

St. Mary School's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Blue and White Auction  
Online Auction Starting March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## FAQs

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### **Why do we have an auction at St. Mary School?**

Thirty years ago, the presidents of the Men's Club and Mothers' Guild got together and said, "We have to stop nickel and diming our families with all these little fundraisers!"

Out of that discussion the auction was born, with the sole purpose of bringing the community together on one night to raise a large sum of money for St. Mary School. Over the years, the St. Mary Blue & White Auction has contributed over \$850,000 to our school.

### **What happens to all those auction proceeds?**

The auction is vital to the financial health of the school and has a huge impact on projects that would otherwise be unattainable. The auction is responsible for a \$20,000 contribution to the general fund of the school. That means, that if the minimum obligation is not met, the school budget suffers and tuition increases. Fortunately, the auction has always met its obligation, plus some. With those surplus dollars, a science lab was built, our school field and façade was updated, technology purchases were made, a new scoreboard was purchased, and much more.

### **How can I make a donation to the auction or sponsor the event?**

We welcome any donations for our silent and online auctions as well as all levels of sponsorships!

Donation and sponsorship forms may be found on SchoolSpeak. Look under Announcements and click on Donation/Sponsorship form. All forms are due Monday February 15.

### **Online Auction?**

To kick things off eBay style, we are launching an online auction from Sunday March 18 at 8:00am through Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 10pm for all you armchair bargain hunters. Please note that if there is bidding on an item in the last 3 minutes of the auction, the auction will continue on that item or items only until there is no bidding for at least 2 minutes. The online auction features a limited number of auction items that will only be sold online. The online auction items will be displayed in the hallway at school the week before as a preview. Look for more information about our online auction in the coming weeks.