQP Campus.

Does This Apply to Us?

Mary, Queen of Peace Preschool is in partnership with St. Joseph School and the preschool is administered by St. Joseph School. The MQP program is part of the St. Joseph School operating budget. Fundraising makes up a large portion of the operating expenses of the school as a whole. Expenses for the MQP preschool such as supplies, equipment, payroll, and administrative support are included in the St. Joseph School budget. MQP Parish provided the start-up costs for the program and on an ongoing basis cares for the facility needs. We truly appreciate your support of your preschool through participation in the auction.

Am I Required to Attend the Auction?

No, you are not required to attend the auction, but you'll be glad that you did. The auction is a lot of fun. No matter what your budget may be, there's something for everyone. We hope that you participate in all three portions: online, silent, and live. However, if your budget only allows you to bid on online or silent items, you'll want to stay for the live portion to enjoy a fine dinner as well as be entertained by our lively and comedic auctioneer John Curley. Save the date of November 22, 2008!

I Have More Questions.

Who Do I Contact?

If you have questions, please contact Sharon Soldenwagner at 425-391-0557 or Michele McDiarmid at 425-747-6220.



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