

From the Heart

Auction News

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February 10, 2018 marks the date of the “From the Heart” Auction. We hope you are looking forward to this exciting evening. The Auction committee has been working diligently over the past several months to ensure an incredible time will be had by all. As you know “From the Heart” is the only major fundraiser that St. Francis Xavier School holds. The proceeds raised from this event are vital to cover the costs which tuition alone does not cover. Without the support of our school families, local business donations, friends, parishioners and benefactors we would be unable to hold this event.

Now is the time we ask you as the parents of St. Francis Xavier School to become involved. There are several ways to show your support

- donating to the silent or live auction
- contributing to class baskets
- joining the solicitation committee
- setting up prior to event
- picking up donated items
- helping the night of the event as a server, runner or greeter

PIP hours are given for the above listed ways to be involved.

Who Can Attend the From the Heart Auction?

The auction committee sends out over 400 invitations to this event. We invite parents, family members, friends, benefactors, alumni, parishioners and supporters of St. Francis Xavier School. We do require those in attendance are 21 years of age or older due to our cash bar. We are required to set up an ID station and will be checking ID's upon arrival. Due to DABC (Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control) regulations we may no longer auction off alcohol in live or silent auction items. Invitations will be mailed out or sent home mid-December. Please turn in your RSVP card as soon as possible. The evening consists of a Silent Auction, Dinner and Live Auction.

Opportunity Drawing Program

We wish to thank this year's “Opportunity Drawing” sponsors

- El Dorado
- La Cantera Market
- Stucco Color Design
- Mexico Tires and Auto Repair
- Versatile Pest Control
- Fassio Egg Farm

Opportunity Prize Sponsor

- Tax Plus

Please support these businesses if you can. We are looking for a few more business/families to support the incentive program. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Rose lrose@stfxcs.org. PIP hours will be given for all donations.

Watch for upcoming information regarding the “Opportunity Drawing” program incentives and prizes.

Class Baskets

Many families have very generously donated to their “class basket.” We have a few classes still in need of parent volunteers to coordinate this. Many may still be asking “What is a class basket?” Each class is responsible for assembling a themed class basket for the Live Auction. Many families have already received information from the classroom coordinators regarding what items are needed. Each class will also be completing a “project” that will be added to the basket that the students have crafted. Please help by contributing to the class basket. The majority of the monies raised at the auction come from the Live Auction. Please contact your class basket coordinators or Lisa Rose with any questions. The themes for this year’s class baskets are:

Preschool – Pre-K ~~

Kindergarten ~~ A Chef’s Dream

Iris Palacios, Dora Martellaro,

Paula Quijano, Diana Herrera

First Grade ~~ Big Boy Toys

Dani Morris

Second Grade ~~ Summer of Fun

Felicia New

Third Grade ~~ Be Our Guest

Emily Reis

Fourth Grade ~~ Mother’s Day Every Day

JJ Martinez

Fifth Grade ~~ Game Night

Cristina Lopez

Sixth Grade ~~ Stories by the Campfire

Vicky Simpson

Seventh Grade ~~

Eighth Grade ~~ Memories

Jennifer Dumont

The Live Auction

The Live Auction follows dinner and consists of approximately 30 Live Items for guests to bid on. Ten of the Live Auction items are “class baskets.” The remaining are donated or purchased by the Auction committee. Every family will be contacted via email or letter regarding your child/children’s class basket theme. We are looking for Timeshares, Sporting event tickets, Concert tickets, Appliances or any “WOW” factor item you or your business will be willing to donate. Please contact Lisa Rose, 801-966-1571 ext. 118 if you can help.

Silent Auction

The silent auction is compiled of a minimum of 175 silent auction baskets. All items contributing to each basket are donated by businesses, friends and parents of St. Francis Xavier School. Donating a complete themed basket or items needed for the silent auction is a great way to earn your PIP hours. We are in need of large baskets, Visa gift cards valuing from \$20.00 - \$100.00 and themed silent auction baskets to use for the silent auction. Please contact Halie Quintana, Silent Auction Chair, at 801-419-3156 with any questions. All donations count toward PIP hours when accompanied with a receipt.

Basket Ideas

- Ice Cream Party Basket
- Coffee or Tea Basket
- Chocolate Lover’s Basket
- Grilling Fun Basket
- Art Supply Basket
- Day at the Beach Basket
- Spa Basket
- I Love Books Basket
- Movie Night Basket
- Game Night Basket
- Travel Basket
- Fishing Tackle Box

As a Parent What Can I Do if I Want to Volunteer?

If you choose to volunteer that evening, attached you will find a sign-up sheet. Being a part of the From the Heart Auction is a great way to support the school and complete your PIP hours. We realize this seems like we are “asking” a lot of our school families to help in the many areas of the From the Heart Auction Dinner, but realistically without this event we would have to hold several smaller fundraisers and increase the fees per year to offset what From the Heart generates in funds. The Auction Committee has been hard at work already and we invite you to join us at the From the Heart Auction for a night you will never forget. Once again, we thank you in advance for your support of the St. Francis Xavier From the Heart Auction

A Special Thank You’s

We wish to extend a thank you to Mr. Diego Vargas for the amazing artwork for this year’s Auction. Thank you to Mr. Gary Mellen who will be keeping our school auction web page updated. Thank you to the Auction Chair Committee Members Jen Dumont, Robyn Hingly, Alisha Lopez and Halie Quintana, without their dedication this event would not be possible.

If you have read this entire newsletter please email Lisa and receive 1 PIP hour.....

Please review the list and brief description below and let us know which area(s) you would like to volunteer to help. PIP hours are given for your time and donations.

Solicitations *You are simply asked to take a call list and follow up with businesses we have already sent a request for a donation to and remind them or possibly assist in picking up items needed. You will have a script to follow and a contact person to help you.*

Set-Up *We start setting up Thursday night (February 8th). We would like to have parents who can help hang lights, wires, etc. The bulk of our set up takes place on Friday (February 9th) starting at 8:30 a.m. until we finish that evening. We do not expect you to be here all day and night but if you can let us know. We set up the dining area, live and silent auction and the check-in and out area.*

Runners *A runner's job is to keep an eye on items throughout the silent auction, pull bid sheets, and then gather items as patrons pay for them at the end of the evening ensuring the proper items are given to the proper patrons.*

Servers *We need a minimum of 30 servers to help serve the dinner for the evening. We would like as many men as women to help. It is a full dinner set up; appetizer, salad, main course and dessert. We feed approximately 300 + patrons so the more help we have the quicker patrons are served and we can move on to the Live Auction.*

Clean -Up *Takes place immediately following the wrap up of the Live Auction. We need to tear down everything so the school and gym are ready for Sunday events.*

Photography *We are looking for a photographer who is willing to take photos throughout the evening especially "action" shots during the Live auction.*

Donate *Donations of items (besides your contributions for class baskets) for a silent themed basket. There are miscellaneous items we need donated to complete a themed silent or live package. PIP hour are given for all donations.*

Please contact Lisa Rose with any questions 801-966-1571 ext. 118

Name: _____

Child: _____

I would like to volunteer to help with

Solicitations _____

Set-Up _____

Runner

Clean-Up _____

Server _____

Donations

Photography _____