

AUCTION GUIDE

Welcome to the 30th Annual Zenith/WEAGT Auction. Prepare to have fun! Let us describe the event and its many facets.

As you enter the Patrician Party Center you will check in and receive your event program (which contains descriptions of Live Auction items), lists of Silent and Chinese Auction items available and most importantly....your PADDLE NUMBER!!! Your paddle number is YOUR identification for the rest of the night!

The different types of 'auctions' and 'raffles' that are offered are throughout the evening include:

- **LIVE AUCTION** (takes place after dinner)
- **SILENT AUCTION** (takes place before & during dinner)
- **CHINESE AUCTION** (takes place before & during dinner)
- **SEALED BIDS** (takes place before & during dinner)
- **TABLE RAFFLE**
- **NINTENDO Wii RAFFLE**
- **\$2 & \$5 SIDEBARDS** (aka 50/50)

Here's how they work:

LIVE AUCTION

The live auction items will be on display for your viewing pleasure when you enter the event. They are also listed in the program in detail. These items are *priceless!!* They include classroom projects that your children helped to create.

This is the part of the auction where a real live auctioneer auctions off the classroom projects as well as other wonderful items! It begins at the end of dinner and you raise your paddle to make your bids as the auctioneer directs the fun and the bidding! We have a lot of *really* exciting items this year!!

When the bidding on an item slows down the auctioneer makes the decision to end the bidding on that item he will award the item to the highest bidder. *Bid high...it's all about the kids!*

* Live auction items are identified by the color goldenrod.

SILENT AUCTION

In this type of auction items are displayed and bidders write a bid on the corresponding bid sheet located next to the item. You will be using your paddle number when you record your bid – not your name. That's the fun of it – it is anonymous!!!! Bids are increased in *minimum* \$5.00 increments each time.

You can return repeatedly to increase your bids on all Silent auction items until it is announced that the Silent Auction is closed – at that point no further bids are taken. The highest bidder pays the amount recorded and the item is theirs. Items are identified by numbers: S-01 thru S-??.

*Silent Auction is identified by the color blue.

CHINESE AUCTION

Wait until you see these Chinese auction items! WOW!

For this auction you will be purchasing 'tickets'.

The cost of the tickets is: 2 for \$1.00, 12 for \$5.00 and 25 for \$10.00.

ONCE YOU HAVE PURCHASED YOUR TICKETS - IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR PADDLE NUMBER ON THE BACK OF ALL THE TICKETS.

There will be a corresponding bag placed by each Chinese Auction item – if you would like a chance at winning an item, then you place as many tickets as you'd like into that bag. The Chinese auction will close at a specific time and no further tickets can be deposited. One winning ticket will be drawn from each bag; if they draw your ticket – you win that item! Items are identified by numbers C-01 thru C-??.

*Chinese Auction is identified by the color red.

SEALED BIDS

Immediately after the traditional Silent Auction Items, there will be a select few that we are calling: SEALED BIDS. The item will be on display next to a corresponding box with a slit in it. On papers provided place your paddle number and your bid. The boxes will be opened at

a given time and the highest bid wins the item. *Keep an eye on the item(s) you want.* If there is a lot of activity around it you may want to increase your bid! These items are real gems!

Note: The winners of the Silent & Chinese and Sealed Bid auction items are listed on large charts hanging on the walls near the entrance to the hall. Simply check out the chart to see if your paddle number is next to the number of the item(s) you were hoping to win. If you are one of the lucky peoples who win the bid on an auction item(s), please do not retrieve the item(s) on your own. At the end of the auction there will be a check out table where payment is taken and you receive your winnings.**

TABLE RAFFLE

If you purchase one of these tickets and your ticket is pulled, everyone at your table of 8 wins a gift basket. It's great fun and helps break the ice if you don't know everyone at your table. Have fun - talk it up! The Table raffle tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. The drawing will be held during dinner!

NINTENDO Wii RAFFLE

These tickets are being sold prior to the auction and will also be available for purchase the night of the auction as well. The winning ticket will be drawn that evening. The winner will receive a Nintendo Wii game system. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The winner does not need to be present to win; and the seller of the winning ticket will receive \$25.00. Feel free to sell to anyone and everyone!

\$2 & \$5 SIDEBARDS (aka 50/50)

Somewhere in the hall there will be 2 large boards, each with tickets numbered from 1 to 100. One board will have tickets for \$2 each; the other will have tickets for \$5 each. You purchase as many tickets as you'd like. Once all 100 numbers have been sold on a board, one winning number will be drawn; the person holding the matching ticket will win half of the money collected for that board. For example, if all 100 numbers are sold off of the \$2 board, we will have collected \$200. 50% (or \$100) of that goes to the kids and the other 50% will go to the winner.

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****Each paddle number has a corresponding file. After an auction item has been 'won', the price is recorded in the appropriate file. Upon departure auction volunteers will gather your winnings, double check & tally your file, cash you out and give you your winnings. This insures that those who win receive their property.**

Cash, check or credit card accepted. (sorry, not Am Exp)

***We all have one thing in common, our children!
Thank you for attending, have fun and bid high!***

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Feel free to print this out and bring it with you to the auction!