

September 28, 2020

Dear Holy Cross Friend,

Thank you for your past support of our parish and school community. It is your generosity that has enabled Holy Cross School to provide generations of young minds with an excellent Catholic education.

I want to share with you an update on the Holy Cross Parish & School Annual Auction Fundraiser that was scheduled for earlier this spring. First, thank you for your RSVP and plan to attend the event. As you know now, it was abruptly postponed only one week before its scheduled date of March 21, 2020. We apologize profusely if you were not properly notified. While there is no sufficient excuse, please know that during those early days, we were trying to figure out how to move forward. We had some major changes in the auction committee and are now trying to put on an event that will benefit the school and parish as a whole.

Unfortunately due to those unprecedented times, some of the checks received for your tickets were not deposited in the bank account. We are kindly requesting you allow us to apply the money you paid for your tickets toward this year's Fund-A-Need Campaign. This year has been unique in many ways as we now have a great need to reach many students remotely. This requires additional technology for items including chromebooks, display monitors and document cameras.

Now that we have had time to regroup, we want to let you know that this year's event will be an "all-virtual auction event" due to regulations by the Santa Cruz County Department of Health. The event will be held the week of December 7-13, 2020 and the raised funds will provide tuition assistance for students in need, as well as support additional costs associated with educating our students during this pandemic.

Our mission is to provide an excellent Catholic education rooted in God's Word to the children in our broad community. We hope you will consider offering your payment as a donation. If so, please let us know and we will deposit your check and apply the funds to the Fund-A-Need campaign.

Today more than ever, children need the stability and love provided within Catholic schools. On behalf of our students, faculty and staff, thank you for your understanding and for your continued support as we strive to provide our students with the gift of a Catholic education.

Blessings,

Patty Patano

Principal