



ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

20TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING AUCTION NEWSLETTER
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*You are cordially invited to unmask the night at St. Cecilia School's 20th Annual Fundraising Auction, the **Masquerade Ball**, on Friday, October 30, 2009 at six o'clock in the evening at the Irvine Marriott. Look for your invitation to come home this week! We will see you at the Ball.....*

Tickets Sales

Don't miss the opportunity to purchase your tickets for the auction at a reduced rate of \$65 per person (a savings of \$10 per person from last year's prices)! After October 1st, ticket prices will increase to \$75 per person. Drop off your reply card at our table during morning drop off or at the school office. If you would like an invitation to the **Masquerade Ball** sent to friends, grandparents and family, please contact Darlene Bayardo at adbayardo@hotmail.com or (949) 981-1144.

Dress Attire

We suggest dinner attire the evening of the **Masquerade Ball**. Creative masks are strongly encouraged.....

Hotel Accommodations

Need a break from the hustle and bustle of reality, especially the week of parent/teacher conferences? Then plan to escape to the Irvine Marriott the night (or weekend) of the **Masquerade Ball**. Freshly renovated guest rooms feature the luxurious new Marriott bedding package and all rooms have flat screen TVs with HD. Imagine having control of the remote control without the kids! After dining in one of their many on-site restaurants or ordering room service, work out in their state-of-the-art fitness center or take a few hours for yourself and lounge around by the pool and experience some DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time! Take advantage of the St. Cecilia School Auction nightly rate of \$99. There are a limited number of rooms reserved at this special rate. To reserve a room, call the reservations line at (800) 228-9290 and ask for the St. Cecilia School Auction rate.

Pre-Auction Activities

There's so much to do.....

- Wear your **Masquerade Ball** t-shirt every Wednesday. All t-shirts ordered were delivered earlier this week. There are limited sizes (youth small and mediums) still available. Please contact Darlene Bayardo at adbayardo@hotmail.com or (949) 981-1144 regarding any t-shirt questions.
- Look for the auction table at morning drop off and purchase your tickets for the **Masquerade Ball**; purchase Tuition and Live Auction Opportunity Tickets; purchase free dress passes (more details will follow shortly); become a sponsor; Sponsor a Teacher; drop off your entry for the puppy naming contest; drop off any baskets you would like to donate; or stop by and wear a mask as you wave to cars dropping off in the morning;
- Stop by the school office and pick an idea for your required gift from the Idea Tree (Gift Gathering Day, September 30th is quickly approaching);
- Sign up to volunteer to help with the auction;
- Opportunity to purchase the memorable black and white photo of your children (more details will follow shortly);
- Solicit your favorite stores, vendors and companies for great items to donate; and
- Advertise your business in the auction program.

Gift Gathering Day

Gift Gathering Day will be on September 30th in the modulars. Every family is required to donate a new, unused item or cash gift worth at least \$75. If your donation is not turned in by October 1st you will be billed \$100. See the Idea Tree in the school office and look for the flyer this week with more details regarding Gift Gathering Day and the auction benefit form. On Gift Gathering Day please bring any extra baskets you would like to donate for gift wrapping purposes. For more information regarding Gift Gathering Day please contact Nancy Walz at newalz@pacbell.net or (714) 319-6302.

Turn over for more exciting news.....

Volunteers Needed

We need your help! The success of our auction depends on the participation of all school families. We are currently seeking volunteers for a variety of positions, such as gift gathering day, set up or clean up the night of the auction, or to work during the auction. Credit for additional service hours may be available depending on the position. Please refer to the letter that was sent home last week for additional details on the volunteer opportunities available or contact Becky Byszewski at bbyzoo@yahoo.com or (714) 884-3102.

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

Craig Braatz; Peggy Cordero; Jenn de Mahy; Lan Do; Anne Fiorentino; Carolyn Gatcliffe; Jen Gourde; Michelle McDaniel; Maria McNamara; Kim Neal; LeeAnn Neill; Liz Reed; Tracy Ryan; Sonia Saba; Deirdre Seaman; Trisha Smith; Karissa Song; Lynn Tozzer and to all the other moms and dads who have already made an impact on the auction! Thank you, thank you, thank you.....

Live Auction Item Update

We have shared with you at Jump Start Night and Back to School Nights a few items to watch for during the Live Auction. A recap of those packages is:

Sunriver, Oregon Adventure – Spend 8 days, 7 nights, in a condo that sleeps 8 in central Oregon's premier resort. Arrival is July 24, 2010 and departure is July 31, 2010 – the date is flexible based on the availability. The trip includes a voucher towards airfare/car rental and gift certificates towards activities such as bike rentals, The Paulina Plunge (a mountain bike/waterfall experience) and horseback riding.

Puppy – IT'S A GIRL!!! She's an AKC, purebred yellow Labrador Retriever who was born August 28, 2009. You can watch her grow at <http://www.luvnlabs.com/nursery.html> (she is puppy #4 under the "Walz Family"). She will be visiting the classrooms the week prior to the auction and there will be a contest to name her. We just ask that the name chosen by the children be a part of her name, it could even be the middle name. With a mom named "Sugar" we are sure she'll be sweet to you and your family!

Tustin Ranch Fire Station – A fun experience for one family, includes two adults (grandparents permitted) and four children.

Millennium Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles – Two night stay at the premier choice for celebrities, presidents and dignitaries for over 85 years, includes tickets to a local venue.

2010 Tournament of Roses Parade – Rose Parade tickets for a family of four, one night stay at Hilton Garden Inn in Arcadia/Pasadena, vouchers for dinner at Il Fornaio and transit to the parade route.

Coronado Island Marriott Resort and Spa – Beautiful waterfront location across the bay from downtown San Diego with recreation including three heated pools, tennis courts and nearby Coronado Beach. Includes bike rentals for four and a dinner gift card to Miguel's Cucina Restaurant.

Rancho Las Palmas – Stay at a true desert classic at the base of San Jacinto Mountain Range. Includes a two night stay for a family of four, resort fee, round of golf, spa package and a gift card to the Cheesecake factory.

Day at the Races – There's nothing quite like the thrill of a horse racing trip. From the crowded stands to the sleek steed, the races provide endless excitement!

As you can see, we have some exciting experiences that will be in the Live Auction and several other packages are still in the works.

We Appreciate the Continued Support from Our Generous Sponsors.....

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A drawing will be held for all families who generously sponsor a teacher by October 1st. The winner will receive a VIP gift the evening of the auction! For more information regarding sponsorship opportunities please contact Darlene Bayardo at adbayardo@hotmail.com or (949) 981-1144.

Advertise Your Business in the Auction Program!

It's not too late to advertise in the Auction Program. The advertising space on the back of the Auction Paddles is still available at \$500. Your business advertisement will be flashed every time a paddle is raised during the Live Auction....and we expect that to be plenty with the anticipated bidding wars due to the enticing experiences available during the Live Auction! There are also still full and half-page and business card size ads available! Don't miss this opportunity for great exposure for your business, contact eileenpmc@yahoo.com or (949) 533-5196 for further details.

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