



Dreams Take Flight Auction

Auction Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we have an auction?

To provide enhancements to the education and facilities at Saint Brendan Parish School without dramatically increasing tuition rates. Fundraising is what provides balance to a budget that would otherwise require higher tuition or program cuts.

Where does the money raised go?

All auction profits go directly into next year's school budget. The school auction helps fund school assemblies, family outreach, religion, art, PE and music supplies, technology updates, the Young Author's Program, math and reading specialists, science supplies, staff CPR and First Aid classes, student retreats, and teacher continuing education classes.

Does the auction make money on the ticket price?

While the ticket sales are an important part of the fundraiser in most cases the amount charged covers only a portion of the cost of the venue, meal, rental and other event costs. Positive financial results depend on bidder participation at the auction; games of chance, raffles, silent auction, live auction, and bar sales.

Where is the auction?

The auction location changes every year and is decided by the PTO committee and auction Chairs. This year it is proudly held at The Future of Flight Aviation Center in Mukilteo. (www.futureofflight.com)

Where do I park?

The Future of Flight has ample free on-site parking available.

Are hotel accommodations available if I want to stay overnight?

Yes. We have negotiated a very attractive group rate for auction attendees at the Hilton Garden Inn adjacent to The Future of Flight (no driving required). In addition some ticket packages already include hotel accommodations.

The auction is really just for school families, right?

NO! The more non-school families we bring to our auction, the better results we will have.

Why would my neighbors, relatives, and friends want to come to the auction?

It is a fun evening, good dinner and a chance to pick up some fun items while supporting children they care about.

Can I sit with my friends?

We try to accommodate seating request we have seating for 10 tops. There is a place on the RSVP card to make requests.

Do I have to arrive at 5:00?

The doors open at 5:00 for best availability and to enjoy the venue you might want to come early. But if you have commitments that don't allow you to arrive until later you are encouraged to still come to catch later silent closings and/or the live auction.

How do you know how much to bid on an item at the auction?

Silent auction items have pre-printed step bids and a buy it now price. Live items are sold to highest bidder as determined by auctioneer. Price ranges from 25 to thousands of dollars some items sell for full retail and above while others great items have been known to be sold at great deals up to 50% off retail. Either way all the money you spend the night of the auction benefits the school.

I don't think I'll bid on any of the live items, should I still come?

Of course! We have hundreds of items in silent auctions and fun games and raffles. Alternatively, you may consider volunteering for one of the auction night jobs. We always need people and it's a good chance to see what all the excitement is about.

What if I can't attend the auction but want to support the school's auction?

There are many ways to: Purchase "God is my co-pilot" wrist bands at the scrip store, become a member of one of our donation clubs by making a cash donation online, contact Dave Krah if you are interested in underwriting any specific auction expenses, volunteer your time on one of the many committees, preview the online catalog and have a friend that is attending be a proxy bidder for you.

If I am working during the Live Auction and the Gala Dinner, do I still need to purchase a ticket?

No you are not required to purchase a ticket. Volunteers are provided with a complimentary buffet style dinner. You may purchase a bidder number at a discounted price if you are interested in bidding on items.