



ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

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The excitement is building for the upcoming Masquerade Ball! Did you see the faculty, staff and students come out to car line last Friday wearing their masks? Do you have your mask for the Ball? Although not required, creative masks are strongly encouraged the night of the Ball with your dinner attire. Maybe you could dress up the mask that came home last week with some feathers and jewels....

Time is running out....

Don't miss this opportunity! Come join over 200 people who have already committed to attending the *Masquerade Ball*. It will be a magical evening with new and old friends over dinner, dancing, live music and of course the opportunity to bid on incredible items in both the silent and live auctions. The last day to purchase your tickets is Friday, October 23rd. Tickets may be purchased for \$75 per person. Drop off your reservation card at the auction table during morning drop off or at the school office.

Wanted....a puppy name....

The puppy is getting ready to make her first appearance next Monday morning at drop off! She is very excited to meet all our wonderful families, especially the family who will take her home! She will be at drop off all next week and will be visiting the classrooms. We are accepting suggestions for puppy names. Please stop by the auction table at morning drop off to submit your suggestion. The students will vote on a name Thursday and the name will be revealed on Friday. We are excited to meet her on Monday!

Auction Keepsake Portraits

The auction keepsake portraits are still available for purchase. Each keepsake costs a mere \$40. Please contact Kim Neal at kimneal@mac.com or (949)285-1116 to purchase your child's one-of-a-kind keepsake.

Live Auction Preview

Over the past few weeks we have shared some of the exciting packages to look for during the Live Auction. Here are a few more brief descriptions of enticing packages that will be available. Look for the complete listing of items to come home shortly....

DIRTY HARRY - Join Mr. Closson side-by-side on his Honda Goldwing Trike on a Patriotic Guard ride. In addition to this exciting ride along, the lucky winner will have the opportunity to get their blood flowing and adrenaline pumping with a one-hour helicopter ride soaring over Southern California beaches and landmarks! But this daredevil's dream doesn't stop here! The Tustin Police Department challenges you to an 8 hour ride along with Tustin's finest, valid any day of the week from 7:00 a.m. to midnight. After the ride you will be treated to a tour of the entire Police facility. Winner must be at least 18 years old.

FIGHT ON! - Package includes two tickets for the USC game on Saturday, November 14th at 7pm at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and an autographed football signed by members of the 2009 team. This package also includes a one-night stay at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles.

ON THE CREST OF A WAVE - One lucky wave rider and up to fourteen of his or her friends will be treated to 1 ½ hour skimboarding lessons with World Class Skimboarding Champion, Paulo Prietto. Package also includes one personalized red, "hybrid rocker" Exile skimboard with carrying case that is autographed by Paulo Prietto and suitable for any level skim boarder, an instructional skimboarding video and an autographed Paolo Prietto framed picture.

WALK-ON ROLE TO NCIS - One lucky bidder will receive a walk-on role to NCIS, currently the No. 1 show on television. Winner must be at least 18 years old.

DUCKS PACIFIC DIVISION RIVALRY - Package includes four center-ice seats near the team benches and a preferred parking pass as well as Chris Pronger's signed hockey stick and an autographed team jersey! A good beer's not hard to find using your \$100 gift card at JT Schmid's Brewhouse located directly across the street from the arena. Game takes place on Saturday, December 19, 2009 and starts at 1:05 p.m.

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS - Enjoy a three-night stay in a gorgeous studio suite at the Trump International Hotel Las Vegas. Package includes a \$150 gift card to Ruth's Chris Steak House and a 3-in-1 Casino Table so you can bring the excitement of Vegas into your own home.

Turn over for more exciting news....

Surrounding Ourselves in Science

The focus of Fund-an-Item this year is *Surrounding Ourselves in Science*. Fund-an-Item contributions will help pay for hands-on inquiry-based curriculum kits for each grade and a SMART Interactive Whiteboard for the science lab. The science kits include all the equipment and supplies needed to conduct experiments. Students will question, test, gather data, and make conclusions after manipulating gears, making solutions, measuring force, creating terrariums, and building circuits. The kits also include video resources, assessments, and home and school access to online resources correlated to lessons. With a SMART board, teachers can present science principles and students can demonstrate their ideas by manipulating elements to show change, motion and scale. Look for the science kits and SMART board demonstrations the night of the auction and test them out yourself!

Opportunity Drawings

Live Auction Drawing - For the price of only \$100 you could be the recipient of the live auction item of your choice, excluding the 8th grade class project. One ticket will be pulled on auction night immediately prior to the live auction and the lucky winner will be able to select a live auction item for the mere price of the ticket! The winner need not be present to win.

Tuition Drawing – Back by popular demand! One lucky winner's ticket will be pulled on auction night and will receive a \$4,300 total credit for tuition during the 2009-2010 school year. Tickets are \$100 each. The prize value applies equally to each grade level. The winner need not be present to win.

Only 200 tickets will be sold for each opportunity drawing. Tickets for both drawings may be purchased at the auction table at morning drop off or the evening of the auction. Remember, there are only a limited number of tickets being sold, don't miss this incredible opportunity!

Free Dress Passes

Free dress passes can be purchased for \$5 each. The free dress days are Tuesday, November 10th and Tuesday, December 1st. Free dress passes are available for purchase at the auction table at morning drop off or the evening of the auction.

Irvine Marriott

Parking at the Irvine Marriott the evening of the auction has been discounted to \$7.

Take advantage of the St. Cecilia School Auction nightly rate of \$99 plus tax, which includes overnight parking. There are a limited number of rooms available at this special rate. To reserve a room, call the Marriott reservations line at (800) 228-9290 and ask for the St. Cecilia School Auction rate.

Thank you to our amazing and creative auction committee, we couldn't do it without you.....

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We'll see you at the Ball....