

# ST. MARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

**AUCTION  
DONATIONS**  
DUE SEPTEMBER 15

Dear Families of St. Mary School,

I know you might be thinking, "How are we talking auction already? Didn't we just start school?" I acknowledge that it does probably seem early that we are already in full swing for the auction. However, it is the timing and organization that help make the event a success.

Next **Friday, September 15th** all family donations are due. The reason that donations are due so early is that they drive package creation and planning. The auction catalog cannot be written and sent to print without the planned packages and items. Thank you to those families who have already made their donation!

As you are aware, the auction has served as a vital fundraising and community building event for the school. As a result of the generous support of our community, the auction net proceeds have allowed us to continually expand and enrich the opportunities we can offer to our students such as,

- *Pay Operating Expenses:* Tuition alone does not cover operating expenses
- *Enhance Curriculum:* STEAM activities, more science FOSS modules, new math curriculum, on line subscriptions, PE equipment, and e-books
- *Plant Improvement:* Update water fountains, install new white board walls, classroom upgrades, and bulletin boards
- *Technology Upgrades:* Purchase iPads, update our projection equipment, document cameras
- *Professional Resources for Teachers:* Hire professional learning coaches to collaborate with teachers to support curriculum and implement best practices

The auction proceeds help support our vision and advance our Mission and we are so grateful for your involvement!

God Bless,  
Mrs. Tracey Schmidt

Mary Our Mother... Pray for Us!

## HURRICANE HARVEY FUNDRAISER FREE DRESS

In an effort to offer support for those affected by the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, we will be having a fundraiser free dress on



**Friday, September 8.** You may have free dress if you bring in at least \$1 to go towards *Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

ALL persons volunteering in ANY capacity for Diocesan schools MUST have the following:

1. Current [Safe Environment](#) certificate (Virtus)
2. Current TB Clearance
3. [LiveScan Fingerprinting](#) for the Diocese of Oakland

Please contact the office with any questions (925)935-5054.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **September 7th**

Fundraiser Hot Lunch

### **September 12th**

3:00 Choir Practice

7:00 Cub Scout Meeting

### **September 8th**

8:15 Mass Gr. 6-8

Bake Sale

Hurricane Harvey Free Dress Fundraiser

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### **September 13th**

### **September 14th**

### **September 15th**

8:15 Mass Gr. 3-5

### **September 11th**

## **DOWNLOADS**

[Walking With Purpose 2017](#)

[Guys and Dolls Drama Brochure](#)