



# West Sayville Christian School

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January 7, 2010

Dear Parents,

West Sayville Christian School will be hosting its **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Live and Silent Auction** on **Saturday, March 20, 2010**, at the beautiful **Islandia Marriott** from 6-10 p.m. Many wonderful goods and services are offered for auction all evening long. This is our largest fundraiser and this event is crucial in raising the funds so desperately needed so that West Sayville Christian School can continue to keep our tuition affordable to all who desire a Christian Education.

The evening is a gala event, beginning with a Silent Auction on the 2nd floor in the elegant atrium of the hotel. There will be over 100 Silent Auction items to suit every taste and price range, followed by a full sit-down dinner including appetizer and dessert, and finishing with a Live Auction of at least another 50 items presented by a professional and entertaining auctioneer.

**Everyone's participation is essential to ensure that this year's event is a success!**

This year we will be utilizing our Auction website and emails. This will enable you to keep up to date on what is needed at various times and help keep the communication flowing while limiting the paperwork. A link to the Auction website is on our school's homepage, [www.wscs.org](http://www.wscs.org).

Now here's what we need our school families to do:

1. **Set aside the date and plan to attend** – Invite friends and family. There is something for everyone and it's a wonderful evening out "without the kids"! Formal invitations will be sent out in a few weeks. The cost is \$32 per person. The formula is simple:  
**Greater Attendance = Greater Fund Raising = Lower Tuition + Excellent Programs**
2. **Make a family donation** – We are asking each family to donate either a "themed basket" or an item or service suitable for auction. Auction donations can be dropped off at the main office or "Auction Headquarters" (Sparacio house) at any time. Deadline is Friday, February 26th.
  - Specialty baskets such as handmade articles, coffee/tea assortment, or an array of books are always a hit. Be creative and have fun!



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- Services bring great bids at the auction and incur less out-of-pocket expense than other donations. This can encompass many, many different ideas and areas. We can help with this so feel free to contact us. We will create a beautiful certificate for the Auction!
  - Maybe you or a family member have a talent you can offer such as landscaping, cooking, rototilling, housecleaning, painting, etc. Again, we will create a beautiful framed gift certificate.
  - Our “dessert of the month” auction item is a huge success (you choose one month, not all 12)! Just let us know what month and dessert you can bake and you will be notified when and where to deliver it! Simple!
  - Families may choose to get together and create a large themed basket or purchase a large ticket item like Broadway tickets, restaurant gift certificates, a gaming system or an electronic item.
3. **Contribute to EACH of your child’s Class Theme Baskets** – see the attached list for your class’s assigned theme and item ideas. Please pick an item or two from each of your child’s classes to help create an Auction Basket that is sure to delight. Please have your items in by Friday, February 26th.

**The Auction Committee is aware of how many of us are on a tight budget during these difficult times.** PLEASE contact us so we may help you help our school. Some of the most successful donations received are not monetary!

***“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7***

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Feel free to contact us anytime! E-mail us at [auction@wscs.org](mailto:auction@wscs.org) or call:  
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