

Dear Holy Cross Friend,

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and school community. We would like to take this opportunity to share some updates regarding our Annual Parish and School Auction.

As you may know, last March the Annual Auction was postponed until October. However, with the world events being what they are, the Auction Team of Patty Patano, Cathryn McCormic, Morgan Brice and Al-Lee Gottlieb made the decision to have a Virtual Auction from December 7TH-13TH. We believe this decision is the best way to keep the integrity of the event and ensure that it will be as successful as it has been in the past.

It's important to us to have open communication now with all Sponsors, Donors, and individuals who returned RSVPs to keep everyone informed about the event. We are now moving forward and getting Auction items ready to post on a special Auction website. The link will be postmarked, emailed and shared in an invitation coming soon.

Here are a few exciting Auction items that will be highlighted in December:

-Class Art projects from the 2019-2020 school year

-Live Auction packages will be *separated into smaller packages* to increase available items and let more people have the opportunity to bid on items

-Sign-up Parties will be available for 2021, pending the Santa Cruz County Department of Health's allowance for large gatherings

-Teacher Experiences are being re-evaluated in the hopes that these exciting experiences can be offered in 2021

-Various VIP items will still be available!

-There will be a raffle for an especially wonderful item. Each ticket will cost \$50 and only 200 tickets will be available for purchase. The item will be announced soon.

-Sponsors who donate at the Gold level (\$500) and higher will receive a special Thank You package and be featured on a banner in honor of their generous donations. Sponsors who donate at each level will receive a unique Thank You Package.

We would like to highlight our FUND-A-NEED campaign. This year Fund-a-Need will provide tuition assistance to benefit students in need and will supplement the costs of educating students during this pandemic. The art of providing an excellent education for our students in this COVID-19 world requires additional technology which includes chromebooks, iPads, display monitors and document cameras. We also understand that many people are struggling to make ends meet right now, due to loss of jobs, loss of businesses, etc. The money raised from Fund-A-Need will ensure that all children can continue their Catholic education at Holy Cross School.

These times are unprecedented and every single family has been hit by this pandemic economically one way or another. As parents we are making choices that we believe are best for our children, whether they continue with Remote Learning or they come to school for in-person instruction. Holy Cross School supports everyone's decision. In order to continue to provide the excellent education for which Holy Cross School is known for, both remotely and in person, the school is determined to upgrade technology. This year Fund-a-Need means more than ever before.

We want to thank each and every one of you for your patience, your kindness and your continued support of this amazing Holy Cross Community! The success of this Auction would not be possible without all of your support and dedication.

We look forward to coming together as a school community for the HOLY CROSS VIRTUAL AUCTION DECEMBER 7TH-13TH!

Blessings and Kindest Regards,

The Auction Team