

AUCTION ABCs



Hello SAS Parents!

So, how many of you are excited about the **2016 SAS Annual Auction & Dinner**? This year's auction promises to be one of the best!

The Saint Andrew Catholic School 18th Annual Dinner and Auction will be held **Saturday, April 30, 2016 at River Ranch Stockyards**. The auction includes live and silent auctions, grade-level class projects, \$5,000 raffle, Heads or Tails, and a fabulous dinner, served with complimentary wine/beer/iced tea/water. Last year, we raised over \$150,000 for our school. Below is a quick description of what you will find at the auction.

What is the auction?

The auction is one of the school's largest fundraisers. We use the funds raised to help defray tuition costs, maintain school facilities, and ensure teacher salaries are comparable to those in this area. In addition, special projects are funded each year with proceeds from the auction.

How much does it cost to attend?

A reserved table for 10 is available for \$1,800 (if this amount was donated for annual fund your table is free). Individual tickets are \$75 per person. RSVPs need to be returned to the school as quickly as possible. We will stop selling tickets once we have reached 600 guests. Make sure to check your mail after Spring break for your invitation. Your ticket price includes a bid number and dinner. Dinner will be catered by River Ranch and will include complimentary beer, wine, and iced tea/water.

What is included with a reserved table?

The purchase of a reserved table includes admission for 10 and **premium** seating. You will need to determine who is attending so bid numbers can be assigned to each of your guests (or couples). Purchasing a table is tax deductible. Want reserved seating but don't want to purchase the whole table? Gather your friends and split the cost. Each person/couple will get a proportionate share of the tax deduction. Contact Beverly Watkins at 817.924.8917 or bwatkins@standrewsch.org for appropriate tax documentation.

What is BidPal?

This year's auction will feature the *BidPal* electronic bidding system again. *BidPal* uses your cellular device and will offer electronic bidding/purchasing on Silent Auction and raffle & heads or tails chances. There will be other items as well- out of uniform passes, homework passes, class baskets and more! If you can't make the auction, you can still bid from the comfort of your home(except for live auction items and Heads or Tails). In addition, advertising will be displayed throughout the event on these personal devices. Please contact Rose Hall at rosehall048@yahoo.com.

The auction features a variety of categories:

Live Auction: We have some great Live Auction items this year, so let's start the bidding! Live Auction is conducted by a professional auctioneer. Live Auction generally includes big-ticket items, including trips, valued over \$2,000.

\$5,000 Raffle: Throughout the night of the auction, tickets will be sold for a chance to win some serious money! Tickets cost **1/\$20, 3/\$50, or 7/\$100**. Each ticket buys a chance to win a \$5,000 tuition certificate to any Catholic school in the US or a \$5,000 Visa gift card. You **DO NOT** need to be present to win. ONE winner will be drawn that evening. If you are unable to attend the auction, you may still purchase raffle tickets in front of the school on designated days. Please look in the auction email for more information.

Class Projects: Each class/grade creates a special project. The project is created with as much student participation as is feasible. This year the projects are fabulous. Please be looking for them during pick up and pictures will be emailed to you from your liaison when they are completed.

Silent Auction: Silent items are items generally valued between \$150 and \$2,000. These are the following categories: Entertainment & Sports, Food & Wine, Health & Beauty, Home, Garden, & Office, Jewelry & Accessories, Kids & Family, Class Baskets, Teacher for the Day, and Travel.

Wildcat Parties: Wildcat Parties are themed parties designed for a limited number of people. Wildcat Parties are arranged for each grade level as well as various parties for the adults. New **this year:** All parties can be purchased starting March 21st(email with be sent with links for each party and directions on ways to pay) and payments need to be received by March 28th at 5PM. Most of the parties are before the auction and all of them have been scheduled and are already on the school calendar.

Teacher for the Day: This item is always one of our most popular! How would your child like being teacher for the day? The school's teachers donate a day in which the lucky winner can be teacher for the day. These are a few examples of what your child could do during their special day: teach a lesson, eat lunch(provided by the teacher) in the faculty room, check class work, and come out of uniform in professional dress.

Fund-a-Project: Fund-a-project is a great opportunity to contribute directly to a project that will benefit the school and the students. This will be announced a few weeks before the auction. Funds raised through Fund-a-Project are earmarked for a specific project. You may donate any amount of money to these worthy projects the night of the auction or following the auction.

Heads or Tails: Heads or Tails is a fast-moving, FUN game played just before Live Auction. The game costs 1 chance/\$10 or 3/\$25(max/person) to play for a chance to win a \$500 credit **to be used the night of the auction!** The rules are simple. Place your hands on your head or tail. You decide! A flip of the coin, back and forth, until the last one is standing. Look for the table at the auction to purchase these chances!

Birthday Blessings: Parents are able to honor and recognize their child(ren) on their birthdays by having name(s) displayed on the school announcement screens for their birthday! Your child and their classmates will be delighted when they see the celebrant's name displayed at lunchtime honoring their special day! These can be purchased before or the night of the auction.

Out of Uniform/Homework Passes: Out of Uniform passes can be purchased for \$10/student(only one per student) and can be used only on Tuesday, May 10th(refer to handbook for uniform policy). Homework passes are also \$10/student and are available for kindergarten-8th grade(with teacher approval and only one per student) and expires May 16th.

Prayerfully consider contributing to the SAS auction. Any participation is optional, but do remember that the more funds that are raised and the more volunteers we have **THE BETTER!** So mark your calendars...**APRIL 30th** is the big day! We will be setting up the morning of the auction at 9AM. We hope to see you there.

Thank you everyone for helping support Saint Andrew Catholic School. At the end of the day it is all done for our children and directly benefits them. If you have any questions please let us know.

Sincerely,

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