



ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

20th Annual Fundraising Auction Newsletter
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With less than a month to go till the Ball, the excitement is building. Here's a quick update....

Tickets Sales

Ticket sales have been amazing! Close to 200 people are already committed to attending the *Masquerade Ball*. You will not want to miss this 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. Many families have invited family and friends to attend the *Ball*. If you would like an invitation sent to grandparents, family and friends, please contact Darlene Bayardo at adbayardo@hotmail.com or (949) 981-1144. 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.



Which two words did your child choose?

The artfully framed photos of your child are available for purchase now at morning drop off! These finely crafted mementos were *hand cut, hand beveled, and hand painted* by St. Cecilia dads. Photographs were taken by St. Cecilia moms. Your child chose two words to describe himself/herself. The portraits will also be available for purchase the evening of the auction and until Thursday, November 12th. Each keepsake costs a mere \$40.

Volunteers Needed

Thank you to those families who have already offered to volunteer the night of the auction. You will be contacted shortly with additional details. However, we need more 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 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. For additional information on volunteer opportunities available contact Becky Byszewski at bbyzoo@yahoo.com or (714) 884-3102.

Gift Gathering Day was a Huge Success!

Thank you for all the wonderful items collected at Gift Gathering Day last week! The volunteers worked all day collecting, inputting and wrapping items. Some of the items which you will have the opportunity to bid on at the auction are a complete sweet and savory crepe dinner for a family up to 8 people; Italian crystal glasses with Italian Chianti wines; Crate & Barrel Sushi and Sake set including a \$75 gift card for Kobe Sushi and Teppan; 1½ hour professional handyman labor specializing in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, tile and more; 2 tickets to *Hairspray* (Orchestra Level), Sunday, April 11, 2010 for the 6:30 p.m. performance; 3 nights at Trump Las Vegas Hotel; Pop Up Picture Show gift certificate for a rental of one 12 foot inflatable screen; 2 tickets to the Ducks vs. San Jose Sharks game (Premium Level), including parking; \$200 gift certificate to The Winery Restaurant located in The District, with two bottles of wine; Samsung Video Camera; and much more

Watch our adorable puppy grow....

She's an AKC, purebred yellow Labrador Retriever whose now 4 ½ weeks old. You can watch her grow at <http://www.luvnlabs.com/nursery.html> (she is puppy #4 under the "Walz Family"). She can't wait to visit the classrooms the week before the auction and is wondering which St. Cecilia family will take her home. According to the kids who visit the auction table on a daily basis to see her picture, there are several families who want a new addition! The contest to name her will be later in the month; look for more details to follow. We just ask that the name chosen by the children be a part of her name, it could even be the middle name.



Turn over for more exciting news.....

Opportunity Drawings

Tuition Drawing – Back by popular demand, one winner will receive a \$4,300 total credit for tuition during the 2009-2010 school year. Tickets are \$100 each and only 200 tickets will be sold. The prize value applies equally to each grade level. One lucky winner will be drawn on auction night, although you need not be present to win.

Live Auction Drawing – One winner will be drawn on auction night, although you need not be present to win, and may choose any one of the fabulous live auction items as the prize (excluding the 8th grade class project). Tickets are \$100 each and only 200 tickets will be sold.

Tickets for both drawings may be purchased at the auction table at morning drop off. 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. More information will be coming home shortly on how and where to purchase the passes.

Pre-Auction Activities

There's so much to do....

- * Wear your *Masquerade Ball* t-shirt every Wednesday. There are limited sizes (youth small and medium) 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; or stop by and wear a mask as you wave to cars dropping off in the morning;
- * Sign up to volunteer to help with the auction;
- * Purchase the 2009 Auction Keepsakes;
- * Solicit your favorite stores, vendors and companies for great items to donate; and
- * Advertise your business in the auction program.

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.....

Hotel Accommodations

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.

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Congratulations to the Guirgis Family! They are the winner from the drawing that was held for all families who generously sponsored a teacher by October 1st. They 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!

Don't miss the opportunity to advertise in the Auction Program. The final deadline for advertising is this Friday, October 9th. 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 bidding wars due to the enticing packages available during the Live Auction! There are also still full and half-page and business card size ads available! Don't miss this great opportunity for exposure of your business, contact eileenpmc@yahoo.com or (949) 533-5196 for further details.

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We'll see you at the Ball.

