

Auction 101

While some members of the CCC community are very familiar with school auctions, we recognize that for many CCC families, an auction is a new and possibly bewildering event. To help ease any anxiety and also to answer some frequently asked questions from even the most savvy auction attendee, we've compiled the following information. We hope it will help ensure the 2010 auction, *Roaring Twenties*, is a memorable evening.

Why is the Auction so important? Funds raised by the auction are a major component of CCC's annual budget. Each year, auction funds help support faculty professional growth and development, daily operating costs, and other special projects that enhance our school and the everyday experience for all of our families.

Why is CCC parent involvement so important to the success of the auction?

Simply put, without parent support, this event could not happen. Parents participate by organizing the event, donating items to be auctioned, selling and purchasing auction catalog advertising space, buying raffle tickets and purchasing items during the auction. Parent involvement also helps to make the auction a great community-building event.

When is this year's Auction? Saturday, February 27, 2010. Doors open at 5:00 pm.

Where is this year's Auction? The Oregon Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon Rd., Portland, OR 97221-9704. The Oregon Zoo is only five minutes from downtown Portland on Highway 26 West—also called Sunset Highway.

Attire:

What should I wear to this year's auction? *Dressy casual:* A dressed-up version of casual looks. For him, it could be trousers and a sport coat; for her, dressy pants or a cocktail dress. Shorts, T-shirts or other casual looks are not appropriate. Period attire is welcome but not required.

Table Placement:

What if I don't know anyone going or don't have anyone to sit with? No Problem! Just note this on your Ticket Request Form. A table host will invite you to their table with future friends and fellow members of the CCC community.

Can I request to sit at the same table with my friends or other parents from my child's grade?

Certainly. Simply specify this on your request form. The Auction Committee works hard each year to make sure these requests are fulfilled.

How does the auction work?

A few days before the auction, you will receive the auction catalog. Spend some time looking through the catalog and mark your favorite items. When you arrive the night of the auction, you will receive a bid number and other important information at check-in. Enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as you bid on items in the silent auction. Join in on the excitement during the live auction while enjoying dinner, dessert and coffee. Stop by check-out at the conclusion of the evening to settle your account by cash, check or charge and pick up your items.

How do I bid in the silent auction? All items in the silent auction have a bid sheet with pre-printed bid amounts. To place your bid, simply write your bid number next to the desired bid amount.

What if there is an item I really want, but it's too expensive for my budget? Try bidding on an item with a group of friends. You'll get more bang for your buck and you'll have friends to share in the fun.

For any additional questions or comments, please contact the auction lead, Priscilla Lundberg at:
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