

Greetings, SMS Families!

It's auction time, folks! Our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction will take place on Saturday, March 2 and we are celebrating Mardi Gras style. As you know, this is our single biggest fundraiser and everyone's participation is needed to make it a success. All the proceeds stay right here and help meet budgetary needs, keep tuition costs down, and fund the programming we all cherish as an integral part of what our children receive here at SMS.

There are so many ways to participate and we encourage every family to choose at least one way to support this event. You can

- Purchase tickets to attend (\$60 per ticket)
- Become an Auction Angel by sponsoring tickets for others to attend
- Donate or gather donations for auction items
- Volunteer to be a part of all the prep work needed for success

Inside this packet you will find an official donation letter, donation forms, and templates for requesting donations. Stash this packet in your car so you have it handy when you are out and about. Think about places you frequently do business and ask for their support the next time you are there supporting their business. Every single donation, large or small, helps us get closer to our goal, so bring on those donations!

We will be setting up for the event the week prior and will be sending out a call for help closer to time, but please mark this down on your calendars and consider blocking some time to come help hang gossamer or string beads down the hall. We always have a ton of laughs and it's so much more fun together.

We know everyone is in holiday survival mode right now, but when we come back from Christmas break, this evening of epic fun will be upon us faster than we can say "Laissez les bon temps rouler!" So...put us on your holiday shopping list and gather some donations for Team SMS!

Important dates:

Auction- Saturday, March 2, 2019

Donation deadline- Friday, February 22, 2019

Auction committee meeting- TBD- the first week of return from break (January 2019)

Donation collection and party planning- full steam ahead from now until March 2!

Question, concerns, comments, suggestions, words of encouragement, please contact us!

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