

St. John Regional School's Annual Auction

Most Frequently Asked Questions!!

When is the Auction? November 10, 2018 at 6:00pm

Where is the Auction? Bektash Shrine Center, 189 Pembroke Road, Concord

Is this a social event or a fundraiser? Both!!! While the Auction is our largest fundraiser it is also a fun and wonderful night where our community gets a chance to spend time with each other outside of the school yard. It's a time to enjoy delicious food, talk and laugh with friends and at the same time support St. John Regional School and its students. Last year we raised over \$25,000, which directly supported the school's budget and helped to keep tuition rates affordable.

I am a little intimidated by the word "auction", what if I don't have a lot of money to spend? While, yes, this is a fundraiser you don't need to spend a lot to help a lot! We have auction items that start as low as \$10 and many, many gift cards & items for \$25 and up. You are even helping when you purchase your ticket!

Is there a theme to the evening's festivities? Yes! This year's Auction theme is **Harvest Blessings**. In keeping with the theme, dinner will be catered by **Hart's Turkey Farm**. Enjoy a night out at our fun, fall inspired event.

Where do the items up for bid at the Auction come from? The Auction Committee solicits local and national businesses who donate gift cards, items & services. We also welcome any donations from families; such as hand crafted items, use of a time share or vacation home or a service.

Also, up for Auction are the classroom projects. Each grade will have a beautifully made project, done by the children, up for auction. They will be displayed in the library in the weeks leading up to the Auction.

How do I bid on items? When you make your seating reservation for the Auction you will be assigned a bidder number. You use this number for all transactions. When you check-in at the Auction you will get a paddle with your number.

What is the difference between the Silent Auction & the Live Auction? The night begins with the Silent Auction. Tables are set up displaying the items, each of which has a Bid Sheet. The Bid Sheet contains a description and value of the item, who donated the item, the starting bid and bidding increments. While enjoying some delicious appetizers and catching up with other SJRS parents, you can circulate through the Silent Auction tables to see what you might like to bid on. You bid on an item by simply putting your bidder number on the individual Bid Sheet. The Silent Auction tables will close, at different times, before dinner. The Live Auction starts after everyone is seated for dinner. It is led by a professional auctioneer. Again, you can bid on an item by holding up your bidder paddle.

Are there other special events at the Auction besides the Silent & Live Auctions? Yes!!

One of the traditions at the SJRS Auction is a game called Heads or Tails. You purchase beads, using your bidder number, during the Silent Auction. Prior to the Live Auction, the Auctioneer will lead everyone who has purchased these beads in a game. It is great fun and the winner receives \$250 in cash!

Do I need a ticket to attend and if so, how much are the tickets? Not really a ticket so much as a reservation. The price is \$30/person. Each family will receive an invitation with a reservation form. All you have to do is fill it out and send it back to the office with a check and you will receive an e-mail confirmation.

Is it open seating or can I sit with my friends? You can absolutely sit with whomever you would like. When you send in your reservation there will be a line for you to write in the names of who you would like at your table. Each table seats ten. If you are new to the school, and don't know many people, you can request to sit with other families from your child's grade. Also, feel free to invite family & friends.

How should I dress for Auction Night? While this is a fun & relaxed evening some do like to get a little dressed up. Casual or dressy, all attire is fitting!

What if I have a question that wasn't covered here? If you do have a question about the Auction, please don't hesitate to contact Lisa Tierney in the Advancement office, at mrstierney@stjohnregional.org