

January 15, 2021

Dear Valle Family,

I know this communication for the 2021 Valle Catholic Schools Annual Auction is getting to you later than normal but given the state of the world around us, I wanted to try and confirm all auction plans in one letter rather than reaching out multiple times. First and foremost, I want to thank you all for your part in the 2020 Auction. Because of generous supporters, we were able to raise just as much for the school last year as in previous years. It was not easy, and we changed plans week to week but by the Grace of God, we did it! The committee we have in place for the auction are some of the most dedicated individuals you will ever meet. They may not complain publicly but I know they were stressed, frustrated, and worried through the whole planning process. If you see one of them, please THANK them! They are the reason we can accept new projects for building upgrades, academic advancements, and other ventures throughout the year.

Onto 2021 Auction!!

As a committee, we voted that in the best interest of our Valle Family and supporters, we will host a **virtual event** this year. I can tell you that a lot of prayer, thought, and research went into this decision. As much as we want to gather together in fellowship (and let's be honest, a little adult beverage consumption), we feel the health and well-being of our Valle Family and extended family is more important. I understand that other schools around us are moving forward with an in person event. If they feel that is best for them, then we will pray all goes smoothly.

Here are the plans for our annual event!! GET EXCITED!!!

Please see the attached flyer for event details. Also, all information will be updated on www.valleauction.weebly.com. Feel free to share this site with all your family and friends.

As a reminder, all families and students are asked to donate money or an item to the auction.

1. **All Families Donate** an item or cash for the auction
 - New items, valued from \$50 - \$1,000 needed
 - Deadline for family donations is February 28
2. **All Students Grades K-8 Donate**
 - This is in addition to the family donation
 - This will be done as a "class". More info from your child's teacher to follow.
3. **All Students Grades 9-12 Donate**
 - This is in addition to the family donation.
 - Service, item or cash – value must be at least \$10
 - Submit to class moderator by February 12

Because of the popularity of the Amazon Wish List used last year, the inventory committee has worked very hard to make that available again for easy item purchases. You can even have the items delivered directly to school but please make sure to include your name.

Follow the amazon link to view the fun items and share with friends and family! This link will also be available on the auction website www.valleauction.weebly.com .

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1G9AVOo5UoRER?ref=wl_share

Bidding tickets will be \$25 per bidder and will go on sale March 1st. Along with bidding access, your ticket purchase will enter you into two raffle drawings (items to be determined at a later date).

Bidding will begin on March 20th at 6:00pm with a kick-off event on Facebook LIVE. We will begin with the raffle drawings, Grand Raffle drawing and move to a LIVE broadcast bidding of Exceptional Valle Items! Bidding will end Sunday March 21st at 5:00pm.

GREAT NEWS!! As of today, we only have 30 Grand Raffle tickets left to purchase. If you did not get yours in yet, you had better hurry! Since I have been on the committee, I think this is a first we have sold this many tickets at this point in the planning. Kudos to you for getting out there. And HUGE KUDOS to Colton and Jayci Palmer for selling 50 TICKETS before the first early bird drawing! AMAZING!

Again, I know this may not be ideal but we will work with what God gives us and make a banquet of it. I am confident that our Valle Family will shine and help our school once again. This is the rough start to what we have planned so please keep an eye out for changes and additions as we move forward. I know I said last year that I hoped it would be a one-time occurrence, but here we are.

Please pray that we are successful in the path we chose.

Sincerely,

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