

CORPUS CHRISTI 47TH ANNUAL
Crab Feed & Auction
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THE CRUSTACEAN

Newsletter

December 1, 2009

All The News That Fits ...

Happy Post-Thanksgiving fellow Corpus Families! You're probably still recovering from all the turkey and trimmings, but we on the Silent Auction Team are already dreaming of crab, crab and more crab! The purpose of *The Crustacean* is to get you ready to do your part to make this year's event a success. This newsletter will keep you up to speed on the latest and most important Silent Auction news. Throughout the upcoming months, we encourage you to visit the auction website frequently, www.corpuschristiparents.org -- to keep track of key dates, find copies of forms and documents, and reach out to the auction team members who are ready, willing and able to answer your questions.

Earlier, you received your auction packets and we are guessing that right about now you are giving a lot of thought to those two donations your family will offer this year. Will it be a party? An experience? An item? Perhaps a service? Given the economy, it's often a daunting question. We are in difficult economic times which also provide us the opportunity to consider donations that have unique value but will not add pressure or hardship to the donating family. These items are often contributions of your creativity, time and talent. Such donations might include: babysitting (think movie night at your house so the winning couple can enjoy dinner and a movie without that pesky \$50 babysitting bill), use of your green thumb for the garden-challenged, BBQ basics, or even dog walking!

This season we are so thankful for Corpus Christi School and all it provides to our children, its students and wonderful families. As your Silent Auction chairs we look forward to working with all of you to make Corpus Christi School an even greater place for our kids! If you have questions or want additional information, please feel free to contact us:

Best,

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There are many ways to contribute....

PARTIES! PARTIES! PARTIES!

Parties are among the most enjoyable and most profitable of the silent auction items. Parties can be for kids, parents and/or families. Parties can be large or small. No matter your age, parties are unique experiences and they are F.U.N! You can help make more fun happen. Here's how:

1. Come up with the idea (perhaps a themed dinner for 8, cinema night in your backyard, mother-son group "Amazing Race" event with refreshments at the finish, grown-up pajama party, Wii Olympics or something of the kind...)

2. Share your brilliant idea with friends and encourage them to co-host the big event.
3. Complete the **Party Intent Form** (hard copies were provided and are available through the website: www.corpuschristiparents.org). Please turn it in ASAP. (Due date was **Nov.20th**, but we're still thrilled to receive yours!)
4. Contact a member of the Party Planning Team to help you shape your idea and fine tune your description when you submit the donation form on or before **December 7**. *All families working on a party must complete a donation form and specify they are working on party.

Contact your party chairs:

Elizabeth Murphy emurphy@sfgiants.com (510) 482-2590
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Simple solutions to donating ...


If you want to make a donation to the Silent Auction that is EASY, **become a financial sponsor of a teacher's event.** We need parents to offer financial backing for exciting events that teachers are planning to host for his/her auction donation. It's fast and simple way to donate.

1. Quickly contact **Shawna Foster** to determine which teacher you can sponsor.
2. Complete and submit the online donation form stating who which teacher you are sponsoring and for what amount.
3. Write a check to **CCPG** and send it in to the office with a copy of your completed donation form. That's it!

If you're interested in serving as a financial sponsor, please contact **Shawna Foster at 452-3208.** **Call her soon because these items are very popular and fill up quickly.*

Additional donation inspirations...

 **Are you a craftsman or woman?**
Donate the fruit of your labor for auction! If you have a **way with a wrench, hammer or other tools**, bring in your know-how to the construction challenged...Known for your **culinary creations**? Perhaps a dessert of the month for three months or a full meal delivered to someone's doorstep...**Computer savvy**? Many are not! Donate a couple hours of time to clean out cookies, defrag hard drives and set things running smoothly. Showcase your **talents and share them** through the auction!

 **Do your kids have a favorite summer camp?**
Ask the camp to donate a week or two for auction! If you would prefer not to contact the camp yourself, let our Camp Lead do it. Contact Anne Swinney: aswinney@esba.org, 415-748-8052

 **Solicit the support of businesses you frequent.**

If you're a regular client or customer of a business, tell them you'd appreciate their support of your child's school.

They can support the event in two ways.

- **Donating goods and/or services.** You can then use donated items from a business you solicit to serve as your

family donations (suggested minimum value per item is \$50). Just check the appropriate donation category online, complete the entry as your donation and bring the donated item in when it's time.

- ***Buying an ad in the auction catalog.** For specifics contact **Bill Murphy** at williamcbillmurphy@gmail.com or **Doug Buzbee** at buzbeedc@yahoo.com

**Note: this does not count as a family donation.*

With all this information at your fingertips...

If you have questions that aren't covered here, please contact someone listed on this newsletter. We'll be glad to assist you!

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Dates to Remember...

 Party Intent forms were due **11/20**. You can still send them in now ... it's not too late!

 Volunteer & Donation forms due **12/7/2009**

 Crab Feed Tickets ON SALE -- **1/9/2010**

 **Annual Crab Feed & Auction -- 1/30/2010**

**Begins at 5:30 p.m., following 4:30 p.m. Mass*

Don't forget to get a sitter!
Thank you so much for your support!



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